



## CLASSIC ROUTE MALAWI

The CLASSIC ROUTE covers some **highlights of Malawi** (area: 118,484 km<sup>2</sup>), commonly known as “the warm heart of Africa” or “Africa for beginners” with the “lake of stars” – Lake Malawi.

### Itinerary: Blantyre – Mvuu Wilderness Area & Lake Malawi

**Day 1** Arrival at **Blantyre**, also the commercial and industrial capital of Malawi. You will be met and transferred to your comfortable hotel. Time permitting, you could visit one of the most impressive buildings in the city: the CCAP Church, officially called the Church of St Michael and All Angels; it was built in 1891 by Scottish missionaries who had no construction training, using only local handmade bricks and wood. **Overnight in Blantyre**



**Day 2** Transfer north into the **Liwonde National Park** to your lodge along the **Shire** River. You will probably be greeted by a hippo first, and a safari guide second. On an afternoon and night drive one often comes across spotted genets, bushbabies, scrub hares, side-striped jackals and even spotted hyenas. **Overnight in the Liwonde National Park**

**Day 3** The **Liwonde National Park** is the closest thing Malawi has to a traditional game park. The Shire River overflows with hippos and crocodiles and it a favourite stomping ground for elephants. Waterbucks are also very common near the water, while beautiful sable and roan antelopes, zebras and eland populate the surreal flood plains in the east. One of the real pleasures are boat cruises on the Shire River where you can see fish eagles and a whole host of other water birds. **Overnight in the Liwonde National Park**

**Day 4-7** Transfer onto **Mumbo Island** in the southern tip of **Lake Malawi** and part of the **Lake Malawi National Park** (also a World Heritage Site). Dominating the country’s landscape, the irresistible Lake Malawi draws in visitors with the promise of clean waters, beautiful marine life and days spent lazing on picture-perfect beaches. It has often been described as an inland sea. The lake’s enigmatic weather often entertains storms thick enough to rouse 5m waves and intimidating swells, shifting within an hour to flawless blue skies reflected in the water’s glassy veneer. An aquatic adventure at the lake is a must! **Overnight at the Lake Malawi**



**Day 8** Charter flight to either Blantyre or Lilongwe for departure

