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Hiking Mulanje in Central Africa

Exploring magic Mulanje Mountain, the island in the sky to reach Sapitwa peak

From minimum 4 to 10 days with possibility of extension

From April to November (suggested season)

WHAT WE WILL SEE

Hiking Mulanje in Central Africa. A trekking- hiking on Mulanje Mountain, Malawi. It is called *magic mountain* and island in the sky. It seems that J. R.R. Tolkien began writing about the fantastic world of the Middle-Earth described in *The Hobbit*, soon after a long journey in Malawi which included Mount Mulanje and its magical atmosphere.

We do not find it hard to believe. Mulanje is a place of inspiration, where you can feel the uniqueness of this land. Maybe it is because of the many legends that inhabit the oral traditions of mysterious spirits, including *Napolo*, the creator of wind and storms. Maybe because of its unique location that places it in the world network as a **Biosphere Reserve**. Maybe because of its slopes, covered with kilometers of tea hills that make the scene even more dreamy.

The hike starts from **Africa Wild Truck eco camp and lodge**, at an altitude of 650 meters, where there are spectacularly huge and rolling hills covered by green tea mantle. Walking among the plantation areas we meet the workers of the tea. In front, majestic, massive Mulanje. It climbs on the plateau, and spend a few days at an altitude of 2000 meters. Go down the opposite side of the mountain, after the crossing the Mountain from East to West. A hiking trek in Africa dedicated to mountain lovers and to all those who want to try a trip on foot, slowly.

Exploring the island in the sky: a challenge between waterfalls, peaks and clouds **to reach Sapitwa** at 3,002 meters, on the summit of Southern Africa, in the heart of Malawi.

DURATION: from 3-4 days to reach Sapitwa to 10 days. Possibility of extensions on the beautiful beaches of Lake Malawi.

MALAWI, [GALLERY](#)

TREKKING



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MULANJE FOREST RESERVE

About sixty kilometers from the city of **Blantyre**, in the south of Malawi, the Mulanje Massif, called *the island in the sky* in Chichewa, a large and spectacular granite mountain of about 650km² stands solitary.

The average altitude on the plateau is of about 2,000 meters and at least a dozen peaks above 2,500 meters populate this giant who has the distinction of being **on of the higher mountain in southern Africa**, arriving, with the Sapitwa peak, to an altitude of 3,002m.

FLORA AND FAUNA

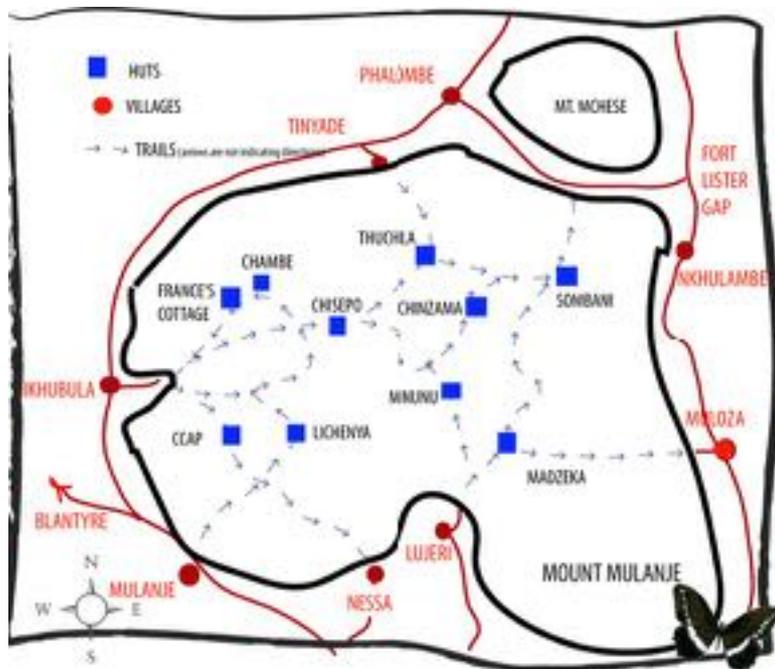
Mount Mulanje, protected within the **Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve**, at its base is located at an average altitude of about 650m. It is an area completely covered with the mantle of green tea and bamboo forests or unique plants that are only found here (there are at least 500). The precious and vulnerable **Mulanje cedar**, *Widdringtonia whytei* is a famous endemic plants that ensures that here the highest biodiversity of flora throughout Malawi has been preserved. The diversity of ferns is incredible with over 100 species recorded in forest and new species that have yet to be classified. Among the 66 species of mammals, including baboons, monkeys and small antelopes, hyenas, leopards - although difficult to spot. Endemic is also the chameleon *Chamaeleo mlanjensis*, two species of gecko *Lygodactylus rex* and *L. Bonsi* and other frogs. Mount Mulanje is the only place in Malawi where the rodent *Aethomys namaquensis* has been found. Mount Mulanje is also important for butterflies with a presence no fewer than 233 species, with at least three endemism: *Charaxes margaretae*, *Cymothoe melanjae* and *Baliochila nyasae*. It is also included in IBA sites (**Important Bird Areas**). About 300 species of birds recorded and some vulnerable species such as the White-winged Apalis *Apalis charyessa* or Alete of Tyholo *Alethe choloensis* and thrushes spotted *Zoothera guttata*, both threatened. 22 of the 56 species of birds living in the system formed from the Afro-montane archipelago Usambara mountain / Mount Mulanje breed on Mount Mulanje.

TEA PLANTATIONS AND LEGENDS

Let's not forget that tea and tobacco are essential resources for Malawi, whose economy almost completely depends on the cultivation of these two products. The first **tea plantations** were introduced in Africa at the end of the XIX century right in Malawi. Landscapes open in a spectacular way in huge and mild hills covered with the unblemished green mantle of tea. Walking between the wide spaces in the plantations we will have the chance to meet the tea workers, who patiently pick up the young leaves on top of the plats, leaf after leaf. The number of **legends**, myths with the presence of spirits around the perception of Mount Mulanje is not present in any other place in Malawi. Many of these are kept in secret in the oral tradition: there is still nowadays much to discover. One possible explanation for this is that the Batwa, the ancient inhabitants of the mountain, are remembered in the form of spirits. There are spirits in particular inside the trees, some of which are really their houses. While hiking Mulanje we will tell you some incredible legends!

HIKING MULANJE, 11 HUTS

From **AfricaWildTruck base**, at the foot of the mountain, between Lujeri and Muloza, there are some of the most incredible views on the **falls** of the head of the Ruo river. From here depart some of the most scenic routes to reach the **11 huts** present on the plateau, well-connected to each other through really many mountain paths with travel times ranging from two to six hours. There is a possibility of being always on the move on the mountain for even a month: a full amount of oxygen and new energy. The difficulties for the excursions, ranging from moderate (T2) and possible for midlevel walkers being at a moderate altitude and still on good paths with a number of climbs and descents rather demanding (T3) for walkers with a little training and a bit rough.



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MEANS OF TRANSPORT

The only distances covered by jeep will be those to reach Africa Wild Truck headquarters, from and to the airport of Blantyre. We will walk in contact with nature, on the highest mountain in southern Africa, passing through the huts of the plateau. A travel that still today is similar to the one made by David Livingstone.

GUIDES

Professional guides that work with AfricaWildTruck have been selected in the field during our trekking hiking expeditions on Mulanje Mountain. They stand out for their very high preparation, experience and reliability. They are listed among the official guides from Malawi Tourism Board. They are local guides we have chosen with attention following an idea of travel sustainability and social commitment, to guarantee deeper experiences to the traveler giving benefits to the local communities. Africa Wild Truck use only services from guides and porters certified and authorized by Malawi Government. A porter (advisable) can carry a maximum of 18 kg.

ACCOMMODATIONS



In Mulanje, at the base of the mountain, we'll spend the nights in a pleasant setting of Africa Wild Truck base camp, in the area of the Ruo river in lodge.

The nights on the mountain will be spent in simple and basic mountain huts, equipped with water and firewood, no electricity.

Equipped with mattresses on the floor and with a simple and traditional "bucket shower", a hot shower with a bucket. A hiking trek as 100 years ago, when they were built. There is a magical atmosphere around the fire. The shelters, apart CCAP Hut, are managed by the Malawian Government with a watchman who provides the fire and hot shower. If you want something special, you can sleep in a tent. We will do everything to satisfy your requests (before

when booking with us. The mountain equipment (mats, tents and field kitchen) will be always available for your requests (before departure, just inform us!)

PERIOD

Temperatures widely depend on season, altitudes and latitudes. Here by side (download the .pdf) an indicative table of the average temperatures in the different seasons. The hottest month is November; the coolest June/July. The dry season runs from April/May to November/December, period that we suggest for trekking expeditions. The rainy season usually runs from December to March/April. Contact us to have further information about the current season, not all years are the same!

ROADS

On the mountain excursion difficulty ranges from moderate (T2) and possible for middle-level walkers since it is at a moderate altitude and on good paths with some demanding rises and slopes (T3) for walkers quite trained and on rugged paths/ground.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES °C	FEBRUARY	JULY	NOVEMBER
Blantyre and at the foot of the mountain	min 18 - max 27	min 7 - max 23	min 25 max 35
at 2500 m	min 12 - max 23	min 1 max 20	min 18 max 28



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TREKKING/HIKING GUIDE

Trekking and **hiking** on Mount Mulanje is one of the most striking and fascinating experiences you may have in Malawi and generally in Africa.

Walking in contact with nature, **on the highest mountain in Central Africa**, passing through the huts on the plateau, in a travel that still today is similar to that of David Livingstone.

HIKING DIFFICULTIES

The difficulties for the excursions, ranging from moderate (T2) and possible for midlevel walkers being at a moderate altitude and still on good paths with a number of climbs and descents rather demanding (T3) for walkers with a little training and a bit rough. You can read the definitions according to the CAI (Italian Mountaineering Centre) regarding the mountain trails.

T2 Mountain Hike

Path with clear layout and regular ascents. Sometimes steep terrain, danger of falling exposed not excluded. Hiking boots recommended.

T3 challenging mountain hike

Visible tracing rule on the ground, exposed sections may be secured with ropes or chains, eventually you have to make use of hands for balance. Individual steps potentially exposed falls, rocks, grassy slopes without a trace and sprinkled with rocks. Good hiking boots.

Photography during trekking: you will always be allowed to carry your own photographic equipment. The guides will try to stop where you want and in the best conditions, if safety allows it.

What to know: Consider good walking boots, a warm sleeping bag, binoculars, head torch, sun block lotion, comfortable outdoor clothes and a k-way. A porter is highly recommended. Lunch are on a pocket lunch while dinner and breakfast are self catering. Water is drinkable on the mountain. In the forest reserve, you will be asked to sign a disclaimer mandatory to go inside due of the particularity of the places. How we choose the guide? What we currently do is to rotate all guides by simply contact the next one on the list so that all of them have chances to work.



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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, photocopying 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's 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.



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TRAVEL PROGRAM

This is a route that should be considered as an example. You can change before departure or, in case, also on the mountain with the guide itself. Hikes itineraries and prices depends on your fitness level but surely we can advise you 3 nights / 4 days is ideally a good time to spend on the mountain and ability to reach Sapitwa the main peak at 3002 m. All access points start at 650-700 meter above seal level. All 11 huts are approx at 2000 meters. There are several routes, but this is the gap you have to cover in one day.



1ST DAY, BLANTYRE, MALAWI

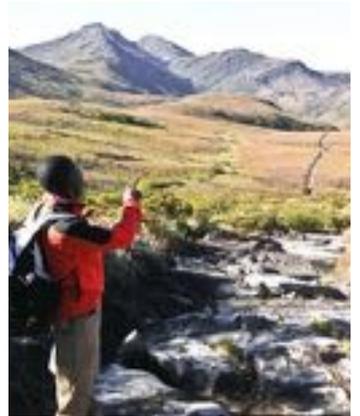
Arrive in Blantyre, Malawi, welcoming and hearty country: its people has a warm and welcoming heart that we have never felt in any other African country. Meeting with Africa Wild Truck staff and transfer to Mulanje, in one of the most ancient colonial houses, located in a pleasant and green garden. Dinner at Africa Wild Truck base camp.

2ND - 3RD DAY MULANJE

A couple of days for setting-in are necessary to undertake the climbing and plan some details in order to customize at best the trekking expedition. Mulanje offers incredible landscapes at the foot of the mountain of the same name, hills and tea hills like endless stretches and the bright green color gives space only to the red of the labyrinth paths that cross the plantations. The red color of the tea in cups of the Malawi black tea is unique. Africa Wild Truck eco lodge and camp, full board.

DAY 4 WILD AFRICA TRUCK BASE CAMP - MADZEKA HUT

After breakfast briefing with our guide. Departure from the base camp (650m) to Madzeka hut which is situated at 2000 meters. Beginning of the journey, passing among tea plantations for about two hours, villages and then enter into the forest. Lunch. A steep staircase with some difficult passage of streams and fords. Arrival at Madzeka hut around 16:00. Dinner



DAY 5 MADZEKA HUT - THUCHILA HUT

After breakfast we go on a different path. We reach a second hut at the same altitude on the plateau. Solitary landscapes and the silence of the mountain among us. Switching from *Chinsama hut* for lunch (packed). Arrival at *Thuchila hut*. Estimated total travel time: 5 hours and 30 min. Dinner.

DAY 6 THUCHILA HUT - CHISEPO HUT

From the lovely Thuchila hut the path continues. Streams form wonderful swimming pools. The valley offers unique landscapes and finally reaches the Chisepo Junction. From here you reach *Chisepo Hut*. Estimated total travel time: 2 hours and 30 min. Dinner.



DAY 7 CHISEPO HUT - SAPITWA- CHISEPO HUT

Today we will reach the summit of Sapitwa, 3002 meters, one of the higher peak in southern Africa. The journey is long, and at times the vegetation becomes dense. It takes about 5 hours to reach the summit. The panoramic view from the peak is on the entire plateau, in the clear days you can see the base of the mountain. Return simply Chisepo hut, where we will tell you some Mountain legends! Dinner.

DAY 8 CHISEPO HUT - CHAMBE HUT

This walk of about four hours will take us to *Chambe Hut*. Spectacular scenery will open behind us and finally we get to Chambe hut, one of the largest, from which we can observe the south-east slope of Chambe peak, located at 2557 m altitude. Overnight in the hut. Dinner.

DAY 9 CHAMBE HUT - LIKHUBULA FOREST LODGE

We descend from an altitude of 2500 to be roughly 700 meters, again at the base of the mountain. Estimated total travel time: 7-8 hours. Dinner.

DAY 10 LIKHUBULA - BLANTYRE

We will move to Chileka International Airport in Blantyre, to connect with the international flight.



EXTEND YOUR TRIP!

- LAKE MALAWI BEACHES
- MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE
- LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK



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ATTENDANCE FEE: 860 euro for 10 days

inclusive VAT 16,5%, Tourism Levy 1% and taxes 30%

BASED ON 2 PEOPLE

DISCOUNTS

The following discounts are possible:

- discounts for groups with at least 4 persons
- family discounts: for children and young boys/girls under 12 years
- 10% for travelers who already took part at least in a travel with AFRICA WILD TRUCK (minim base of 4 persons)

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

THE FEE INCLUDES

- all transports, to and from the airport, road taxes
- all overnights in lodge and basic huts as to program, see page 3
- Kitchen utensils material
- Backpack and other material to be organized on the mountain
- all meals
- mountain equipment (mattresses, tents and material for kitchen camp, if necessary) excluding sleeping bags
- VAT (16.5%), TOURISM LEVY (1%) and government taxes (30%)

THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- flights
- Malawi Visa
- 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!)
- optional excursions not mentioned
- English speaking guides authorized by Forest Department (25 Usd per day) and porter in case you need (20 Usd per day)
- all entry fees to the Mount Mulanje Forest Reserve (currently 1 Usd per day per person)
- drinks
- any possible personal expense
- tips
- anything not expressly specified under "The fee includes"

ATTENDANCE MODE

Attendance fee is of 860 €

The fee can be paid in different modes that will be defined on the moment of registration, i.e.:

1. 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.
2. With VISA credit card. Directly on your arrive in Malawi, at Africa Wild Truck's office.
3. With PAYPAL on AWT Paypal account.
4. 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".

WE ACCEPT

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BOOK!

Contact info@afriawildtruck.com to book or to ask informations.



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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-colored long trousers and long-sleeve shirts, because dark colors 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

On the mountain, to maximize comfort, we suggest to dress with layers.

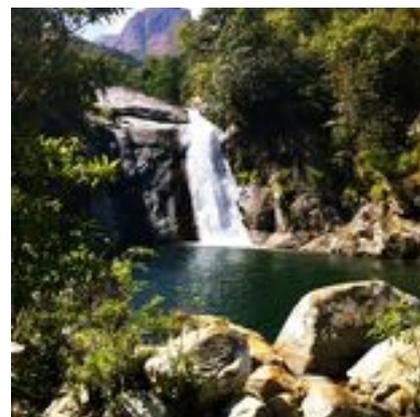
- comfortable trekking/hiking shoes
- technical sandals
- easy to dry slippers for the shower
- windbreaker
- k-way
- sweatshirt/pile
- cotton/linen long trousers
- cotton/linen long sleeve shirts
- cotton T-shirts
- bathing suit
- panty
- belly pack for passport
- sunglasses
- cap and hat

OTHER

- sleeping bag that can withstand up to 5 degrees for who is always cold
- technical towel
- binoculars
- head torch-light
- penknife/water bottle
- camera/videocamera/spare batteries or eventually a solar panel
- passport photocopy and 2 passport photos
- energy bars may be useful
- telescopic poles
- personal Karimat (or if you prefer we can reserve one for you)
- any other mountain trekking that you might need

PERIOD

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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 marvelous 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.

ENVIROMENTAL 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 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.

RESPONSIBILITY

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 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.



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