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ZAMBIA & MALAWI ADVENTURE + 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.

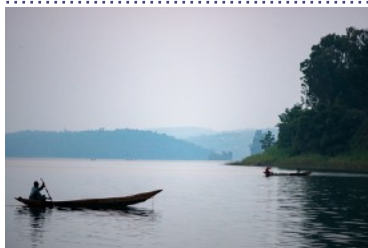
Most adventurous travellers yearn to visit the famous Serengeti and see the annual great migration of the wildebeest and zebra. As an optional add-on to our wildlife and cultural experience in the lesser-travelled Zambia and Malawi, we are offering a three-night stay in Tanzania at the luxurious Laba 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, August 22 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, August 23 BLANTYRE, MALAWI

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

country's economic capital today, with many banks and businesses. The city's architectural highlight is 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 will stay for just one night. **D**

DAY 2, Monday, August 24 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 Malawi's most beautiful region, 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 dating 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, August 25 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 to spot birdlife and go for a light hike for those wanting a little exercise.

B/L/D



**DAY 4, Wednesday,
August 26
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, August 27
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, August 28
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, August 29 and Sunday,
August 30
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, August 31
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, September 1,
Wednesday, September 2
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,
September 3
LOWER ZAMBEZI,
ZAMBIA**

Today we take another internal flight. After breakfast, the group will transfer back to Mfuwe airport and fly to the Royal Airstrip before transferring to Bains River Camp on the lower Zambezi. **B/L/D**





**Days 13 & 14,
Friday, September
4 and Saturday,
September 5
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,
September 6
LUSAKA,
ZAMBIA**

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

Lusaka, Zambia's capital. 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, September 7, Kilimanjaro
Airport, TANZANIA (OR HOMEWARD BOUND)**

Today, after breakfast, we will say goodbye to those heading home. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have some time to take a local tour of Lusaka. (Breakfast only is included for those departing the tour). For those travelling on to the Serengeti migration camp, we will fly to Kilimanjaro International Airport (Tanzania) and stay one night. Transfer to the airport hotel, where we will have dinner. **B/D**

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

**Days 17 - 19, Tuesday, September 8 –
Thursday, September 10
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 a 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, September 11
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 Kilimanjaro International Airport, then homeward-bound or on to your next destination. Flight schedules to be determined. **B**



Icon indicates a day where there is **moderate physical exertion**. A basic level of fitness is required: eg. A trek over 'mostly flat' terrain or climbing several flights of steps without the support of handrails or elevators.



Icon indicates a day where there is a **particularly active section**. A good level of fitness is required: eg. A longer trek over non-groomed, uneven terrain, or ascending to reach a panorama. May also include exposure to higher altitude. **An alternate activity may be offered if you choose to sit out an active section.** Please call - we are happy to discuss each tour in more detail.