

A Private Journey to Malawi



Prepared for
Steppees Clients
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QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

21/08/2012	Fly Heathrow / Johannesburg (overnight)
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01/09/2012	Danforth Yachting
02/09/2012	Danforth Yachting
03/09/2012	Fly Lilongwe / Johannesburg Fly Johannesburg / Heathrow (overnight)

YOUR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	Route	Flight No.	Depart	Arrive
21/08/2012	Heathrow/Johannesburg	SA 237	20:00	08:25*
22/08/2012	Johannesburg/Blantyre	SA 172	10:00	12:10
03/09/2012	Lilongwe/Johannesburg	SA 171	13:15	15:40
03/09/2012	Johannesburg/Heathrow	SA 234	20:00	06:25*

FLIGHT NOTES: The fare is a special discounted fare and therefore carries very strict booking conditions. Travel is restricted to the dates and flights as indicated on your air tickets, which are not valid for any other dates or services.

GENERAL NOTES

If you are travelling to or via South Africa or Kenya, you will need 2 blank adjacent pages in your passport and it must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date in order to clear immigration.

DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

Tuesday 21 August

Depart Heathrow on the South African Airways flight to Johannesburg, flying overnight.

Wednesday 22 August



Depart Johannesburg on the South African Airways flight to Blantyre.

Today you will be met at the airport in Blantyre and drive to Satemwa Tea Estate and the newly renovated Huntingdon House.

Huntingdon House

Originally the family home built by Maclean Kay in 1928, Huntingdon House exudes a colonial charm and unique character that cannot be recreated. This magnificent house forms the heart of Satemwa Tea Estate and is surrounded by sprawling manicured gardens with secret patio's and terraces waiting to be discovered by guests. As one of Malawi's first land claims registered in 1874, Satemwa Tea Estate is undoubtedly among the countries most respected and established tea and coffee producers managed and operated by third generation members of the Cathcart Kay family. Chip, one of Maclean Kays sons, and his wife Dawn, live on the estate and Huntingdon's guests are invited to step back in time and share some of Chips wonderful memories of his family home, discover the multitude of teas exported from the estate, and hear the fascinating history of Satemwa Estate. The house has been tastefully refurbished to offer 5 unusual Planters suites including the converted family chapel. Each area of the house has a story of it's own from the original children's nursery to the resident priests quarters. Guests are encouraged to share the colorful history of one of Malawi's oldest homes while being spoilt by the team of professional staff. Huntingdon offers accommodation on a fully inclusive basis and a broad range of activities are available to keep even the most active visitors busy. Satemwa Estate is spectacularly beautiful and can be explored on foot, mountain bike, horseback or ATV Quad bikes. A picnic on Thyolo Mountain with it's panoramic views to the Lower Shire Valley and Mount Mulanje are a must while evenings can be spent around a roaring fire in the grand lounge before enjoying a spectacular silver service dinner incorporating fresh estate produce.

Overnight at Huntingdon House on a full board basis.

Thursday 23 August

Huntingdon House

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Friday 24 August

Huntingdon House

Overnight at Huntingdon House on a full board basis.

Saturday 25 August

Mvuu Wilderness Lodge

Today you will be picked up and driven to Liwonde National Park where you will stay in the tented camp Mvuu Lodge.

Mvuu Wilderness Lodge is a comfortable lodge situated along the banks of the Shire River, within the Liwonde National Park. Mvuu has only ten beds and is a tented lodge with en suite facilities and a separate dining room with a pub and lounge area. The plunge pool allows you to relax during the



midday heat with a long cool drink and a beautiful view of the Shire River. The bird life is staggeringly bountiful and a birder's paradise. Activities include game drives in open 4X4 vehicles by day and by night, walking and boating. The guides are highly trained and capable of explaining to you your wonderful surroundings. Access is by road or by air with an airstrip only 5 minutes away from the camp. Overnight at Mvuu Wilderness Lodge on a full board basis.



Sunday 26 August

Mvuu Wilderness Lodge

Overnight at Mvuu Wilderness Lodge on a full board basis.

Monday 27 August

Mvuu Wilderness Lodge

Overnight at Mvuu Wilderness Lodge on a full board basis.

Tuesday 28 August

Mufasa Catamaran

Today you will be picked up from Mvuu jetty and taken on Shenzi (pictured left) to where the Shire River meets Lake Malawi. Here you will find Mufasa at Mangochi bridge and you will spend the next two days/nights travelling around the Lake towards Cape Maclear and Danforth Yachting.

Shenzi:



Mufasa is a fully equipped and crewed ocean going catamaran, which sleeps eight guests in comfort and style. The layout includes two bathrooms, four double cabins, 2 crew berths, saloon, galley, cockpit under shade bimini and a dive platform.

Mufasa:



Mufasa is the only ocean-going, live aboard yacht on Lake Malawi and the perfect way to explore the lake.

Overnight at Mufasa Catamaran on a full board basis.

Wednesday 29 August



Mufasa Catamaran

Overnight at Mufasa Catamaran on a full board basis.



Thursday 30 August



Danforth Yachting

Today you will get to Danforth Yachting at Cape Maclear where you will stay for the next 4 nights.

Danforth Yachting offers a brand new and exciting opportunity to experience Malawi's Lake of Stars, situated at Cape Maclear bordering on the Lake Malawi National Park. Surrounded by islands, this is one of the most beautiful locations on this magnificent lake.

Danforth is both a yacht charter company and a luxury lodge, focusing on sailing and water sports. The Lodge has four spacious, en-suite family rooms, all opening onto a large patio. All rooms have spectacular views of the lake and look out over Thumbi West Island. The garden has shady lawns, leading to a clean beach and crystal clear water. The beach is just a stones throw away.

PADI scuba diving centre, water sports and activities are all on site and easily accessible to the resident guests.

Danforth Yachting operates on a full board basis. The local and international chefs take pride in presenting a tempting selection of dishes, using the freshest of ingredients. Dining is al-fresco in a family setting. Children are most welcome.

Early meals and child friendly menus can be arranged. Patient and encouraging water sports instructors give expert tuition for waterskiing, wakeboarding, snorkelling and sailing, and a variety of activities including fishing, mountain biking, guided nature walks, table tennis, trampoline and cultural outings to the traditional village are available at the lodge.

Overnight at Danforth Yachting on a full board basis.

Friday 31 August

Danforth Yachting

Overnight at Danforth Yachting on a full board basis.

Saturday 1 September

Danforth Yachting

Overnight at Danforth Yachting on a full board basis.

Sunday 2 September

Danforth Yachting

Overnight at Danforth Yachting on a full board basis.

Monday 3 September

Today you will be picked up and driven to Lilongwe in time for your flight home.

Depart Lilongwe on the South African Airways flight to Johannesburg.

Depart Johannesburg on the South African Airways flight to Heathrow, flying overnight.



TRIP PRICE

Estimated cost: £5,065.00 per person

This price is guaranteed for the next 14 days. Please note after this period the price is subject to currency fluctuations.

Includes: International flights, British departure taxes, all road and light aircraft transfers. Accommodation based on two persons sharing a twin/double. Meals as stated in the itinerary.

Huntingdon House: accommodation , all meals , 2 activities per day (activities are : quad biking, horse riding, estate tours, walks and trails, mountain bikes).

Mvuu Lodge: all meals, activities, drinks.

Mufasa: all meals, teas & coffees, filtered drinking water, full crew, snorkelling, fishing, cruising.

Danforth : (stay and play rate) accommodation, all meals, hobie cat sailing, waterskiing, snorkelling, fishing, mountain biking.

Excludes: Visas and visa fees. All items of a personal nature, travel insurance, gratuities. payable in cash on departure).

Huntingdon House: drinks, microlight scenic flights (US\$60 for a 20 minute flight). Heather - one of the managers at Huntingdon is also a massage therapist - and can offer in room massages (US\$40 for a one hour massage).

Mufasa: drinks.

Danforth : drinks, use of the yacht Mufasa whilst staying at lodge, scuba diving.

Additional Information:

Notes: This is a quotation only - no reservations have been made. The rates quoted are subject to the availability of all services, currency fluctuations, unexpected increases, written confirmation and Steppes Travel's terms and conditions.

Airfares are quoted on current rates and availability and are subject to change without notice.

The international air fares that we use are special discounted IT (inclusive tour) fares, which, whilst good value for money do carry strict booking conditions (e.g. have to be bought in conjunction with elements on the ground and are subject to certain restrictions, conditions and class availability).

Here are some suggestions of ways to enhance and therefore make even more special your holiday; upgrade your flight from economy to premium economy or business class, upgrade your hotel room, organise a personal shopper or expert guide to show you around, organise a special celebration meal or unique activity or excursion. Prebook valet, airport parking, airport hotels and airport lounges. If you wish to upgrade or prebook any of the above options then please do contact us.

YOUR CONSULTANT



Consultant Profile:

With a background of managing camps in Zambia, Malawi and Kenya and independent travel through much of Eastern and Southern Africa, Millie has been with Steppes since August 2006. Since that time she has done a flying safari over the diverse and awesome scenery of Namibia, a trip to Botswana's stunning Okavango Delta and the north of Botswana, where she saw an extraordinary variety of wildlife, an amazing trip to Kenya's Masai Mara, Shompole Conservancy and the coast and at the end of 2007 she went on a fascinating and stunning road trip through Western Uganda where she trekked to see the mountain gorillas and wild chimpanzees and met many welcoming and friendly Ugandans. In 2008 she has been to the beautiful azure seas of Pemba Island, Zanzibar and Tanzania and covered a lot of ground from the Selous Game Reserve in the south up to the Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire, Loliondo and Serengeti in the north. She also got to explore more of Kenya's fascinating central and northern areas covering the area from Laikipia, Borana and Lewa Conservancy to Buffalo Springs, Samburu National Reserve and Meru National Park and found some exciting new properties along the southern Kenyan Coast.

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