



Pictus Safaris Trip Report – Malawi 2022

Abstract

The admirable conservation work being done in Malawi continues to go from strength to strength, and this tour visited several of the most impressive wilderness and cultural areas in this stunning country. The rock art in Dedza, dense forests of the Zomba Plateau and world-famous snorkelling cichlids of Lake Malawi complement the excellent game-viewing in Malawi's flagship reserves, Majete and Liwonde.

Visiting in the height of the dry season has its pros and cons, but the main benefit is undoubtedly the concentration of wildlife along the Shire River. Hippo, elephant and several species of antelope now congregate along this water source in impressive numbers. Wildlife highlights in this tour undoubtedly included excellent elephant viewing, in addition to lion, cheetah and wild dog.

At a Glance

Dates	October 4 th – October 15 th , 2022
Number of Clients	2
Countries Visited	Malawi
Key Target(s)	African Wild Dog, Cheetah, Leopard
Total Mammal Species Recorded	29



Itinerary

Day	Destination	Accommodation
October 4 th , 2022	Dedza, Malawi	Dedza Pottery Lodge
October 5 th – October 6 th , 2022	Zomba Plateau, Malawi	Zomba Forest Lodge
October 7 th – October 8 th , 2022	Majete WR, Malawi	Thawale Lodge
October 9 th – October 11 th , 2022	Liwonde NP, Malawi	Mvuu Campsite
October 12 th – October 13 th , 2022	Lake Malawi	Cape Mac Lodge
October 14 th , 2022	Lilongwe, Malawi	Latitude 13
October 15 th , 2022	Tour End	N/A

Mammal List – 29 species

Species	Scientific Name	Location(s)*
Carnivora – 7 species		
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	LNP
Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	LNP
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	MWR
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	MWR
African Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	LNP
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	MWR, LNP
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	MWR, LNP
Cetartiodactyla – 15 species		
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	MWR, LNP
(Lichtenstein's) Hartebeest	<i>Alcephalus buselaphus</i>	MWR
Southern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>	MWR
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	MWR, LNP
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	MWR, LNP
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	MWR, LNP
Suni	<i>Nesotragus moschatus</i>	MWR
Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>	LNP
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	MWR, LNP
Sharpe's Grysbok	<i>Raphicerus sharpei</i>	MWR
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	MWR, LNP
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	MWR
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	LNP
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	MWR, LNP
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	MWR, LNP
Perissodactyla – 2 species		
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Withheld
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	MWR, LNP
Primates – 4 species		
Blue Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>	MWR
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	MWR, LNP
Southern Lesser Galago	<i>Galago moholi</i>	MWR
Yellow Baboon	<i>Papio cynocephalus</i>	MWR, LNP



<i>Proboscidea – 1 species</i>		
African Bush Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	MWR, LNP

*MWR – Majete WR, LNP – Liwonde NP

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Pictus Safaris can be contacted by email at contact@pictus-safaris.com or via our website at www.pictus-safaris.com. We are a tour operator specialising in small-group and private departures across Africa, with a focus on rare and elusive wildlife.

Our destinations in the remainder of 2022, and 2023, include Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal and South Africa. Spaces remain on small group tours to several of these destinations, and we are able to offer private wildlife-focussed tours to over thirty African countries.