

Mkulumadzi is on the banks of the Shire River is close to where it plunges into the Kapichira Falls. Our eight stunning chalets, each with their own lounge and en-suite bathroom, also have private viewing decks where you can relax, sit back and fall under the spell of the sights and sounds of the river. Far from the madding crowd with everything you need; from a pool, viewing deck and terrace, to indoor and outdoor dining, a cosy bar and even a lapa for evening campfires.

GPS Coordinates: 15°49'2.61"S 34°44'8.40"E

The Lodge

Accommodation

- Eight chalets.
- Three double, two twins, one honeymoon and two family chalets.
- Each family chalet is made of two en-suite bedrooms connected by a lounge area.
- There is an infinity pool overlooking the Shire River.

Facilities

- En-suite bathrooms with double basins and both shower & bath.
- Each chalet has tea/coffee making facilities as well as a stocked minibar fridge.
- There is no WIFI or telephone reception.

Activities

Game-drives, bush walks, cultural tours, and to nearby Elephant Marsh and game-viewing from a hide.

Meals & Drinks

- The rate is inclusive of all local drinks & meals.
- We also offer a connoisseurs' wine & spirits list at an extra cost.
- Nut Allergies: While fully capable of catering for most dietary requests, we regrettably are unable to cater for people with severe nut allergies as we cannot guarantee a completely nut free environment.

Electricity & Water

The lodge is run on solar power with a backup generator for cloudy days.

Tap water is from a borehole and is safe for drinking; bottled water is also provided at the lodge free of charge.

'Evening breeze' air conditioning

Evening Breeze air conditioning units have been installed in all rooms. It is designed to cool the air within your mosquito net and not the entire room.

Children's Policy

- Children of all ages are welcome.
- Two family suites available.

Payment for extras

All extras can be paid in cash (local currency, US\$, Euro or British Pounds) only.

US dollar bills – we only accept the new notes with large heads as any with small heads are not accepted in Malawi.

Tipping

Is not expected but always enthusiastically received if you are happy with the service. Please always give tips for the staff to the management to be shared out and kindly tip your guide individually.

Open

16 March – 9 January

Travel information

International flights

South African Airways, Ethiopian Airways and Kenya Airways fly into Blantyre and Lilongwe.

Getting to the lodge

It is a 2-hour scenic road transfer from Blantyre to the lodge.

From Lilongwe guests are advised to take a 1.5-hour flight in a small aircraft to the Majete Airstrip airstrip*. Road transfer from the airstrip to the lodge is approximately 20 minutes.

It is also possible to do a 6.5-hour road transfer from Lilongwe.

*During the rainy season the Nchalo airstrip is used (45-minute drive to the lodge) and in the event of bad weather conditions only Chileka Airport in Blantyre is operational. It is a 1 hour 45-minute drive to the lodge from here.

Guests coming from South Luangwa in Zambia should take a 2-hour charter flight to Blantyre where they will clear customs and continue on a 2-hour scenic road transfer to the lodge.

Please note that entrance to the park is restricted to the hours 7am – 6pm. Special arrangements need to be made in advance for arrivals outside of these times.

Visas

All travellers must be in possession of a valid passport when entering and leaving the country. Please do check with Department of Immigration Malawi if you need to apply for your visa in advance or can acquire it on arrival <https://www.immigration.gov.mw/visa/countries-whose-nationals-need-visa-when-coming-to-malawi/>.

When applying for the visa you will need to submit an invitation letter which we are happy to assist with! We would need the following information for the letter:

- Name of Traveller
- Date of Birth
- Passport Number
- Date of issue
- Date of expiry
- Nationality

Currently the visa fees available at the ports of entry are as follows:

Single entry (valid for 3 months) - US\$50

Multiple entry (valid for 6 months) - US\$150

Online visa service: applicants can register and login on the e-visa platform, fill and submit and applications, upload supporting documents including applicants' photo and pay the visa fees in advance in line with new payment arrangements. To apply for an e-visa, register and login to the Immigration website: www.immigration.gov.mw or www.evisa.gov.mw.

Airport Tax

Most airlines now include airport taxes in the tickets. But for charter flights these may still be payable, these will be communicated at the time of booking by our reservations team.

Health

All visitors should be medically insured.

- We recommend that visitors to Zambia take malaria prophylactics.
- Tetanus, polio, typhoid, and the hepatitis vaccinations are recommended.
- It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of an emergency.

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Please do ask for up to date health advice in your home country.

Insurance

We ask that full insurance is put in place at point of confirmation. We highly recommend that every guest has insurance that covers the following as a minimum:

- Cancellation and curtailment
- Medical costs (including full hospital costs should it be needed)
- Personal accident or death
- Emergency evacuation from the point of evacuation to the nearest best hospital and then back to the guest's hometown. Family or traveling partner should also be covered for accompanying an evacuation.

We cannot emphasize how important it is to be fully covered. Private hospitals in Africa will not accept a patient until full medical insurance has been established.

Additional information

Photography

Please be sensitive when photographing local people and their villages. Ask the guide or the villagers first. Be careful when photographing public buildings and persons in uniform - again, ask first.

No drones are allowed to be flown in the park.

What to bring

You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles).

Important items to bring along: Sunscreen, hat, good closed walking shoes, natural-coloured, safari-style clothing that can be layered - nothing bright, all charging cables and adaptors, binoculars, camera, medication you may have been prescribed including prophylactics. Depending on which time of the year you visit, a warm jacket and some gloves.

Climate

Depending on which time of year you visit, you may need waterproofs, a warm jacket or sunscreen. The dry months are from April till October and the wet months November till March. Temperatures range throughout the year from between 11-40 C.

Lodge Layout:

