

## Valley & Lake

- **Itinerary** South Luangwa 6 nights & Pumulani, Lake Malawi 4 nights
- **Includes** Transfers starting Lusaka, Zambia and ending Lilongwe, Malawi; accommodation, full board, all local drinks, all activities (except motorized water sports), laundry
- **Excludes** Gratuities, visa fees where applicable + international flights
- **Valid** May to mid-Nov

The **Luangwa Valley**, which marks the end of the Great Rift Valley, is one of the last unspoiled wilderness areas and possibly the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa. It covers an area of over 9000 sq. km. through which the meandering Luangwa River runs. The ox bow lagoons, woodland and plains of the valley host huge concentrations of game - including elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, hippo - and over 450 species of birds.

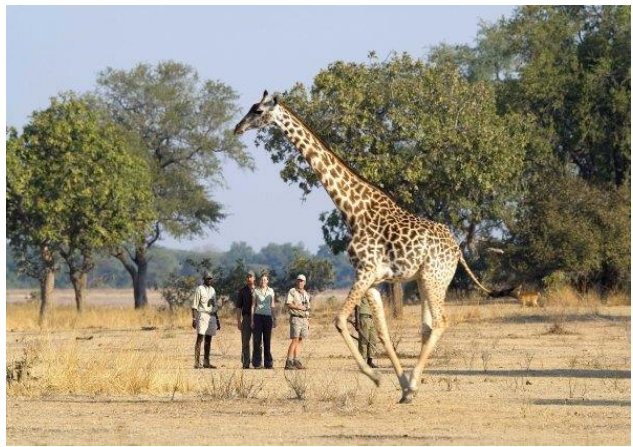
**Malawi** is a landlocked country, running down the end of the Great Rift Valley. Dominated by Lake Malawi, the third largest lake in Africa, the surrounding country is exceptionally beautiful with dramatic scenery that includes rocky outcrops, high mountains, plateaus and views across what is considered to be Africa's most beautiful lake. Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa" and as a people the Malawians live up to this name. They are extremely friendly and welcoming. There are many market scenes, road side stalls, cottage industries that a visitor can comfortably visit. With both the scenery and the culture Malawi is a great country to drive in.

**Day 1** On arrival at Lusaka International Airport, you will be met by a Robin Pope Safaris' representative who will have a name board with your names. You will be assisted to check in for your flight to Mfuwe, South Luangwa. The flight is on average one hour. At Mfuwe International Airport a guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you. The drive to Luangwa River Camp is 1 hour through colourful local scenes of villages, agriculture as well as bush.



The ten bedded camp is situated opposite the Luangwa Wafwa (a game rich area of the park) in the Upper Lupande Game Management Area. The main area is elevated on wooden decks affording great views of the park and river. The swimming pool is sunk into the deck.

Seating areas are all elevated and open plan with a bar area as well as a dining and reading area. Depending on your arrival time you may settle in for some lunch, siesta then off on an afternoon activity. There is an option to turn back after sundowners or continue to see what nocturnals you can spot, returning to camp by 8pm. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP**



**Day 2-3** A full two days to explore, either on foot or on a game drive. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP**

**Day 4** After an early breakfast, a transfer game drive through the park to Tena Tena Camp in the Nsefu Sector, game viewing en route. The Nsefu Sector was recognised then as a phenomenal area and it still is. This remote and small camp lies within the National Park and enjoys a stunning location on a bend of the Luangwa River. A grove of mahogany trees shades the large custom-made tents. From the thatched dining room and bar, guests can watch the elephants, hippo and antelope on the riverbank. Tena Tena has 6 tents, each with a dressing room, open air bathroom and private verandah that overlooks a water hole. Most meals are taken under the shade of a huge Mahogany tree in the centre of the camp. On arrival you will be shown to your tent and then lunch will be served followed by a siesta and then tea before the afternoon and evening game drive. **TENA TENA**



**Day 5-6** A full couple of days to explore the Nsefu Sector with a choice between game drives and safari walks. **TENA TENA**

**Day 7** After breakfast you will transfer to Mfuwe Airport (1.5 hours) for your flight to Lilongwe. The flight time to Lilongwe is approximately 50 minutes. On arrival at Lilongwe's Kamuzu Airport, you will be met by our team and assisted to your Pumulani transfer. Pumulani is situated on the Westside of the Nankumba Peninsula in the South end of Lake Malawi - romantically called "The Lake of Stars". The ten villas are scattered around the hillside and are individual in shape and style but all have a spacious bedroom, bathroom and extensive sitting area. The front sliding doors open onto the deck - elevated above the ground giving optimal views.



The central dining and bar area is high above the lake with the most spectacular views and leads onto an expansive deck. The infinity swimming pools are on a lower terraced deck by the main lodge and on beach level. The lake shore bar offers light snacks as well as refreshments. Meals will be served in the dining area, on the beach or by arrangement on your private deck. The stunning setting of the lodge and the unique comfort of the rooms means that many guests choose to make relaxation their main activity, but there is enough activities available to keep guests busy. **PUMULANI**

**Day 8** Enjoy the first full day of relaxation at Pumulani. Our remote beach setting is ideal for those who simply want to soak up the sun and swim in the clear blue waters of the lake. Those who prefer to take a dive in the swimming pool, there is an infinity pool near the central dining area with grand views over the lake, as well as another infinity pool on beach level. For those seeking activity we offer many water sports activities like snorkeling, fishing, sailing, kayaking, waterskiing, wake boarding and fun tube rides (all motorized activities are excluded). At the end of the day step onto the boat and enjoy the ever-beautiful African sunset. **PUMULANI**



**Day 9-10** Lake Malawi is the world's most ecologically diverse lake. Its crystal clear waters are home to more than a thousand species of fish, including hundreds of species of colourful cichlids. We offer special diving courses at the best diving spots near one of the islands. For those who are interested in the real Malawian village life we offer guided walks through one of the local villages. Malawians are renowned for being amongst the friendliest people in Africa and during your stay you will have the opportunity to meet them. You can also simply relax in the beautiful and tranquil scenery or can enjoy the many other activities. **PUMULANI**

**Day 11** Depending on your onward connection, you may have a lazy morning or early breakfast before heading off to Lilongwe. **END OF SAFARI**