

# KUTHENGO CAMP, LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK

## *The Camp*

### **Accommodation**

Modern safari tents, four units (two twin, one king, one family tent).

### **Facilities**

En-suite bathrooms with (double) basin(s), bath and outdoor showers.

### **Activities**

Game drives, boating safaris, walking safaris and hiking.

### **Meals & Drinks**

The rate is inclusive of all local drinks & meals. We also offer a connoisseurs' wine & spirits list at an extra cost.

### **Electricity & Water**

The camp runs off solar power with a backup generator for cloudy days.

Tap water is filtered, but not safe for drinking; bottled water is also provided at the camp free of charge.

### **'Evening breeze' air conditioning**

Evening Breeze (an environmentally-friendly cooling system for the beds) 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.

### **Payment for extras**

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

### **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**

Open all year round.

## *Travel information*

### **International flights**

South African Airways, Ethiopian Airways and Kenya Airways fly into Blantyre and Lilongwe, Malawi. South African Airways, Kenya Airways and Emirates fly into Lusaka, Zambia.

### **Getting to the camp**

It is a 3 – 4 hour road transfer from Lilongwe to the camp or a 1 hour light aircraft flight then a further on hour drive through the park.

From Blantyre it is a 2.5 hour drive to the camp.

Connecting to our sister lodge in Majete Wildlife Reserve, Mkulumadzi, it is a 4 hour 30 minute road transfer and to Pumulani, Lake Malawi our other sister lodge it is 2.5 hours by road.

Guests coming from South Luangwa in Zambia take a 1 hour charter flight to Lilongwe where they will clear immigration and continue on a 3 – 4 hour road transfer or 1 hour flight as above.

Please note that entrance to the park is restricted to the hours 6am – 6pm.

### **Meet and greet**

In Lilongwe & Blantyre - you will be met by a RPS representative who will assist you with immigration formalities. If you have any problem, please call Robin Pope Safaris on +265 (0) 1795483 / 4491 OR +265 (0) 993 504 600 for further assistance.

### **Visas**

Visitors from most countries will be issued with a visa on arrival BUT do confirm with us at time of booking.

### **Airport Tax**

An international departure tax of USD 35 per person must be paid at Lilongwe / Blantyre airports – but included in all international flights, so may apply only to charter flights.

A domestic departure tax of approximately 2000 Malawi Kwacha (approximately USD 7) per person has to be paid at Lilongwe / Blantyre airports.

### **Health**

All visitors should be medically insured. We recommend that visitors to Malawi take malaria prophylactics. Tetanus, polio, typhoid and the hepatitis vaccinations are recommended. Yellow fever immunisation is required only by visitors entering Malawi from a yellow fever zone.

It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of an emergency.

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

### **Insurance**

We highly recommend full Trip Cancellation Insurance. Robin Pope Safaris bears no responsibility for any delays, cancellation of flights or change of itinerary and retains the right to alter or cancel an activity with just reason.

### **Cancellation Policy**

Confirmation to 91 days - 20% of accommodation only, then full invoice (excluding park fees) 90 – 61 days 25%, 60 – 31 days 50%, 30 – 0 days 100%. Cancellation fees will be applied. We highly recommend that you ensure full “Trip Cancellation Insurance” is bought at time of confirmation.

## *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.

### **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).

Domestic baggage allowance - 12kg for checked luggage and 3kg for hand luggage (this is 15kg max per person ONLY if total weight falls within weight and balance graph of aircraft for the specific flight; body weights are taken into consideration).

Important items to bring: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, torch, binoculars and film/photo camera.

### **Climate**

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