

Zambia and Malawi with Serengeti Migration Camp extension



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August 2027 | 16 Days

\$TBC per person, twin share
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Tour Highlights

- Visiting two of Africa's lesser travelled destinations – Malawi and Zambia
- Wildlife safaris in the comfort of a private 4WD safari vehicle
- Experience the serenity and beauty of the stunning Lake Malawi
- Charming townships and friendly locals in regional Malawi
- Small-plane transfers where you'll view the stunning countryside from above.
- Witnessing the great migration of wildebeest and zebra from your luxury campsite in the Serengeti (add-on)



Zambia and Malawi



Tour overview

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 offers a more raw experience than others. The country is landlocked, 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.

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



Activity rating: Moderate to Active

You should be able to walk for up to an hour at a moderate pace with occasional stopping, manage 3-4 flights of stairs, stand at attractions for periods of time, and board and disembark transport

August 2027 (date to be confirmed) 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 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 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 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 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 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 CAPE MACLEAR, MALAWI

Today, the group will travel about 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**

Day 7 and 8 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 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**



Day 10 and 11 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 safaris, which allow visitors to view elephants, hippos, and even lions up close under the supervision of professional, knowledgeable armed guides. **B/L/D**

Day 12 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**

Day 13 and 14 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 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 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**

Laba Laba Migration Camp Extension

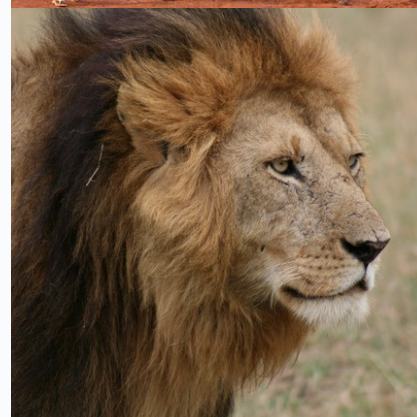
Cost: \$6,400 pp twin share (cost to be confirmed) including charter flights, luxury accommodation, all meals and safaris.

Day 17, 18 and 19 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 we 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 LABA LABA MIGRATION CAMP – HOMEWARD BOUND OR YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

After breakfast, we'll drive for about 4 hours to the little town of Bundi, often described as Rajasthan's undiscovered jewel. Surrounded on three sides by the rugged, thickly forested Aravali hills, this walled town has retained much of its historic character. It is noted for its ornate forts, palaces, and baoris (stepwells), as well as the frescoes in the Bundi Palace and the miniature paintings that adorn its walls. Along the way, visit the 12th-century Bijolia Temples, a testament to their era's architectural and artistic excellence. The intricate carvings and structural ingenuity mirror the dedication and skill of the craftsmen behind them. We'll continue on to Taragarh Fort, built by the Chauhan dynasty in the 14th century as a strategic defensive bastion. Its high vantage point affords sweeping views of the landscape. We'll continue to nearby Kotah for a one-night stay. Overnight: Kotah **B/D**





Accommodation

Our hotels are carefully chosen to capture the local atmosphere and set you up in an ideal location. You can expect accommodation ranging from standard hotels to boutique-style hotels and smaller, independently owned establishments. Below are some of the hotels on this tour.

Final hotels may change, and a complete list will be shared with you.

Amaryllis Hotels, Malawi

<https://amaryllishotels.com/>

Mvuul Lodge, Malawi

<https://mvuulodge.com/services>

Latitude 15, Zambia

<https://15.thelatitudehotels.com>

Laba Laba Camp, Tanzania

<https://www.labalaba.com/migration-camp-en/>

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