

Zambia and Malawi

with Serengeti Migration Camp extension



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August 2027 | 16 Days

\$TBC per person, twin share

Solo Supplement: \$TBC

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)



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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 TO ZOMBA, MALAWI

On arrival in Blantyre (time TBA), we will be collected by our guide and transferred to Zomba, the old capital, about a 3-hour drive north. We check into the delightful Kefi Lodge, where you'll stay for two nights. (Depending on the arrival time, the group may need to overnight in Blantyre, in which case the program will include an additional night). **B/L/D**

Day 2 ZOMBA, MALAWI

Today, we start with breakfast overlooking the lovely surroundings. In the late morning, the group will take a two-hour tour around town, including the local markets (where you can buy just about anything) and the art and craft market. Your guide can arrange a tour of the surrounding countryside, including a tea factory in Thyolo, or you can enjoy the lodge's beautiful surroundings. The tea factory, at the colonial Huntingdon House, is about a 2.5-hour drive each direction. **B/L/D**

Day 3 LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK, MALAWI

After breakfast, the group will transfer by road to Liwonde National Park, about 220 km away and a 4.5-hour 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 game park 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 Mvu Lodge for two nights. **B/L/D**

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Day 5 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. Check in to Pumulani Lodge, where the group will stay for three nights (You may not want to leave). **B/L/D**

Days 6 and 7 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 in the crystal-clear depths of the lake, which boasts some of the best freshwater diving in Africa. Other popular activities include bird watching, hiking, swimming or a visit to the local craft markets, as well as island tours and guided village walks. **B/L/D**

Day 8 SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA

Early this morning, you'll transfer by road to Lilongwe's airport – about a 4-hour drive. From Lilongwe, the group will take a charter flight to Mfuwe International Airport in South Luangwa NP (possibly the smallest international airport in Africa). There, a private transfer will collect the group and take them to Flatdogs Camp, about a 30-minute drive away. Settle into your comfortable tents with private en suite for three nights. **B/L/D**



Days 9 and 10 SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA

Bordering the Luangwa River, the northern and southern Luangwa National Parks contain some of Africa's most breathtaking, untouched wilderness. As a result, and thanks to the parks' successful anti-poaching campaigns, the area has become a world-renowned wildlife haven. The South Luangwa National Park is renowned for its vehicle and walking safaris, which allow visitors to view elephants, hippos, and even lions up close under the supervision of professional, knowledgeable armed guides. Be prepared for abundant wildlife. You can also visit the local village and try your hand at block printing (for a small additional cost). **B/L/D.**

Day 11 LOWER ZAMBEZI, ZAMBIA

Today you'll take two internal flights (passport handy for proof of ID). After breakfast, the group will transfer back to Mfuwe airport (about 30 minutes) and fly to Lusaka International Airport. Collect your luggage, and then you'll be met at the arrivals hall by a representative who will manage your transfer to the Royal Airstrip on a much smaller plane. On arrival at the Royal Airstrip, you'll take a 25-minute drive to the stunning Bains River Camp on the lower Zambezi River. Stay here for three nights. **B/L/D**

Days 12 and 13 LOWER ZAMBEZI, ZAMBIA

Located on the border with Zimbabwe 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 enjoy an array of activities along the Zambezi, including game drives, walking safaris, canoe trips, and fishing (catch and release) for the local tiger fish, which are renowned for putting up a fight. **B/L/D**

Day 14 LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

After breakfast, we will transfer back to the Royal Airstrip for our 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 and farewell dinner. Here, we'll stay for one night before heading home or to your next destination. **B/L/D**

Optional Tour to Laba Laba Migration Camp, the Serengeti, Tanzania

Day 15 DEPARTURE OR TRAVEL TO KILIMANJARO AIRPORT, TANZANIA

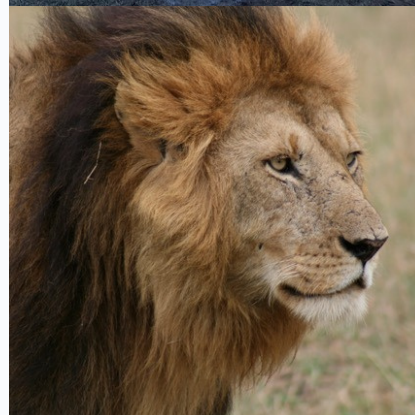
Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for a local tour of Lusaka. (Breakfast only is included for those departing the tour). For those travelling on to the Serengeti migration camp, you will fly to Kilimanjaro via Nairobi and stay one night. **B** (**B/L/D** for those flying to Kilimanjaro).

Days 16/17/18 LUXURY MIGRATION STAY IN THE SERENGETI

The next morning you'll fly to your luxury campsite in the Serengeti NP on a charter flight. Laba Laba Migration Camp Extension includes charter flights, luxury accommodation, all meals and safaris. Laba Laba is the Serengeti's most luxurious mobile camp. Like the mobile herds that we will see, the migration camp is itinerant. It follows 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 19 HOMEWARD BOUND

Today, after breakfast, you'll take a charter flight from the Serengeti to Kilimanjaro and then home or to your next destination. **B**





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 Hotel, Malawi
www.amaryllishotels.com/

Mvu Lodge, Malawi
www.mvuulodge.com/services

Baines River Camp, Zambia
www.bainesrivercamp.com

Laba Laba Camp, Tanzania
www.labalaba.com/migration-camp

Why Blue Dot?

Travel is more than just moving from one place to another; it is an opportunity to explore this vast planet, connect with its people and marvel at its beauty. We have established a group of loyal, like-minded travellers who share this feeling and have taken multiple tours with us. With Blue Dot, you'll experience

- Thoughtfully designed itineraries with unique experiences
- Small, inclusive groups with a maximum of 16 travellers
- The support of both an Australian tour leader* and experienced local guides
- Programs designed to meet the needs of mature-age travellers
- Hands on, personalised service including customised flight bookings
- Tipping included in your tour cost

*Australian leaders accompany groups with more than 10 travellers.



Blue Dot welcomes solo travellers

In fact, over half of our clients are solo travellers. We understand it can be daunting to travel on your own, and we'll ensure your travel is safe, inclusive and enjoyable. You can confidently join our groups, knowing that we bring solo travellers together to share the camaraderie of an unforgettable adventure.

Enquiries and bookings

A \$500 deposit is required to secure your booking.

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