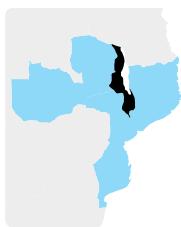


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Why Go?

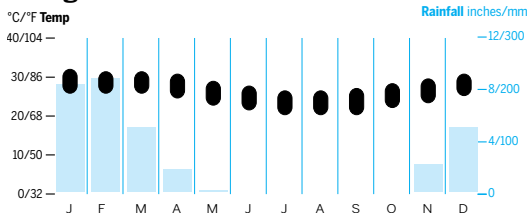
Often dismissed as 'Africa for beginners', Malawi has long been viewed as an interloper at the table of great safari destinations. That is, until a lion reintroduction program commenced in 2012 and travel editors started salivating.

Aside from its animals, what immediately captures you about Malawi is its geographical diversity. Slicing through the landscape in a trough formed by the Great Rift Valley is Africa's third largest lake – Lake Malawi; a shimmering mass of clear water; its depths are swarming with colourful cichlid fish. Whether it's diving, snorkelling, kayaking or chilling out on one of its desert islands, a visit to the lake is a must.

Suspended in the clouds in Malawi's deep south are the dramatic peaks of Mt Mulanje and the mysterious Zomba Plateau; both are a trekker's dream, with mist-cowled forests and exotic wildlife. Head further north and you'll witness the otherworldly beauty of Nyika Plateau, its rolling grasslands resembling the Scottish Highlands.

When to Go

Lilongwe



May–Jul Dry season, with cooler temperatures and lush vegetation.

Oct–Nov The end of the dry season is best for wildlife viewing, but can be uncomfortably hot.

Dec–Mar The rainy season; temperatures remain high and flash flooding can occur.