

## Malawian Northern Circuit – 11 Day



### Day 1 : Tongole Wilderness Lodge

On arrival at Lilongwe International Airport you will be met and assisted to your transfer to Nkhotakota Reserve, a four hour scenic drive. The reserve truly is an undiscovered gem that is firmly off the beaten track and only recently been inhabited by humans. Tongole is an eco-tourism venture deep within the miombo woodland of the Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve. It is located on the banks of the lovely Bua River, west of Lake Malawi. Tongole is ideal for relaxation and adventure. Options of activities include trekking, canoeing down the Bua River and game drives within the Reserve.

### Day 2 - 3 : Tongole Wilderness Lodge

Two full days to explore the Nkhotakota Reserve.

### Day 4 : Chelinda Lodge

After breakfast you will have an early start for your four hour scenic transfer up to the plateau in the Nyika National Park. You may have a chance to do at least one activity on this day or simply take in the breath taking views of the Nyika.

### Day 5 - 6 : Chelinda Lodge

Chelinda Lodge is located at high altitude on the Nyika Plateau and offers guests a truly African alpine experience. Overlooking a crystal-clear dam with panoramic views of rolling hills, isolated ridges and open high-altitude grasslands, Chelinda Lodge has access to rich pockets of wildlife endemic to this region. Game that can be spotted at the Nyika Plateau are Burchell's Zebra, Roan antelope, Common Reedbuck, Eland, Bushbuck, Warthog, and leopard.

Activities at Chelinda Lodge revolve around day and night nature drives which explore the rolling hills and patches of evergreen forest of the Nyika Plateau. Nature walks and mountain biking are also very popular. For the enthusiast, there is also the option of fly-fishing for trout.

### Day 7 : Kaya Mawa

Today you will be transferred to your last stop of the itinerary, the shores of Lake Malawi. Transfer will be forty-five minute charter flight to Likoma Island. Kaya Mawa is situated on Likoma Island which is the larger of two small islands in the north-east of Lake Malawi, very close to Mozambique. The island is just 17 sq km. There are sandy beaches, rocky coves and crystal clear waters making the diving and snorkelling some of the best in Malawi. The Lodge is on the south-western tip of the Island at the head of a bay. The owners have used the surroundings of beach, rock, island and lake to create a lodge of unique character and imagination. The resort consists of eleven rooms, each handcrafted and designed to fit into the surroundings. You may have an opportunity to enjoy some activities today, depending on your arrival time.

### Day 8 - 10 : Kaya Mawa

Full days of activities which include biking and hiking, scuba diving, windsurfing, waterskiing and wakeboarding, sailing, snorkelling, canoeing and excursions to Mozambique.

### Day 11 : Transit

Depending on your flight time, you may have a chance for a morning activity before you leave. You will then be transferred back to the airstrip for your one hour Lilongwe flight and onward transfer.

