



MALAWI

LAKE OF STARS FESTIVAL PACKAGES

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Central African Wilderness Safaris, with 30 years of crafting the finest safaris in Malawi, are offering four great safari options based around the 2016 Lake of Stars Festival taking place from September 30th to October 2nd at Chintheche Inn. These itineraries concentrate on Malawi's finest wildlife destinations, Nyika and Liwonde National Parks.

The award-winning international Lake of Stars Festival is returning to the northern shores of Lake Malawi for the first time since 2007. The festival provides the perfect opportunity to explore some of the other delights that Malawi has to offer. Our choice of four itineraries offer small, exclusive trips for a minimum of six and a maximum of eight guests. The two Explorer tours include a three day entry ticket to the Lake of Stars Festival and simple tented accommodation in a specially prepared camping area. For those who prefer to make their own arrangements during the festival, our add-on trips are available as short itineraries. All trips are accompanied by experienced field guides and include transportation in high quality CAWS vehicles.

Itineraries

1. Southern Malawi Explorer: 27th September to 3rd October

- **27th September** - Meet in Lilongwe and drive five hours south to Liwonde National Park for three nights at spectacular [Mvuu Camp](#) for game viewing by boat, by vehicle and on foot.

Mvuu Camp boasts fantastic views overlooking a broad stretch of the Shire River in Liwonde National Park and is comprised of a clever mix of stone and canvas chalets. An impressive thatched dining and lounge area is situated between two enormous baobabs, and dinners are sometimes held under the stars in a specially constructed boma.

Liwonde National Park is the jewel in the crown of Malawi's wildlife destinations with some of the finest game viewing and birding in the country, including large numbers of elephant, reedbuck, waterbuck and sable, with a dense population of hippo and crocodile in the river. Buffalo, warthog, zebra, kudu, and prolific bird life also abound, such as the Böhm's bee-eater and endemic Lilian's Lovebird.

- **30th September** - Early start for the beautiful drive north to Chintheche Inn and the Lake of Stars Festival for three days of exciting live music, DJ's, dance, fashion, theatre, poetry and more from the biggest names in Malawi and special guests from across the world. Previous international performers at the festival have included Andy Cato (Groove Armada), Beverley Knight, Bombay Bicycle Club, Felix B (Basement Jaxx), Foals, Freshlyground, Get Cape. Wear Cape. Fly, The Maccabees, Mafikizolo, Mokoomba, Nick Mulvey, The Noisettes, Oliver Mtukudzi, Seth Lakeman, Toya Delazy, Uhuru, The Very Best, Young Fathers and many more.

The setting for the festival is the stunning Chintheche Inn, set on the northern shores of Lake Malawi and boasting lush gardens, a soft white-sand beach and crystal clear water. The surrounding area is characterised by pristine, palm-fringed beaches and dotted by fishing villages and patches of lowland tropical forest.

Accommodation during the festival will be in pre-erected tents located in a secure, shaded area. Bedding and a mattress will also be provided.

- **3rd October** – After the festival the vehicle will take you back to Lilongwe for your flight out or onward arrangements.

Cost per person sharing: \$1345 - minimum 6 pax, maximum 8

Included: Transfers with professional guide to Mvuu and then on to Chintheche and back to Lilongwe. Luxury sharing accommodation at Mvuu Camp with all meals and all game activities. Shared tent at Lake of Stars Festival and festival ticket

Excluded: Meals at the festival, drinks throughout, park entry fees at Liwonde National Park at \$20 per person, gratuities

2. Southern Malawi Festival add-on: 3rd October to 6th October

- **3rd October** - Collected from Chintheche Inn after the Lake of Stars Festival for the long drive south to Liwonde National Park for three nights at spectacular Mvuu Camp for game viewing by boat, by vehicle and on foot.
- **6th October** - Drive back to Lilongwe for your flight out or onward arrangements.

Cost per person sharing: \$950 - minimum 6 pax, maximum 8

Included: Transfers with professional guide to Mvuu from the festival and then on to Lilongwe, luxury sharing accommodation at Mvuu Camp with all meals and all game activities.

Excluded: Meals at the festival, festival tickets and accommodation during the festival, drinks throughout, park entry fees at Liwonde National Park at \$20 per person, gratuities.



3. Northern Malawi Explorer: 26th September to 3rd October

- **26th September** - Meet in Lilongwe and head north to [Luwawa Forest Lodge](#) for one night in comfortable en-suite rooms in a lovely forest setting. The lodge, situated at 1650 metres above sea level and Malaria free, is nestled in an ideally situated area of the Viphya mountains, in one of the most tranquil and scenic locations in the North of Malawi.
- **27th September** - Continue north to the fabled Nyika National Park and your accommodation at [Chelinda Camp](#). Enjoy three days of fine food and game viewing including options of daytime and night time drives, walking safaris and cycling. This is the best season for game viewing so you can expect plenty of good sightings.

Located high on the Nyika Plateau within Nyika National Park, Chelinda Camp overlooks a crystal-clear dam with panoramic views of rolling hills, isolated ridges and open high-altitude grasslands. Accommodation at Chelinda Camp is complete with comfortable furnishings and an inviting fireplace for those cosy nights.

Nyika is famed for its spectacular views as well as being the only big game Afro-montane area in south central Africa. The landscape and scenery is like no other in Africa, with easy access to pockets of wildlife, birdlife and plant life. Important populations of roan antelope, eland, Crawshay's zebra, southern reedbuck, bushbuck, warthog, spotted hyaena and side-striped jackal are located at Nyika, with leopard often seen in the daytime owing to the temperate climate. For bird enthusiasts, around 400 bird species occur at Nyika.

- **30th September** - Drive down to Chintcheche Inn on Lake Malawi for three days of live music, DJ's, dance, fashion, theatre poetry and more at the Lake of Stars Festival. Enjoy mingling with a mixed crowd of local festival goers and overseas visitors who have come to watch the biggest names in Malawi and special guests from across the world in the beautiful setting of Chintcheche Inn, with its soft white-sand beach and crystal clear water. Previous international performers at the festival have included Andy Cato (Groove Armada), Beverley Knight, Bombay Bicycle Club, Felix B (Basement Jaxx), Foals, Freshlyground, Get Cape. Wear Cape. Fly, The Maccabees, Mafikizolo, Mokoomba, Nick Mulvey, The Noisettes, Oliver Mtukudzi, Seth Lakeman, Toya Delazy, Uhuru, The Very Best, Young Fathers and many more.

Accommodation during the festival will be in pre-erected tents located in a secure, shaded area. Bedding and a mattress will also be provided.

- **3rd October** - The vehicle will take you back to Lilongwe for your flight out or onward arrangements.

Cost per person sharing: \$1355 - minimum 6 pax, maximum 8

Included: Transfers with professional guide to Luwawa, on to Chelinda, Chintcheche and back to Lilongwe. All meals and sharing accommodation at Luwawa, sharing accommodation at Chelinda Camp with all meals and all game activities. Shared tent at Lake of Stars Festival and festival ticket

Excluded: Meals at the festival, drinks throughout, park entry fees at Nyika at \$20 per person, gratuities



4. Northern Malawi Festival add-on: 3rd October to 7th October

- **3rd October** - Collected from Chintheche Inn after the Lake of Stars Festival for the drive north to Nyika National Park and your accommodation at Chelinda Camp. Three days of fine food and great game viewing.
- **6th October** - Drive south to Luwawa Forest Lodge for one night's rest in comfortable en-suite rooms in a lovely forest setting in the Viphya mountains.
- **7th October** - Drive back to Lilongwe for onward arrangements or flight out.

Cost per person sharing: \$910 - minimum 6 pax, maximum 8

Included: Transfers with professional guide to Chelinda from Chintheche and then on to Luwawa and Lilongwe. All meals and sharing accommodation at Luwawa, sharing accommodation at Chelinda Camp with all meals and all game activities

Excluded: Meals at the festival, festival tickets and accommodation, drinks throughout, park entry fees at Nyika at \$20 per person, gratuities.



How to book

To find out more about any of these itineraries or make a booking please contact us on M1@causmw.com.