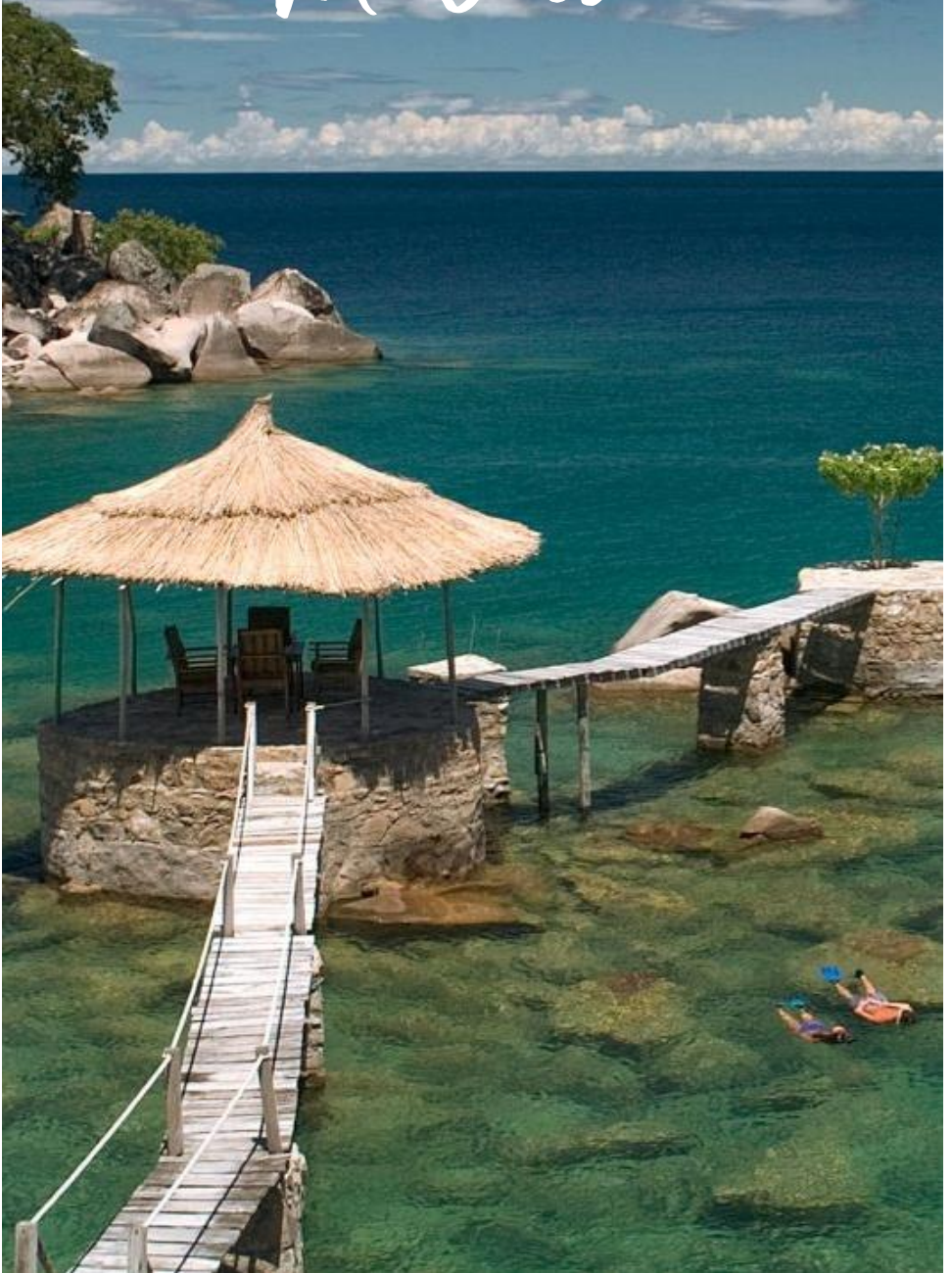


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Squeezed between southern and eastern Africa, the little country of Malawi offers a variety of attractions: lakes, rivers, mountains, game parks and villages. Its people are also a big attraction, and they are often referred to as some of the friendliest people in Africa. We think it has a subtle appeal; if you get the chance to perch on a mountain cliff above Cape Maclear and watch the sun sink into Lake Malawi as fishermen return to shore with the day's catch, you'll understand what we mean. The pace of life in Malawi is timeless, and the warm, sleepy atmosphere makes it impossible not to relax.

VISAS & TAXES

A tourist visa may be purchased online from the Malawi e-Visa system website at <https://evisa.gov.mw/> or upon arrival. Please refer to your Pre-Travel Checklist and itinerary for details. If you are not a US passport holder your entry requirements may vary; please contact your local government office for entry requirements.

Passengers flying out of Malawi are required to pay a departure tax directly at the airport. Please refer to your itinerary for details. All government fees are subject to change without notice.

Visa fees and departure taxes must be paid in cash directly at the airport. Exact change is required.

CURRENCY

Malawi's currency is the Malawi kwacha. We recommend that you carry US\$ cash in small denominations. In some areas these can be used for tips and purchases, in others you will need to change to the local currency.

CREDIT CARDS

Some major credit cards are accepted such as Visa and MasterCard, but American Express and Diners Club are often not

accepted. Please note that Discover Card is basically unknown in southern Africa.

PERSONAL SAFETY

Malawi is a relatively safe destination with a low crime rate. The greatest danger is wild animals; always observe park rules, never get out of your vehicle unless you are certain that it is safe, and never confront wild animals.

At safari lodges/camps, listen to the camp staff and guides. Safety precautions need to be taken seriously, and strictly adhered to.

LANGUAGE

English and Chichewa are the official languages of Malawi. Chichewa is spoken by nearly 60% of the population

RECOMMENDED READING

- * *Malawi - Lake of the Stars* - Frank Johnston
- Africa's Top Wildlife Countries* - Nolting, M.
- Venture into the Interior* - Laurens van der Post
- Livingstone's Lake* - O. Ransford
- The Spectrum Guide to Malawi* - White and Douglas



- * *Field Guide to the Mammals of Africa including Madagascar* - Haltenorth, T., Diller, H.
- * *Safari Companion, Behavior Guide to African Mammals* - Estes, R.

JUST FOR FUN

- * Lake Malawi National Park near Cape Maclear at the southern tip of the lake is a World Heritage Site and was the world's first freshwater national park.
- * Lake Malawi, Africa's third-largest lake, covers 20% of the country. The lake's fish provide the main source of protein for most Malawians, and an estimated 500-1,000 fish species are thought to be unique to Lake Malawi. The variety of fish there is greater than any found in all the lakes of both Europe and North America.
- * The mushroom-shaped straw roofs in Malawi are designed to protect the mud walls of huts during heavy rains.
- * Courtesy and cooperation are highly valued in Malawi, and most visitors are impressed with the residents' warmth and politeness. Although the country is densely populated and the people are relatively poor, they welcomed, housed and fed close to 1 million refugees from the civil war in Mozambique. Most of those refugees returned to Mozambique after the civil war ended in 1994.
- * Malawi fishermen use canoes (bwatos) made from hollow tree trunks to fish on the lake.

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Temp.		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
LIL	°F	62/80	64/80	60/80	57/80	51/79	46/75	46/75	48/77	53/82	59/86	63/84	64/80	
LIL	°C	17/27	17/27	16/27	14/27	11/25	8/23	7/23	8/25	12/27	15/30	17/29	18/28	
*Rain variations occur each year. Amounts are dependent on your specific location.														
Rain		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
LIL	in	8.19	8.58	4.40	1.69	0.11	0	0	0	0	0	2.10	4.92	
LIL	mm	208	218	125	43	3	0	0	0	0	0	53	125	
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