

# MALAWI ZAMBIA TOUR IN THE WILD NORTH

Malawi, northern wilderness. In the highlands of the Rift Valley: Nyika National Park, Viphya Forest Reserve and South Luangwa National Park, Zambia

# 13 days of travelling with possible extensions

Calculation exclude flights

# WHAT WE WILL SEE

Malawi Zambia tour in the wild north. A trip to the highlands of the Rift Valley, between Malawi and Zambia, in comfort. Few countries have unknown and forgotten regions. In Malawi it is the north. This region is dominated by Viphya highlands, where lies the Viphya Forest Reserve, the unique scenery of the Nyika National Park, a pearl set between 2000 and 2600 meters above sea level, a national park with one of the most spectacular scenery and unusual landscape in Central Africa. The Nyika Plateau forming the wall of the Great Rift Valley and the flood plains of Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve, including buffalos, elephants and hippos, to 1000 m above sea level, an area of swamps and plains and the beautiful Lake Malawi. The lake is the third largest in Africa, with clear waters like those of a sea that is home to about 550 species of fish. In Zambia, the incredible South Luangwa National Park, to experience the thrill of being close to nature during the walking safaris and also entering the mid of the park even at night with the jeep. A park with an abundance of predators: lions, jackals, hyenas, cheetahs, small herds of wild dogs now endangered and, not least, relatively easy to spot, the leopard. The park is also home to two large rare endemic species: the Thornicroft giraffe and Cookson wildebeest. The meeting with the local people, especially in Malawi, will remain in the heart for their great simplicity in the joy of life: unspoilt and little tourist sites immersed in a natural wild, animals, villages, markets, a journey spanning two nations that are so unique and so unforgettable.

**DURATION:** 13 days. Possibilities to extend your trip to the beautiful beaches of **Malawi Lake.** 

MALAWI, GALLERY



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## THETRIP - Malawi Zambia wild north

The Nyika national park, a pearl set between 2000 and 2600 meters above sea level, with one of the most spectacular scenery and unusual landscape in Central Africa; between hills and gentle slopes that stretch as far as the eye, some evergreen forest is a remnant of the immense rainforest that once covered Central Africa. Meetings with zebras, eland, roan antelope, cervicapre, klipspringer, jackals and hyenas are common; though harder to spot because of their shy nature, there is also a health population of leopards. The Viphya Forest Reserve is a very green area, rich in Brachystegia at 1650m and is malaria free. Here we can both get in touch with the Malawian culture, sit down to enjoy the sunset or the singing of hundreds of birds that inhabit the area or participate in one of trekking adventures starting from Viphya ... soon we will fall in love with this corner of Malawi. This paradise offers incredible sightings both for birds (nectarines such as the double collar sunbird, eagles, vultures, herons and egrets are easy to spot). For mammals (hyenas can often be heard, while baboons, vervet monkeys, bushbuck, duiker are easy to spot. Leopards inhabits the area, along with owls, porcupines and mongooses.

We will spend a couple of days on the banks of the third largest lake in Africa, Lake Malawi, defined as "the most beautiful lake in the world" by many in the tourism sector magazines, 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, colorful and very easy to approach. Very far from the idea

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that one has of the lake as a real inland sea, 365 km long and 52km wide hence also called the "Calendar lake".

The days in Zambia will instead be spent in close contact with nature: the South Luangwa National Park is the heart of a beautiful ecosystem that boasts antelopes, zebras, buffalos, elephants and an abundance of predators: lions, jackals, hyenas, cheetahs, small herds of wild dogs now endangered and, not least, relatively easy to spot, the leopard. The park also hosts two rare endemic subspecies: the Thornicroft giraffe and Cookson wildebeest

A true paradise from the ornithological point of view with more than 700 species of birds. The park is famous for leopards: this solitary feline, though, it is difficult to spot, but during the night safari we will have more possibilities. Lions and hyenas are easy to spot.

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. Away 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.

There will be stops in the villages, in the markets where we often stop to buy the excellent fruits! If you want you can extend the trip to the beautiful beaches of Lake Malawi.











**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  $4 \times 4$ . 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**

In Lilongwe we will spend the nights in a nice lodge with restaurant and swimming pool. The nights at the South Luangwa National Park on the banks of the Luangwa River, in an absolutely beautiful position on the pitch fixed tented; hippos, giraffes and groups of elephants visit the area.



At Makuzi beach two nights in exciting lodge overlooking Lake Malawi. To Nyika National Park in a memorable lodge for its location overlooking the Nyika Plateau, one of the most beautiful lands of Africa. At night the zebras visit the camp, as well as many species of antelope. Lodge in Senga Bay on Lake Malawi, absolutely beautiful location overlooking the lake. At Mzuzu in the city's historic hotel in the countryside.

On Viphya plateau still lodge in the forest surrounded by green located among hundreds of species of birds. The rooms in the lodge / chalet / hotel, is intended, unless otherwise requested, in double or, in rare cases, triple; 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!

#### THE PERIOD/SEASON

Temperatures depend largely on the season, from the latitudes and altitudes. We will have maximum temperatures by the S. Luangwa National Park, where the thermometer will reach over 30 °C and minimum in the Nyika National Park region, where temperatures drop at night to around 13 °C. On the right 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 each year!

We will cover approx 1800 km, 500 of which are dirty road to move into the parks and the rest of good tar road.

TEMPERATURE S °C AVERAGE	FEBRUARY	JULY	NOVEMBER
Lilongwe e	min 18 - max	min 7 - max	min 20 max
altipiani	27	23	32
South	min 22 - max	min 9 max 28	min 25 max
Luangwa n.p.	33		35

## 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!





# A SAFARI GUIDE

The numerous **game drives** (English definition that describes 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 have special preparation except the desire to get up at dawn and patience required in search of animals. Note that Safari 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 on open jeeps equipped for the safari.

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

Then the vehicle must be in the right place at the right time to see what you want; we prefer that a sanctuary of nature such as the South Luangwa National Park preserve this spirit of adventure that so characterizes it.

Important information: in the parks or in the camps, will be made to sign a disclaimer of responsibility required to access given the nature of the place.







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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 I LILONGWE, MALAWI

Check-in in Lilongwe, Malawi, welcoming and warm country:

Its people have a warm and hospitable heart that in no other country in Africa we have ever heard. Away 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. Meeting with the staff of Africa Wild Truck and transfer to the lodge located in a pleasant and green area in the city. Half board.

#### DAY 2 LILONGWE - SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

Traveling to Zambia and arrival at the South Luangwa National Park, crossing a buffer zone surrounded by villages. In the afternoon watch the animals from the amazing location of the field, and the first night safari in search of all those nocturnal predators such as lions, hyenas and leopards, with the possibility of course spotting elephants, giraffes, buffaloes and other wild animals. Overnight at the lodge on the banks of the Luangwa River. Often they observe hippos, elephants and giraffes cross the river. Full board.

# **DAY 3 SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK**

The rich diversity of habitats will be immediately apparent in our first morning safari and during the night drive, 4x4 safaris during the evening hours, when it is easier to spot nocturnal animals: deep in the South Luangwa National Park in search of lions, leopards , hyenas, genets, civets, nightjar ... in this park you can spot the rare wild dog, they are unfortunately endangered. Overnight at the lodge on the banks of the Luangwa River. Full board.

# **DAY 4 SOUTH LUANGWA - MALAWI, LILONGWE**

Cross the border and return to Malawi towards Chitipi, small village on the outskirts of Lilongwe. We will cross a rural Malawi inhabited by the country's ethnic Chewa, where the language spoken is Chi-Chewa. If we are lucky we will be able to meet the masks of Gule Wamkulu, secret ceremony and dance that is showcased at special moments such as births, traditional festivals and significant moments in the life of man and woman. Overnight at the lodge. Half board

#### **DAY 5 LILONGWE - VIPHYA FOREST RESERVE**

Northern direction, after passing the city of Kasungu and the many inselberg, granite rocks that dot the landscape, we will enter in the Forest Reserve of Viphya at 1600 m. Many rivers cut these numerous valleys and this area is one of the few places in Africa that is malaria free, given the cool climate all year round. Night in the brachystegia forest at the lodge. Full board

# **DAY 6 VIPHYA FOREST RESERVE**

A day within the Forest Reserve where we will organize a short trek in the forest where we will have chance to discover the beauty and the Viphya Plateau views. This paradise offers incredible sightings both for birds (nectarines such as double collard sunbird, eagles, vultures, herons and egrets are easy to spot) and for mammals (hyenas can often be heard, while baboons, vervet monkeys, bushbucks, duikers are easy to spot. Leopards inhabit the area, along with owls, porcupines and mongooses. Overnight as the night before. Full board

#### **DAY 7 VIPHYA F. RESERVE - MZUZU**

We still head north towards Mzuzu, the main town in the north of Malawi. Mzuzu offers the chance to experience a slice of life in a Malawian city. Quiet and delicious with its splendid gardens, Mzuzu is vibrant and colorful and the main street is full of with people. An opportunity to get in touch with this important aspect of Malawian life. Overnight in known and popular hotel in the center, surrounded by greenery. Half board













#### **DAY 8 MZUZU - NYIKA NATIONAL PARK**

A journey through wild and little tourist views. Arrival at Nyika National Park, beauty set among the 2000 and 2600 meters above sea level, with one of the most spectacular scenery and unusual landscapes in Central Africa. The view that one enjoys from the peak is truly amazing. Overnight in a lodge in an amazing location, one of the most beautiful areas of Africa; the lodge area is, again, malaria free. Full board.

#### **DAY 9 NYIKA NATIONAL PARK**

Giornata dedicata al safari nel Nyika national park, più grande e più antico parco A day dedicated to the safari's in Nyika National Park, the largest and oldest national park in Malawi where recently have been discovered rock paintings dating back to 3000 years ago. With its unique vegetation that grows at 2000 meters above sea level attracts hundreds of species relatively easy to spot in the large free park portions of the forest: among them we see roan antelope, eland, zebra, jackals, hyenas and leopards. Overnight like the night before. Full board.



A journey through wild landscapes to arrive on the third largest lake in Africa in a beautiful bay between the fishing villages. geologically important because it is located far south of the Rift Valley, home to about 1,000 species of fish of which more than 350 endemic and about a third of known Cichlids of the entire planet. Its banks offer white beaches and golden sand. Overnight at the lodge on the shores of Lake Malawi. Bed and breakfast

#### DAY II MAKUZI BEACH

Relax in this small remote corner of Malawi, where fishermen ply on the waters of the lake with their small boats. It a fundamental ecosystem for the entire region for its climate control function, of vital freshwater reservoir for the people and for the birds of the region. For those who want, a variety of activities are offered including diving and horseback riding in the forest or on the beach. Overnight as the night before. Bed and breakfast

#### DAY 12 MAKUZI BEACH - SENGA BAY FOREST RESERVE

Leave Makuzi Beach to reach a place where very impressive landscape that not only amazes us, but also the Senga Bay forest where monkeys and hyrax are easy to spot. Overnight at the lodge overlooking Lake Malawi. Half board

#### DAY 13 SENGA FOREST RESERVE - LILONGWE

Return to Lilongwe, a few kilometers separate us from the capital and the international airport for the return flight.

\*[Write us for Accommodation and lodge list]







# EXTENSIONS!

- LAKE MALAWI BEACHES
- INDIAN OCEAN
- NTCHISI FOREST
- MULANJE, AWT BASE

# **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.



# **QUOTA DI PARTECIPAZIONE: 3250 Usd**

incluse VAT 16,5%, Tourism Levy 1%

PARTICIPANTS: MIN 4, MAX 9

## **DISCOUNTS**

The following discounts are possible:

Discount of 50Usd 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 S. Luangwa national park, and Nyika national park)
- all overnights in comfort lodges as per 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 and Zambian Visa
- Supplemento camera singola (15%)
  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!)
- Meals where indicated bed and breakfast
- any possible personal expense
- anything not expressely specified under "The fee includes"

## ATTENDANCE MODE

Attendance fee deposit is of 1000 USd.

The rest of the fee - as of 2,250Usd - can be paid in different modes that will be definied 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".

**WE ACCEPT** 







# TRAVEL TIPS

#### **HEALTH**

No obligation to vaccination. Write to us to have more information! Note that on

Nyika (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
- useiing 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.



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**

each person shall have just a big backpack (max 15 kg), with max. dimensions 30x40x50 cm (60 liters) besides a standard small bag with photopraphic

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





# **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
- belly pack for passport
- sunglasses
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# **OTHER**

- binoculars
- head torch-light
- water bottle
- camera/videocamera/spare batteries!!
- passport photocopy and 2 passport photos

# PERIOD

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









# **ECO TOURISM**

#### AFRICA WILD TRUCK SUPPORT

Africa Wild Truck travel philosophy has the aim to mimimize 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 COMMITTMENT

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 <u>AROUND AWT</u> 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 <u>AITR</u>, Italian Association for Responsible Tourism and <u>TIES</u>, 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 COMMITTMENT**

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 COMMITTMENT**

• 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 <u>AROUND AWT</u> and other associations also through the programming of the travels/expeditions. We are members of the <u>TIES</u>, International Ecotourism Society and of <u>AITR</u>, 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 <u>AROUND AWT</u>.

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 <u>AROUND AWT</u>, 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.





# **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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- 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% FORFFITED
- 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 responsability 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  $30 \times 40 \times 50$  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  $\mathbf{\leqslant}$  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 it's 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 it's 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 <a href="https://www.africawildtruck.com">www.africawildtruck.com</a> 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.

