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Adventure & Photo Travel Tour Operator

# malawi magnificent south

The Majete Wildlife Reserve, the Liwonde National Park, the Lake Malawi National Park and Mulanje Forest Reserve.

## 11 days of travel with possible extensions

This calculation excludes flights

From 21st to 30th April 2016

### WHAT WE WILL SEE

A trip for those who want to explore tourist and pristine areas, with an incredible biodiversity, in southern Malawi, to understand nature and the people, with special and unique photographic opportunities.

A unique destination, the **Majete Wildlife Reserve**, in the Shire Valley, is a success story in restocking a reserve: present are all the big five; lions, leopards, black rhinos, elephants and buffalos, as well as sable antelope, zebras, eland and Lichstein's heartbeest. We will venture into the mid of the park even at night for safaris in search of predators.

Following the Shire Valley, still new panoramic views and forests we enter in Liwonde National Park, perhaps the most famous park in Malawi, of which you cannot be disappointed by the boat safaris: we define it as "truly unmissable". Elephants swimming a few meters away from the boat, hippos grub, crocodiles, impalas drinking from the river and troops of monkeys who engage in daily grooming: the birdlife is truly amazing, also present are the black rhinos within the Sanctuary, a place in which they are well protected.

At the foot of Mount Mulanje is Mulanje Forest Reserve, the site listed for the title of World Heritage Site, the highest mountain in southern Africa, which boasts a 650km<sup>2</sup> forest and many species of animals and plants unique in the world, the mountain that Malawians consider magic to the wealth of legends and stories that populate the collective imagination. Under Mount Mulanje we will see the rolling hills covered by pure white and green tea: walking through the immense spaces of the plantations we meet the workers in the tea plantations and people hiking the mountain.

We will dive into the rich cultural heritage of Malawi in Chamare museum at Mua, the oldest and original operational mission in Malawi, where we will see the largest collection in the world of the Gule Wamkulu masks, secret ceremony of the ethnic Chewa Heritage and Tradition.

And then, on the banks of the third biggest lake in Africa, in the region of Monkey Bay, the Lake Malawi National Park, compared to bio-diversity of the Galapagos, is one of the largest water reserves in the world, by the clear waters and white sands it is estimated that the endemic fish that inhabit the waters, cichlids, are around 1000 species. A part from that, between the poignant beauty of its landscapes, the people of Malawi are hospitable and incredibly friendly. The kilometers of pristine beaches of golden sand, will be amazing as we mingle with the fishermen and the villages of the lake.

**DURATION:** 11 days. Possibility of extensions on the shores of Lake Malawi or in Mulanje, at the foot of the magic mountain.

### MALAWI, GALLERY

EXPEDITION 112  
IN 4x4

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## THE JOURNEY: MALAWI, MAGNIFICENT SOUTH

In the far magnificent south of Malawi, blooms a park that has an incredible story:

**Majete Wildlife Reserve boasts the famous Big Five:** buffalo, lions, leopards, elephants and rhinos. Proclaimed in 1955, it is located in the Lower Shire Valley, at the bottom of the Rift Valley. 700 km<sup>2</sup> of nature, between forests of miombo, the famous tree, and riverine vegetation.

The Majete is an incredibly beautiful reserve, but also one of those success stories that we would more often hear and tell. Thanks to an agreement between public and private, the Government of Malawi and the African Parks, the involvement of local communities without whom this would not be possible, dozens of species have been reintroduced in massive quantities. We speak of 2550 animals including elephants (*Loxodonta africana*), black rhinos (*Diceros bicornis*), African cape buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*), eland (*Tragelaphus oryx*), sable antelope (*Hippotragus niger*), Waterbuck (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*), nyala (*Tragelaphus angasii*), Lichtenstein's hartebeest (*Alcelaphus bucephalus*), impala (*Aepyceros melampus*), zebras (*Equus quagga*) and warthogs (*Phacochoerus africanus*). Also present are mammals such as kudu, reedbuck, silvicapre, suni and bushpigs. Among the large carnivores present are hyenas, leopards and lions, often spotted next to Thawale lodge. Not only nature, Majete is also an example for the awareness and respect that has been created between the communities living around Majete for sustainable tourism. In less than 10 years, workers have gone from 12 to 150, all permanent, made from micro enterprise projects, environmental information and education. No doubt the park is now famous here in Malawi and beyond as an example of conservation success.

We arrange the day and night safaris, one of the most delightful and fascinating experiences that you can do in Majete. It is one of the few areas in Africa where it is allowed to do this activity.

In **Liwonde National Park**, which needs no introduction: it is certainly the most famous park in Malawi and in the interior, along the Shire River, abound many elephants and antelopes such as Lichtenstein's hartebeest (*Alcelaphus lichtensteini*) and sable antelope (*Hippotragus niger*), buffalo, zebras, hyenas, warthogs, baboons, hippos and crocodiles; hundreds of species of birds inhabit the park which is a real ornithological paradise. The vegetation is very diverse, ranging from forests of mopane, the palm trees, the grassland, the acacias, while the hills dominate the forests of miombo. For this reason Liwonde is the only place in Malawi, where the inseparable Lilian's Lovebird (*Agapornis lilianae*) nests. The park is also recognised internationally as an Important Bird Area (IBA) with significant populations of rare or endangered species.

Legends and tales inhabit the collective imagery that describes the magic of Mount Mulanje National Forest Reserve, on the border with Mozambique. 3002 meters high, highest mountain in southern Africa, Mulanje in Chewa language literally means "Island in the Sky." With its 650 km<sup>2</sup>, has been proposed as a World Heritage Site: it retains an incredible biodiversity. Blue monkeys, vervet monkeys, porcupines, butterflies, chameleons and genets are relatively easy to spot, with the famous and protected Mulanje cedar, (*Widdringtonia whytei*), among waterfalls and trails that follow one another without end. The view that one enjoys at the foot of the mountain is just spectacular.

The first tea plantations in Africa were introduced in the late nineteenth century precisely in Malawi: the views open up spectacularly in huge and rolling hills covered by a perfect green expanse and tea. Walking through the immense spaces of the plantations we meet the tea workers, who patiently pluck the young leaves at the top of the plants, leaf by leaf, to fill the huge baskets on their backs.

Mua, the oldest and original operational mission in Malawi was born with the support of the Ngoni tribe in 1903, at the request of two French White Fathers who gave birth to a center of culture and art and the Museum of KuNgoni Chamare that preserves the rich heritage culture of Malawi; Here we can admire the collection of masks of Gule Wamkulu, secret ceremony of the ethnic Chewa, largest in the world.

We will move on to the banks of the third largest lake in Africa, to the Lake Malawi National Park, this is a World Heritage Site, one of the world's largest water reserves, by the clear waters and golden beaches. It is estimated that the endemic fish that inhabit the waters, Cichlids, are around 1000 species. The fishing villages and simple Malawian life, with its rhythms from the lake, here we particularly meet the fishermen of the lake with their fishing canoes dedicated to following old traditions. The drying of fish is a ritual and a procedure in which they are involved including the older women of the village, while the children and the boys help the fishermen repairing nets. Malawi is indeed a warm and welcoming country: its people have a warm and hospitable heart that in no other country in Africa we have ever heard. Apart from tourism, despite the poignant beauty of its landscape, its hospitable and incredibly friendly people, the kilometers of pristine beaches of golden sand, Malawi is a country not yet discovered by tourism and this makes it even more fascinating.

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## STAFF

Staff is made by professional guides trained by Malawi Tourism sector. [WHO WE ARE](#)

## MEANS OF TRANSPORT

All distances will be covered with one or more means Toyota or Land Rover or similar off-road 4 × 4. A further provision, in the case of nights camping: mattresses, refrigerator, food, field kitchen, 12/220 V. current to recharge the batteries, two-way VHF, GPS, notebook to download digital photos and movies, satellite phone (cost 5 euro / min), first aid kit and a good travel library, with our guides to travel with.

## ACCOMMODATION

Three nights in **lodge** in Majete Wildlife Reserve, immersed in the wild nature of the park. At Mulanje accommodation exclusive to us set up in ancient colonial house, base of AfricaWildTruck within a historic garden, inside of tea plantations; on Mount Mulanje nights in mountain huts. Subsequent nights are in a nice lodge on Lake Malawi near the Lake Malawi National Park. In Liwonde National Park, Mvuu camp overnight in the incredible lodge overlooking the river where the elephants come to drink. At Mua, night in well-equipped bungalows, property belonging to the White fathers. There can be nights in camping tents organized for you, on request.



The room in the lodge / chalet / hotel, is intended, unless otherwise requested, in double or, in rare cases, triple or quadruple; They could be replaced for technical-organizational problems without

distorting the original plan.

The facilities have been carefully chosen following an idea of land conservation and sustainability of travel, preferring positions in close contact with nature. For a list of the lodge / camping, please [write to us!](#)

## PERIOD/SEASON

Temperatures depend largely on the season, from the latitudes and altitudes. On the right there is a table indicative of average temperatures in the different seasons. The hottest month is November, the coolest month is June / July. The dry season is from April / May to November. The wet season runs from December to March / April, during this time you can see the parks in their green splendor; some babies of mammals are born in this period as well as many birds cross the mating season, changing plumage and courting females. We recommend both seasons, both in fact have a special charm.

Contact us for more information on the current season, they are not all the same!

## ROADS

We will cover approx 1900 km, 200 of which are dirty road to move into the parks and the rest of good tar road.

TEMPERATURES °C AVERAGE	FEBRUARY	JULY	NOVEMBER
Blantyre	min 18 - max 27	min 7 - max 23	min 20 max 32
Majete wildlife.	min 26 - max 39	min 22 max 32	min 28 max 43

## TO KNOW

In order to save time, lunches could be organized in a faster way, based on a sandwich, while dinner always well organized.  
READ [FAQ](#) and [WRITE US](#) for more info!



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## SAFARI GUIDE

The various **game drives**, (the excursion in 4 × 4 organized for the sighting of animals), will take place in the daytime and at night with the jeep.

It is not required to take particular preparation except the desire to get up at dawn and patience required in search of animals. Note that the game drives will be held during the coolest hours of the day (sunrise and sunset), when animals are easier to spot.

Being self-driven, however, we may decide to stop on a scene for as long as possible, always following the rules of the park. The safaris are conducted in open jeeps equipped for the safari.

The **boat safari on the Shire River** in Liwonde National Park is an exciting experience in the heart of Africa. Here the boat safari is not to be missed. Besides us, there will be a further professional guide who will accompany us for the duration of the safari to better enjoy the close contact with nature. The experience is very interesting especially for close point of view that you can enjoy boating; observing animals during their daily activity on the banks of the river is really a privilege for photography enthusiasts!

**Photographers** during the safari will always be permitted to bring their own camera equipment. The guides will aim first to position the vehicle in the best position, where safety and security allows. Inside the park the jeeps/vehicles will NOT communicate by radio with each other, to avoid the crowd on an animal and thus preserve the peace.

Then the jeeps/vehicles must be in the right place at the right time to see what you want; we prefer that a sanctuary of nature as the Majete Wildlife Reserve and Liwonde National Park preserve this spirit of adventure that so characterizes it.

Important information: in parks within the camping, lodging area will be asked to sign a disclaimer of responsibility required to access to the place.



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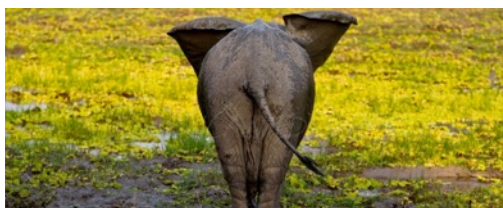
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## TRAVEL PHILOSOPHY

We call our trips, “expeditions”, a word which seems to better encompass the spirit of adventure and discovery of wild places, the capacity of necessary adaptability and the desire of sharing this experience with others.



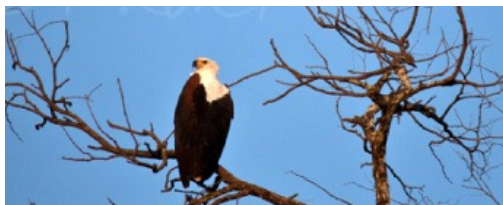
Our programs are carefully prepared and are born from our personal experiences over the years of the places where we spend most of the year. This allows us to share the knowledge of the environment and local communities to whoever wishes to experience an adventure rather than an organized trip. During our expeditions, we like to improvise, a ballgame in a small out-of-the-way village or take a break to taste the local cuisine, or stop to meander through the colorful stands of fruits and vegetables in an outdoor marketplace.



We don't travel with air conditioning observing Africa through closed windows, but we live breathing in the smells and even getting a little dirty from the red earth without thinking all day about how much further we're going, when will there be roads of asphalt or what will we eat for dinner that night.



We experience Africa smelling the atmosphere, absorbing the colors, experiencing the local fruit and vegetable markets, being surrounded by children on the road without prejudice.



People who travel with us are not just thinking about reaching a destination but about enjoying the infinite moments during the trip to appreciate the spectacular sights of Africa even when we stop and there is nothing to do. “Doing nothing” transforms your sense of hearing into listening and your sense of watching into seeing. We prefer to “lose” time in order to better appreciate the wonders of Africa.



We don't appreciate those who always want to know “what can we do for fun”, what activities or hobbies, when there really is nothing to do but wait for the sunset or for a lion to yawn: Africa has a different rhythm of life. We don't appreciate those who travels with their entire house in their suitcase and who wants to find all the comforts of home on the road; stress must stay at the airport because it does not fit with this continent.



Who are appalled and shocked at a local food dish or who cry because there is no hot water need not apply; these are luxuries we give up in respect for the communities of a Continent that suffers poverty and underdevelopment.

We don't appreciate those who do not have respect for animals or nature, who waste water, energy and resources without environmental respect, who does not ask for help and does not give help and who does not take care of our equipment.

This is our philosophy: think like us and you will be rewarded.

# TRAVEL PROGRAM

**DAY 1 BLANTYRE CHILEKA AIRPORT - MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE, MALAWI - APRIL 21, 2016.** Arrival in Blantyre April 21, 2016 around 14:00 with Ethiopian Airlines. The country is welcoming and warm: its people have a warm and hospitable heart that in no other country in Africa we have ever heard. Despite the poignant beauty of its landscape, its hospitable and incredibly friendly people, the kilometers of pristine beaches of golden sand, Malawi is a country not yet discovered by tourism and this makes it even more fascinating. After meeting at the airport, we will move immediately into Majete Wildlife Reserve, to get to the heart of the park and safari. Overnight at the lodge, located in the park overlooking a waterhole where often spotted are elephants and nyala. *Full board.*

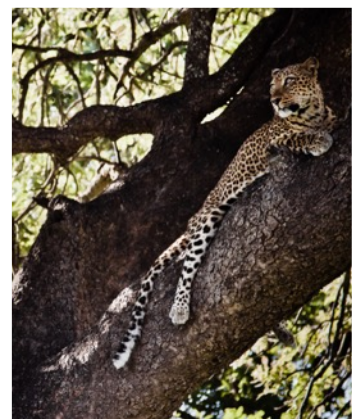
**DAY 2 MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE - APRIL 22, 2016.** Introduction to the park. First day safari in the morning, with the possibility of spotting species like buffalo, elephants, lions and nyala. Return to camp for lunch. In the afternoon, night safari and return to camp for dinner. Stunning location of the lodge, in the heart of the park. Often you sight shy antelopes, baboons, or, if lucky, elusive leopards. *Full board.*

**DAY 3 MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE - 23 APRIL 2016.** The rich diversity of habitats will be immediately apparent in our third safari and during the afternoon drive. The banks of the Shire River are an ideal environment for hippos and crocodiles, while in the forests of marula elephants find their perfect habitat. Among the animals sighted within the reserve are lions, leopards, genets, civets, nightjar ... and all the big five. The African Parks Conservation was founded and built by Nelson Mandela and operates in several African states. Overnight at the lodge. *Full board.*

**DAY 4 MAJETE WILDLIFE - MULANJE FOREST RESERVE - APRIL 24, 2016.** We will cross the Shire river and will climb to 800m altitude after the city of Blantyre to reach the massive Mulanje and the spectacle of the tea plantations. The hills are like endless expanses and bright green leaves with only the red space of the labyrinthine routes through the plantations. Overnight in old colonial house, set in the plantations. *Full board.*

**DAY 5 MULANJE MOUNTAIN FOREST RESERVE - APRIL 25, 2016.** Walking through the vast spaces of the plantations. We meet the tea workers who patiently pluck the young leaves at the top of the plants, leaf by leaf, to fill the huge baskets on their backs. The first tea plantations in Africa were introduced in the late nineteenth century precisely in this area of Malawi. We then enter the magical forest of Mulanje and dedicate this day to a trek in the forest to the Likhubula waterfall, surrounded by greenery, including endemic chameleons and unique plants such as the famous cedar of Mulanje, a protected species. Legends and stories are part of Malawian culture that describes the Mulanje mountain, "Island in the Sky": The site has been proposed in the list of World Heritage Sites. Then we will be told some legends from those who have always lived under this mountain spread over 650 km<sup>2</sup>, which with its 3002 meters is the highest in the southern tip of Africa. For those who wish, you can reach the CCAP hut, (5/6 hour) with a hiking that takes us on top of the island in the sky. Spectacular scenery will open behind us and finally we will arrive in the afternoon to simple shelter of CCAP, one of the largest, from which we can observe the south-eastern slope of the peak of Chambe, located at 2557m altitude. Overnight in mountain huts or in old colonial house, like the previous night. *Full board.*

**DAY 6 MULANJE - LAKE MALAWI, MONKEY BAY AREA - APRIL 26, 2016.** From Mulanje traveling to Monkey Bay, Mangochi and Lake Malawi, headed to a bay where we will find a relaxing afternoon of fishing eagles and fishing villages with their canoes defy the third largest lake of 'Africa, one of the largest water reserves in the world; it is estimated that the endemic fish that inhabit the waters, Cichlids, are around 1000 species. Overnight at the lodge on the lake. *Half board*





**DAY 7 LAKE MALAWI, MONKEY BAY AREA - APRIL 27, 2016.** The fishing villagers are many, and in the morning it is easy to meet them in their canoes while returning from a night of fishing. Lake Malawi in this area is close to the Lake Malawi National Park: a real sea and provides livelihood to all villages settled on the banks of the lake. From here we can organize a boat trip to the island of Boadzulu, the lake Malawi National Park where we will be able to fully enjoy the wonder and the transparency of the lake. Women dry out the fish and preparing the stalls for sale. We will spend the day on Lake Malawi, in the villages and to devote to the knowledge of the people's business. Overnight at the lodge on the lake. *Half board*



**DAY 8 LAKE MALAWI - LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK - APRIL 28, 2016.** In the morning, wake up at sunrise and after breakfast we will reach the banks of the Shire River, where we will enter the Liwonde National Park and we will organize the famous boat safari to better spot and photograph the wildlife of the park: many elephants, hippos and crocodiles! The boats are motorized and will come accompanied by a guide who will maneuver the boat and, in addition to our presence, we will be adding a safari guide. The chances of sighting elephants are unique and often swim in front of us, across the river in search of food. In the afternoon, the second boat safari increases the chances of more sightings. Accommodation in the middle of the park, in one of the most beautiful lodge / Malawi courts, overlooking the Shire River. *Full board*



**DAY 9 LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK - MUA APRIL 29, 2016.** A few kilometers separate us from Mua, the oldest and original operational mission in Malawi. It was born with the support of the Ngoni tribe in 1903, at the request of two French White Fathers, an order which was born in Algeria. Father Boucher, anthropologist and missionary, started a center of culture and art, at Kungoni ( meaning "Waterfall", because it sits near a waterfall) and the Museum of Chamare, named after Chapmartin, French father who founded the school of carpentry, still appreciated around the area today. At Mua they preserve the rich cultural heritage of Malawi and have collected about 400 of the 10,000 (yes, we wrote well, ten thousand!) Masks of the Gule Wamkulu, secret ceremony of the majority Malawian ethnic group: the Chewa. Since a few years ago the Gule Wamkulu became a World Heritage Site, protected by UNESCO. Overnight in bungalows equipped at the mission. *Bed and breakfast*

**DAY 10 MUA - CHILEKA AIRPORT, BLANTYRE - APRIL 30, 2016**

Return to Blantyre through the fertile highlands of the Rift Valley; Transfer to airport for international departure flight.



\* The current times are estimates calculated on flight plans provided by the airlines by the year 2015. If the route changes then this could be varied.

\*[[Write us](#) for Accommodation and lodge list]

## EXTENSIONS

- LAKE MALAWI BEACHES, ADVENTURE OR RELAXATION
- INDIAN OCEAN WONDERFUL SEA
- HIDDEN NTCHISI FOREST
- MULANJE FOREST, BEHIND AFRICAWILDTRUCK

## TO KNOW

the expedition may be modified on site and in any moment due to technical, organizational or safety reasons without upsetting the initial plan.



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## ATTENDANCE FEE: 2790 USD

PARTECIPANTS: MINIMUM 6, MAX 14

include VAT 16,5%, Tourism Levy 1% e tasse 30%

## DISCOUNTS

The following discounts are possible:

- Discount of 40Usd per day if you decide to camp
- family discounts: for children and young boys/girls under 12 years
- 100Usd for travelers who already took part at least in a travel with AFRICA WILD TRUCK (minum base of 4 persons)
- groups discount

Discounts are subject to variations and can't be combined together.

## THE FEE INCLUDES

- English speaking guides authorized by Minister of Tourism
- all transports, to and from the airport, road taxes
- all game drives activities, all national parks entry fees (in Majete wildlife reserve 4 game drives, in Mount Mulanje Reserve and in Lake Malawi national park and Liwonde national park 2 boat safari or game drives)
- all overnights in lodge as to program - no camping (see page 3)
- all meals as per full board indication
- 50 US dollars that AWT entirely donates to AROUND AWT (see page 11)
- VAT (16,5%), TOURISM LEVY (1%) and government taxes.

## THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- flights
- Malawi Visa
- Single supplement (40 Usd per night)
- Euroassistance/Globy or similar travel insurance (cancellation, luggage, health insurance highly advisable – it is possible to stipulate it with the above cited agency or online – write to us, we will help you to find the best solution!)
- drinks different from water
- optional excursions not mentioned
- Meals where indicated *bed and breakfast*
- any possible personal expense
- tips
- anything not expressly specified under "The fee includes"

## ATTENDANCE MODE

Attendance fee deposit is of 790 Usd.

he rest of the fee – as of 2,000Usd - can be paid in different modes that will be defined on the moment of registration, i.e.:

- With bank transfer. At the time of booking we will send you all details and the procedure to pay on Africa Wild Truck's account in Malawi.
- With VISA credit card. Directly on your arrive in Malawi, at Africa Wild Truck's office. (+5% on Visa)
- With cash, on your arrival in Malawi, at Africa Wild Truck's office, that has a regular license and government authorization to accept any currency (€, US\$, £, Rand, etc..)

In case of travel quit, the amount paid will be refunded in case of participant replacement; in case it is not possible to replace the participant the amount paid will not be given back if travel insurance hasn't been stipulated; read our enclosed "Terms and conditions".

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## TRAVEL TIPS

### HEALTH

No obligation to vaccination. Write to us to have more information! Note that on the mountain (above 2000 m) is malaria free.

We recommend these vaccines:

- tetanus
- typhoid fever
- hepatitis A and B

Concerning malaria, disease transmitted by the bite of the female Anopheles mosquito, its prevention is accomplished, first of all, with a mechanic prevention i.e. avoiding getting stung, following these rules:

- sleeping under mosquito tents
- using insecticide to get rid of possible mosquitos
- after sunset, when mosquitos are more active, avoiding leaving parts of the body uncovered, wearing light-coloured long trousers and long-sleeve shirts, because dark colours attract mosquitos and spraying parts of the body uncovered with Autan Extreme

For the use of any possible antimalarial drugs we suggest that you consult your Public Health Service; health norms change very rapidly.



### TRAVEL MEDICAL KIT

We suggest that you take with you a small supply of these medicines:

- analgesics/fever reducers: acetylsalicylic acid and nimesulide
- antibiotics like ciproxin or amoxicillin or clavulanic acid
- antimalarials: anyway carry with you 2 packs of Lariam for emergency cases
- antidiarrheals: loperamide or kaolin in case of symptoms (to use only if really necessary!)
- rehydration salts: in case of fluid leaks
- against car or air sickness: a pack of pills or chewing-gums
- antihistamines: in case of allergic reactions
- scissors, tweezers and thermometer
- suntan cream
- insecticides (like Autan Extreme)

### LUGGAGE

Due to space and cohabitation reasons each person shall have just a big backpack (max 15 kg), with max. dimensions 30x40x50 cm (60 liters) besides a standard small bag with photographic equipment.

We recommend that you comply with the dimensions.

We recommend mountain backpacks with shoulder straps.

### CLOTHES LAUNDRY

It will be possible to wash your clothes where we will stop at least for 2 nights



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## EQUIPMENT

### Required documents and Visa

It is necessary to have a passport valid for at least 6 months after departure date with at least two free pages; for the entry in Malawi the Visa is obtainable under 75 Usd payment. [Write us](#) for more informations

### CLOTHING

- comfortable trekking shoes
- technical sandals
- easy to dry slippers for the shower
- windbreaker
- k-way
- sweatshirt/pile
- cotton/linen long trousers
- cotton/linen long sleeve shirts
- cotton T-shirts
- bathing suit
- panty
- belly pack for passport
- sunglasses
- cap

### OTHER

- towel
- binoculars
- head torch-light
- water bottle
- camera/videocamera/spare batteries!!
- passport photocopy and 2 passport photos
- energy bars may be useful
- any other mountain trekking that you might need

### PERIOD

Temperatures widely depend on altitudes and latitudes. Contact us for further information!





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## ECO TOURISM

### AFRICA WILD TRUCK SUPPORT

Africa Wild Truck travel philosophy has the aim to minimize the potential negative impacts that derive from tourism socially, economically and environmentally. We know that tourism has got a big potential of bring benefits in remote areas as economical growth, develop and conservation. Travel in a responsible way means follow a specific travel philosophy that we hope is useful to preserve the beauty and the culture of this marvellous Continent to future generations.

### SOCIAL COMMITMENT

We think that the contact with local people and cultures is one of the essential aspects of a travel. Comprehension, tolerance and mutual respect between different cultures often mean also simple rules to follow that will be exposed to the traveler before as well as during the travel. We encourage the traveler to have an open attitude and learn customs and traditions, as well as basic words in local language.

We live here and we give local people a job so that travelers, once more, may have the possibility to interact with African people and so that money is directed to the population.

We support some territorial and social maintenance projects, both directly, involving our travelers into donating to AROUND AWT and indirectly, visiting distant areas bringing economic development and suggesting to donate one's own contribution to projects as conservation or social projects

We are supporting associates and members of associations like AITR, Italian Association for Responsible Tourism and TIES, International Ecotourism Society.

We live here so we have the possibility to monitoring the political and social situation of our destinations, communicating, if possible, all relevant information to travelers before leaving.

### ECONOMIC COMMITMENT

We lean on suppliers, products and services representing the option that is the most ethical available, even when it means paying a price reasonably higher compared to other options on the market.

We use accommodations which are chosen carefully, following an idea of conservation of the territory and sustainability of the travel, preferring positions in close contact with nature. Where possible we lean on small accommodations managed by local people that live on the territory, like us.

We don't lean on facilities or suppliers where we know there is exploitation of labor.

Where possible we stock up in the markets, buying fruit and vegetables directly from small producers, thereby supporting small economies.

We encourage travelers to buy local artifacts that do not harm the environment and that do not support illegal trafficking.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

- We use the Internet and e-mails as main means of communication; this minimizes the waste associated with the use of printed paper.

We use, where possible, recycled paper for all our printed releases.

We support and donate part of our takings to organizations like AROUND AWT and other associations also through the programming of the travels/expeditions. We are members of the TIES, International Ecotourism Society and of AITR, Italian Association for Responsible Tourism.

We minimize the waste like electric energy and water using the truck's batteries to recharge the electric material and managing the reserves of water in an accurate way.

We recycle: nothing is thrown away in Africa! Where possible we deliver part of what we think is no longer useful, to those who need it. Besides we follow, where possible, this simple rule: what in Africa is harmful for the environment and cannot be recycled must be taken back home! Used batteries are a simple example.

We use small facilities that minimize negative impacts on the environment. We lean, where possible, on facilities built with local materials, as well as facilities that use renewable sources of energy like solar panels.

### YOUR SUPPORT

Inform on your travel destination before leaving. Read books and consult tourism guides to collect information on culture, politics, geography, religion and traditions of the places you are going to visit. Learn a few basic words you'll need to communicate; sometimes a few words can make you get on touch more with the local culture. Inform on how to behave to respect customs and beliefs.

Dress in a respectful way. It's really easy to cause embarrassment or offend with an inappropriate clothing.

Buy local objects and use local services; this increases the local economy. But be careful what you buy: do not feed illegal trafficking or types of trade that are harmful to nature.

Pay a fair price for what you buy. Negotiating is always part of the local life; small sums of money mean big sums for a local family.

Ask permission before taking photographs and if you promise someone to send a photo, or a gift, please, keep your promise.

Avoid showing wealth and opulence especially in poor communities, where you are a guest.

Help local communities supporting development projects, rather than giving huge tips to individuals. Together we can develop new ideas. Take a look at the projects we support like AROUND AWT.

If you want to leave something, as for example giving material to a local school, or cloths to whom needs them, try to give them to an influential person. In this way the material will be divided as fairly as possible. Do not give money or medicines to individuals: we know projects to which we can give this type of material.

Never feed wild animals, especially within the parks: wild animals have not to depend on man for their subsistence.

Respect the environment: avoid leaving garbage around and if you smoke, please, do not leave your cigarette butts.

Once home think how you can help the development programs to help the country you've had the privilege to visit. Choose a Tour Operator that follows a travel philosophy that supports eco-tourism.

We support some social maintenance projects, through scientific popularization, writing guides and articles, photography, donations, our projects of AROUND AWT, visiting distant areas and so bringing economic development; if you know topics, groups, projects we don't know share them with us: we can support them and ensure that many people may be involved.



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### HOW TO BOOK

- Having confirmed availability, a 20% DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING. Once we receive proof of payment together with your completed *Booking Form*, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us.
- UNLESS PRIOR AND DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS, FINAL PAYMENT IS NORMALLY DUE 6 WEEKS BEFORE DATE OF DEPARTURE
- PAYMENT BY VISA AT OUR OFFICE ARE WELCOME (ONLY VISA, NO MASTERCARD OR OTHER CARDS). NOTE THAT OUR VISA IS CONNECTED WITH THE LOCAL ACCOUNT AND THE RATE OF EXCHANGE OF THE DAY IS FROM XE.COM. A 5% VISA CHARGE IS APPLICABLE WITHIN MALAWI
- If paying in Malawi Kwacha please note we use the HIGHER BUYING rate of commercial money bureaus.

### CANCELLATION/ REFUNDS

- CANCELLATION MUST BE IN WRITING AND ARE ONLY EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION. NOTE THAT you will be offered an alternative date of departure without penalty. IF THIS should not be possible, we FOLLOW OUR CANCELLATION POLICY

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- IF NOTICE PRIOR TO 60 DAYS BEFORE DAY OF DEPARTURE 20% FORFEITED.
- FROM 59 DAYS TO 28 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE LESS 40%
- FROM 27 TO 14 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE LESS 60%
- 100% LESS THAN 14 DAYS NOTICE

### INSURANCE

A Travel insurance covering cancellation, curtailment and all medical expenses including air evacuation is compulsory for all clients traveling with AFRICAWILDTRUCK. It is under traveller's responsibility to make sure that the insurance covers travel activities (planned or voluntary) and all traveler's needs. Some travel activities of a dangerous nature (eg, diving, horseback riding, biking, etc ...) bring with them the risks to the health of the traveler or even death. It is responsibility of the traveller to be familiar with these activities and accept the risks that may arise from their practice, as well as make sure your travel insurance policy covers the practice of these activities. The traveller is required to have read and to carry while traveling the insurance policy.

### HEALTH

While being able to give guidance on the obligations of vaccinations, we are not doctors. It is responsibility of the traveler to make sure you have detailed advice from the medical side. AFRICAWILDTRUCK cannot be held responsible for any damages or problems arising from this failure. Travelers with health problems, pregnant women or those who have just returned from a trip in other countries need to carefully control the obligations and comply with the instructions of your doctor. Medical expenses incurred for any admissions or check-ups are the responsibility of the traveler.

### OBLIGATIONS OF TRAVELERS

It is responsibility of each traveler to be provided with an individual passport for all the countries visited, as well as tourist and transit visas and health certificates that may be required. They must also follow the rules of prudence and diligence, all the information supplied by the organizer, as well as regulations and administrative or legislative provisions relating to the country or countries visited. The participants are called upon to answer for all damages that the organizer may suffer as a result of their failure to fulfill

obligations above. The traveler must provide the organizer with all the documents, information and evidence in its possession relevant to the exercise of the right of subrogation against third parties responsible for the damage and is responsible to the organizer of the injury caused to the right of subrogation. The traveler must notify the organizer in writing, at the time of booking, any possible special needs (eg vegetarian meals) that may be the subject of specific agreements on the travel arrangements provided that it is possible to implement.

### BAGGAGE

For reasons of space and coexistence, the traveler can have only one big backpack up to 15 kg with maximum dimensions of 30 x 40 x 50 cm beyond the classic handbag with camera equipment. We recommend that to respect the dimensions. In case of excess weight and size could be a fee of € 50 per kg.

### RESPONSABILITY

Neither AFRICAWILDTRUCK (herein called "the company") nor any person acting for, through or on behalf of the company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure / website or any other literature, late or non-confirmation or acceptance of bookings, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, injury or death, whether occasioned by negligence or not.

In addition the company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route or time should any cause in the opinion of the company make it necessary to do so, and shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from such cancellation or alteration.

### DATES

Travel dates may be subject to minor changes at any time. The dates indicated on the website are subject to change [www.africawildtruck.com](http://www.africawildtruck.com) that will be communicated as early as possible.

### PICTURES

All the images collected during the trip from AFRICAWILDTRUCK in the form of photograph or video may be used by AFRICAWILDTRUCK marketing or promotional purposes for the company, including type material printed, video, or internet.

### TRAVEL PHILOSOPHY

Before you book a trip with us, you must have read and accepted our *Travel philosophy*. During our expeditions there is a need to carry a good deal of flexibility. The routes may be changed on site without compromising the success of the trip, in fact, they should be considered as an indication of our intentions, rather than actual obligations of the contract. The weather conditions, as well as local events, may sometimes cause changes in itinerary, overnight stays, and transport. We accept your reservation knowing that you have understood the peculiarity of these trips, which may include the inconvenience and discomfort. Refunds will not be given for any unused services.