



ZAMBIA & MALAWI ADVENTURE WITH SERENGETI MIGRATION CAMP EXTENSION

Dubbed the 'Warm Heart of Africa' for its good-natured charm, the tiny, landlocked country of Malawi in southeastern Africa is a famously hospitable small nation brimming with an abundance of culture for those few tourists who visit. Its exuberant landscape is a natural kaleidoscope of verdant countryside, sweeping plateaux, soaring highlands, and river valleys. Malawi's share of the vast Great Rift Valley encompasses the country's must-see eco-destination, the emblematic Lake Malawi. It also offers several national parks and game reserves. The Central African Plateau's undulating terrain is defined by dramatic escarpments punctuated by lakes, dramatic hills and dense forests. Game viewing at the reserves offers a chance to see crocodiles, lions, elephants, hippos and leopards. For the more culturally curious, browse the many bustling markets, visit traditional villages and dig into the treasure trove of the country's history.

Zambia is one of Southern Africa's lesser-travelled destinations and is often referred to as the best-kept secret of Africa with its unspoilt national parks. While there are many national parks across the region, Zambia's offer a more raw experience than others. The country is land-locked, bordering eight countries in the Southern and Eastern part of the African continent. Once known as Northern Rhodesia, it offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with a variety of fascinating cultural activities, and an abundance of indigenous wildlife, which finds refuge in Zambia's vast national parks. However you choose to spend your time in this unique country, you are bound to leave with a heavy heart and a desire to return again.

Most adventurous travellers yearn to visit the famous Serengeti and see the annual great migration of the wildebeest and zebra. As an optional add-on to our wildlife and cultural experience in the lesser-travelled Zambia and Malawi, we are offering a three-night stay in Tanzania at the luxurious Laba Laba Migration Camp, with twice-daily safaris. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—something that will stay with you forever.

Places are limited on this wonderful adventure. Contact us today to reserve your place.



Saturday 12th September DEPARTURE

Depart Australia for Blantyre, in Malawi's south. Chelika International Airport is the starting point for exploring this beautiful country's core sights. All flights are to be confirmed.



Day 1, Sunday 13th September BLANTYRE, MALAWI

Blantyre was a key trading post during the 1800s and today remains the

country's economic capital, with many banks and businesses. The city's architectural highlight is the St Michael's and All Angels Church. This late 19th century building was designed by the acting reverend of the time and constructed with the help of the villagers. A close second is the Mandala Building, the city's oldest structure, built in 1882 and crafted entirely of natural materials, including homemade bricks held together with a cob mixture of mud and grass. The group will gather for a welcome dinner at the Amaryllis Hotel, where we stay for just one night. D

DAY 2, Monday, 14th September THYOLO, MALAWI

A private transfer vehicle will drive us south for an hour to our next stop.
Located between



Blantyre and Mount Mulanje in what is arguably the most beautiful region of Malawi, the town of Thyolo serves as the administrative capital of the local district. The area is best known for its historical tea and coffee estates, some of which date back to the early 1900s. With its landscape of undulating hills and immaculately kept tea and coffee estates, the Thyolo area is a pleasure to explore. The group will check in and stay for two nights at Huntington House. *B/L/D*

DAY 3, Tuesday 15th September THYOLO, MALAWI

Today, we start with a hearty breakfast before heading out to explore this lovely region with its magnificent views of Mount Mulanje and the Shire River Valley in the distance. There are excellent opportunities for spotting birdlife and light hiking for those wanting to get a little exercise. **B/L/D**





DAY 4, Wednesday 16th September LIWONDE NP. **MALAWI**

After breakfast, the group will transfer by road to Liwonde National Park -

about 220 km away and around 4.5 hours drive. The park is situated at the southern tip of Lake Malombe in southern Malawi. Although Liwonde is a smaller park, it is arguably the most popular of all the game parks in the country. Malawi's main river, the Shire, forms its western boundary and is the reserve's lifeblood. Boasting plenty of animals including hippos, kudu, elephants, crocodiles and even black rhino, the park has become one of Malawi's premier wildlife-viewing destinations. The birding opportunities here are excellent, and a favourite sighting among birdwatchers is the Pel's fishing owl. Check in to the Mvuu Lodge for two nights. B/L/D

DAY 5, Thursday 17th September LIWONDE NP, MALAWI

Visitors can look forward to a wide selection of activities including canoeing, sublime boating and safaris. The area is also incredibly photogenic, with its lush Borassus palms, Impala lilies, and abundant wildflowers blooming after the rains. B/L/D

DAY 6, Friday 18th September CAPE MACLEAR, MALAWI

Today, the group will transfer around 215 km about 4 hours - by road to Cape Maclear on Lake Malawi. Located on the southern shore of Lake Malawi at the tip of the Nankumba Peninsula,



Cape Maclear is a small resort town surrounded by mountains and set within Lake Malawi National Park. This town features beachside local restaurants in a spectacularly scenic

setting of golden sand beaches lapped by dazzling turquoise water. Check in to Pumulani Lodge, where the group will stay for three nights. B/L/D

DAYS 7 & 8, Saturday 19th September and Sunday 20th September CAPE MACLEAR, MALAWI

Cape Maclear is a Robinson-Crusoe-style paradise. Kayak over to the nearby Thumbi island and spot the majestic fish eagle, sail

across the lake and catch a picturesque African sunset, or snorkel/scuba dive into the crystal-clear depths of the lake. which boasts some of the best freshwater diving in Africa. Other popular



activities include bird watching, windsurfing, hiking, swimming or shopping in the local craft markets as well as island tours and guided village walks. B/L/D

DAY 9, Monday 21st September SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA

Today we will transfer by road to Lilongwe's airport - about 4 hour's drive. On arrival at the airport, the group will fly to Mfuwe Airport in the South Luangwa NP. There, we'll be collected by a private transfer to our accommodation -Flatdogs Camp – about 30 minutes' drive. We'll stay for three wonderful nights. B/L/D

Days 10 & 11, Tuesday 22nd September and Wednesday 23rd September SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA

Bordering the Luangwa River, the northern and southern Luangwa National Parks contain some of the most breathtaking and untouched wilderness in Africa. As a result of this and the parks' successful anti-poaching campaigns, the area has developed into a world-renowned wildlife haven. The South Luangwa National Park is renowned for its walking safari, which allows visitors to view elephant, hippo and even lion close-up under the supervision of professional and knowledgeable armed guides. B/L/D

Day 12. Thursday 24th September LOWER ZAMBEZI. **ZAMBIA**

Today we take another internal flight. After breakfast, the group will transfer



back to Mfuew airport and fly to the Royal Airstrip before transferring to Bains River Camp on the lower Zambezi. B/L/D





Days 13 & 14, Friday 25th September and Saturday 26th September LOWER ZAMBEZI, ZAMBIA

Located on the

Zimbabwean border in the southern reaches of Zambia, the Lower Zambezi region is best known as the home to the Lower Zambezi National Park, which features exceptional, undeveloped wildlife areas. It is renowned for its abundant game - hippos, buffalo, crocodiles, fish eagles, and herds of elephants can be spotted, among other species. The landscape is characterised by rugged, unspoilt wilderness of vast floodplains scattered with indigenous woodlands. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities along the Zambezi, including game drives, walking safaris, canoe trips, and excellent tiger fishing.

B/L/D



Day 15, Sunday 27th September LUSAKA, **ZAMBIA**

After breakfast, we will transfer back to the Royal Airstrip for our scheduled flight to

Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. Arrive at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport then transfer and check in to Latitude 15 Hotel for our final night of the main tour. Here, we'll stay for one night before heading to The Serengeti or home. B/L/D

Day 16, Monday 28th September ARUSHA, TANZANIA (OR HOMEWARD **BOUND**)

Today, after breakfast, we will say goodbye to those heading home. Depending on your flight schedule (TBA), you may have some time to take a local tour of Lusaka. (Breakfast only is included for those departing the tour). B

*For those travelling on to the Serengeti migration camp, we will fly to Arusha International Airport (Tanzania) and stay one night.

Laba Laba Migration Camp Extension Cost: \$6,074 pp (twin share) which includes charter flights, luxury accommodation, all meals and safaris

Days 17, 18 and 19, Tuesday 29th September, Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October

LABA LABA MIGRATION CAMP, TANZANIA

Today, we will be collected and transferred to the airport for a small aircraft flight to the Migration

Camp's airstrip. The flight schedule is to be advised. You'll enjoy this flight as you'll get to see much of the landscape from the air. Laba Laba is the most luxurious mobile camp in the Serengeti. Like the mobile herds that you will see, the migration camp is itinerant. It accompanies the highlights of the



great migration, making three major stops each year to give you a front-row seat. The Great Migration brings together over two million wildebeest and four hundred thousand zebras the largest concentration of mammals in the world. Every year, these immense herds roam the Serengeti Park, following an itinerary guided by the rains and the quest for green pastures. Over three nights, you'll experience deluxe accommodation, delicious, healthy cooking, cocktails as the sun goes down and one of the most fascinating wildlife spectacles on the planet. Imagine cocktail hour with the golden sun dropping over the horizon in the middle of Tanzania's famous Serengeti! A once-in-a-lifetime experience indeed. B/L/D

Day 20, Friday 2nd October LABA LABA MIGRATION CAMP -HOMEWARD BOUND OR YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

This morning, after breakfast, your African adventure ends, and you will fly back from the migration camp to Arusha and then homeward bound or on to your next destination. Flight schedules to be determined. B

