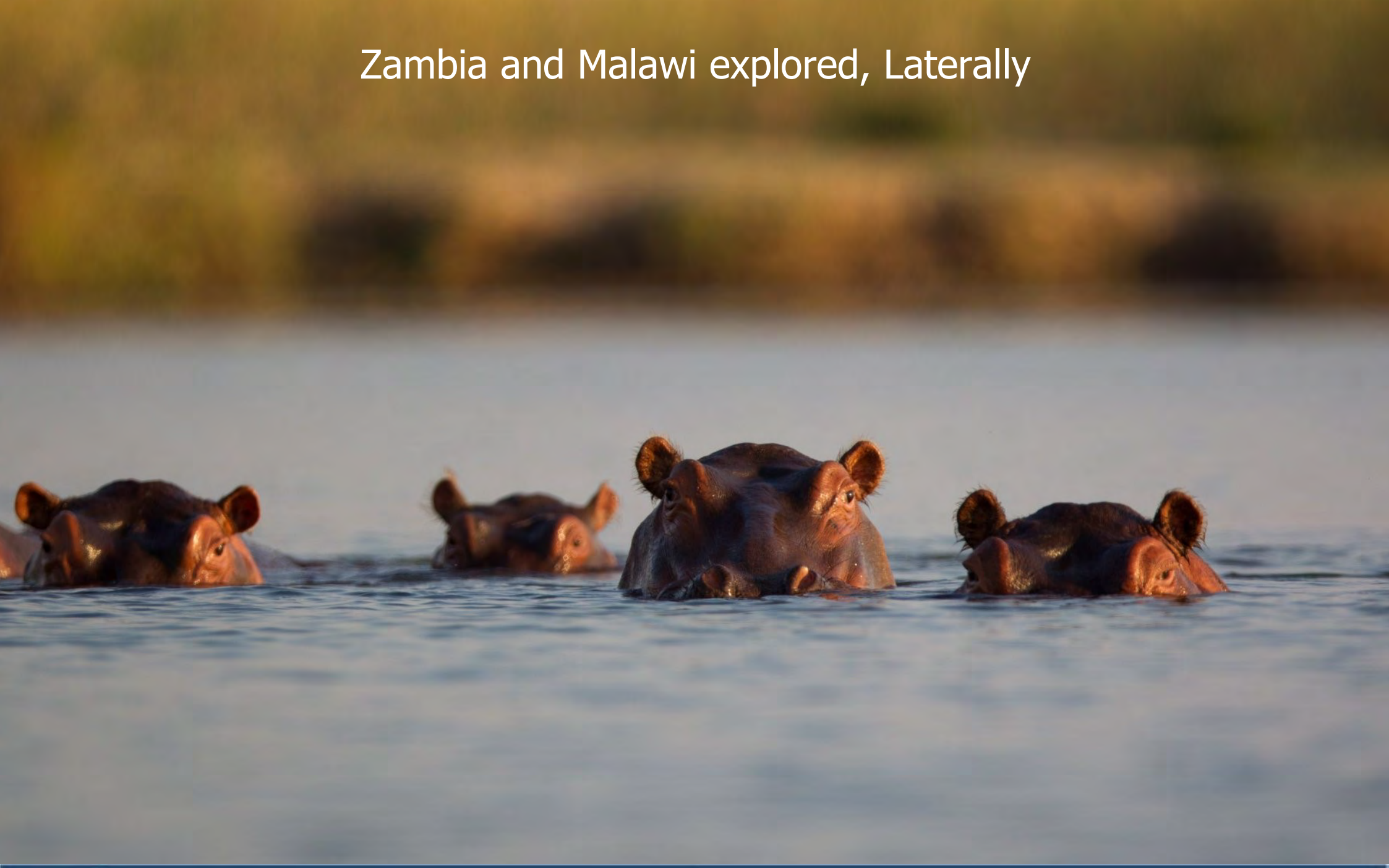
# Zambia and Malawi explored, Laterally



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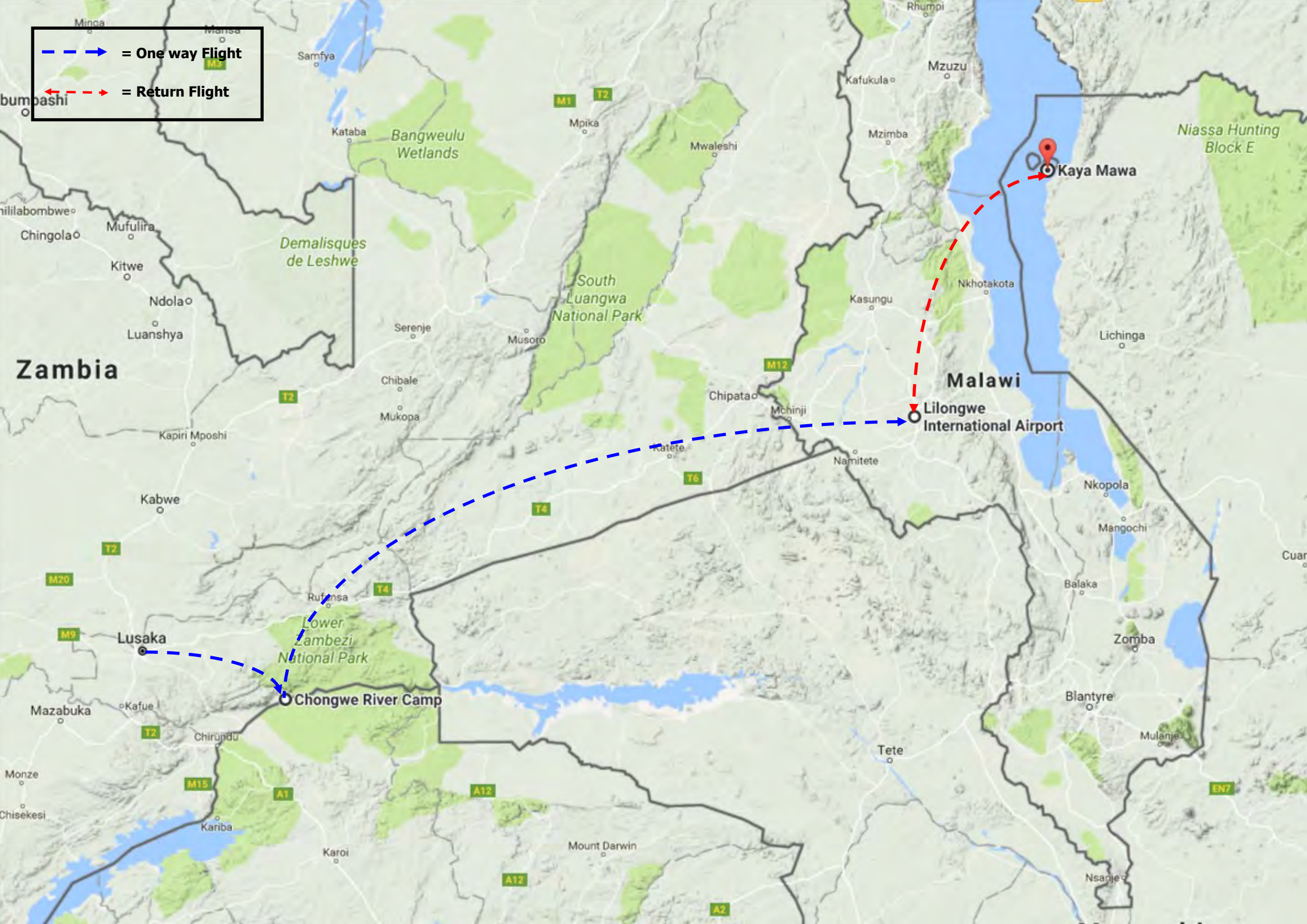
**Because I've always wanted to...**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## In a Nutshell...

Day 1, Aug 11 - Depart UK. Overnight flight.

Day 2, Aug 12 - The Lower Zambezi. Chongwe River Camp

Day 3, Aug 13 - On Safari. Chongwe River Camp

Day 4, Aug 14 - On Safari. Chongwe River Camp.

Day 5, Aug 15 - Tsika Island. Tsika Island Camp

Day 6, Aug 16 - Canoe Safari. Chongwe River Camp

Day 7, Aug 17 - To Likoma Island. Kaya Mawa

Day 8, Aug 18 - At leisure. Kaya Mawa

Day 9, Aug 19 - At leisure. Kaya Mawa

Day 10, Aug 20 - At leisure. Kaya Mawa

Day 11, Aug 21 - At leisure. Kaya Mawa

Day 12, Aug 22 - At leisure. Kaya Mawa

Day 13, Aug 23 - At leisure. Kaya Mawa

Day 14, Aug 24 - Homeward bound. Overnight flight

Day 15, Aug 25 - Welcome home

## Flights...

| Date | Airline & Flight Number | From | Departs | To | Arrives | Class |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Day 1 | | London LHR, T3 | | Dubai | Day 2 | |
| Day 2 | | Dubai | | Lusaka | | |
| Day 2 | | Lusaka | | Royal Air-strip | | |
| Day 7 | | Royal | | Lusaka | | |
| Day 7 | | Lusaka | | Lilongwe | | |
| Day 7 | | Lilongwe | | Likoma Is-land | | |
| Day 14 | | Likoma Island | | Lilongwe | | |
| Day 14 | | Lilongwe | | Johannes-burg | | |
| Day 14 | | Johannes-burg | | London | Day 15 | |

# Your Proposed Itinerary...

**Day 1, Depart UK**
This evening make your way to the airport in good time to check in for your overnight flight to Lusaka, Zambia.

**Accommodation:** Overnight flight
**Meals:** In flight

**Day 2, The Lower Zambezi**
Early this afternoon you will land in Lusaka.

On arrival in Lusaka you will be met and escorted to board a light aircraft for the 25 minute hop over the escarpment and into the Lower Zambezi National Park. You land at Royal Airstrip.

Upon arrival, you will be collected and driven to Chongwe River Camp, which is about a 10-15 drive depending what you see on the way. Chongwe River Camp is idyllically set on the confluence of the Chongwe and Zambezi Rivers.

The Lower Zambezi valley is a huge rift in the earth's crust, through which a mighty river flows. Over millennia, mineral-rich volcanic soils deposited by the Zambezi have nurtured lush vegetation, while old meanders and oxbow lakes add to the attraction for wildlife.

This park has strong populations of big game. Buffalo and elephant are common, and move freely between Zimbabwe and Zambia, often grazing on the islands in the middle of the river. The Lower Zambezi's antelope species are dominated by large herds of impala, but there are also good populations of kudu, eland, zebra, wildebeest, waterbuck, bushbuck and the odd duiker or grysbok.

In the river, crocodile and hippo are always present, but look also for the large water monitor lizard, which occurs frequently here.

The major predators in the Lower Zambezi are lion, leopard and spotted hyena. The varied terrain (with many large trees) seems to suit leopards, whilst the large herds of buffalo attract large prides of lion. Wild dogs occur, and generally also den in or near the park, although sightings tend to be sporadic.

**Accommodation:** Chongwe River Camp
**Meals:** Lunch and Dinner

**Days 3-4, On Safari in the Lower Zambezi**

There are a variety of activities available at Chongwe Camp: classic safari drives in open 4x4 vehicles, boat cruises on the mighty Zambezi, walking safaris, canoe safaris on one of the smaller channels off the main river or indeed fishing on the river. It's a great time of year for game viewing but also to try your hand at fishing for Tiger Fish. The sunset from the river ranks amongst the best in Africa!

**Accommodation:** Chongwe River Camp
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 5, Tsika Island**

This afternoon travel approx 20 kms upriver by boat to Tsika Island, a tiny island in the middle of the Zambezi with just 3 simple thatch and ferro open fronted chalets plus a dining area and firepit on the banks of the river. Very peaceful!

Tsika Island is a community partnership project and combines the canoeing safari with a cultural experience. If you wish you can visit the basic school at the nearby Mugurameno on the 'mainland'.

Have sundowners out on the river and then a hearty meal around the campfire in the evening before drifting off to sleep to the sounds of the bush and river. Elephants often visit this island both in the day and the evening as they cross from Zambia to Zimbabwe so listen out for them too!

**Accommodation:** Tsika Island
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 6, Canoe Safari**

Today you travel by canoe from Tsika Island back to Chongwe River Camp. This canoe safari along the mighty Zambezi provides great game viewing opportunities especially for elephants, hippos and birds and is a lovely way to travel. Stop off for a picnic lunch on one of the islands and arrive back at main camp mid afternoon for your final night in the Lower Zambezi.

**Accommodation:** Chongwe River Camp
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 7, To Likoma Island**
A travel day!

Today you will be driven to Royal airstrip to board a flight back to Lusaka. In Lusaka connect on to Lilongwe in Malawi and connect again to Likoma Island.

You will arrive at Kaya Mawa late afternoon and here spend the next 7 nights.

**Likoma Island** is an enclave of Malawi, completely surrounded by Mozambican waters, and was colonised by Anglican missionaries in the late 1800s. This island is a lovely spot, with beautiful beaches and African scenery featuring baobab trees and open grasslands. There is an impressive Anglican Cathedral here, a large structure in the main town of Mbamba that was built out of stone by the missionaries in 1903. There are very basic dirt roads spanning Likoma Island but most places can be reached on foot or by bike.

Kaya Mawa is 15 minutes away from the airstrip and staff will be waiting at the airstrip to transfer you and your luggage to the hotel.

Kaya Mawa, was built entirely by hand in conjunction with the local community and is designed cleverly with the rooms built into the rocky headland on which it is set. The feel here is generally Robinson Crusoe-esque with 11 thatched chalets of varying sizes, one private house which is perfect for a family or small group and a pristine golden sand beach. Kaya Mawa means 'maybe tomorrow' and you may find with that in mind you just want relax on the beach and soak up the atmosphere. However, water activities aside you can also walk or bike unguided into the local fishing villages to see the markets, textile workshop or one of the many community projects. Relax at Kaya Mawa or get involved with one of the many optional activities.

**Accommodation:** Kaya Mawa
**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Days 08-13, Kaya Mawa**
At leisure at Kaya Mawa.

There is heaps to do here – out on the water kayak, snorkel, dive, kite surf, paddle board, sail, waterski, ringo…etc etc. On land mountain bike, quadbike, visit the church and the island, visit the Katundu textiles workshop and try not to

spend all of your remaining cash or challenge the local kids to a game of football! If it's all too much just kick back on the white sand beach with a good book!

*Please note: All non-motorised activities are included. Motorised activities and drinks are excluded.*

**Accommodation:** Kaya Mawa
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 14, Homeward bound from Likoma Island**
Today you leave beautiful Kaya Mawa and return to the airstrip for a light aircraft flight to Lilongwe departing Likoma at approx. 11:00.

On arrival in Lilongwe connect onto your international flight back to the UK.

**Accommodation:** Overnight flight
**Meals:** Breakfast & In-flight meals

**Day 15, Welcome Home**
Land back in London this morning. Welcome home.

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# ...sleeping Laterally

**Chongwe River Camp, Lower Zambezi, Zambia**
Chongwe River Camp is situated on the confluence of the Chongwe and Zambezi Rivers, directly opposite Mana Pools which lies on the other side of the river in Zimbabwe. The camp itself looks onto the confluence of the two rivers and the mountains of the escarpment to the north.

This refreshingly unpretentious camp is comfortable without being overly luxurious - the focus here is on the safari experience. All fittings in the comfortable tented rooms dotted along the river are made from natural materials found near the lodge. Activities include game drives, walks, boat safaris, canoeing, fishing and community visits.

www.chongwe.com

**Tsika Island Camp, Lower Zambezi, Zambia**
Tsika Island is located in the middle of the Zambezi River between Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park and Zimbabwe's famed Mana Pools. The island is part of Chongwe Safaris but is owned and run by the local community with all profits going back into the local village.

There are just 3 simple chalets on the island all with views out over the river. Tsika is beautifully calm and rustic and a wonderful place to spend a night before embarking on canoe safari on the Zambezi. There are no natural predators on Tsika but the island is often visited by elephants crossing the Zambezi.

www.lowerzambezi.com/tsika-island-camp.html

# Laterally sleeping…

**Kaya Mawa, Likoma Island, Malawi**
Kaya Mawa, set on the quaint Likoma Island, was built entirely by hand in conjunction with the local community and is designed cleverly with the rooms built into the rocky headland on which it is set.

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www.greensafaris.com/kaya-mawa