

# Malawi

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Malawi due to crime and civil unrest.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

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(+265) (0) 177 3166 ; US Embassy in Lilongwe, 16 Jomo Kenyatta Road, Lilongwe 3, Malawi; <https://mw.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

265

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 998; Fire: 999; Police: 997

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Malawi: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

### Climate

Sub-tropical; rainy season (November to May); dry season (May to November)

### Currency (Code)

Malawian kwachas (MWK)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



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### Major Languages

English, Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya

### Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, other Christian, Muslim, traditionalist

### Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

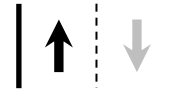
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Lake Malawi; Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve; Likoma Island; Liwonde National Park; Zomba Plateau; Chongoni Rock-Art

### Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, track and field, basketball, tennis

### Cultural Practices

Making a circle with the thumb and index finger can be taken as an insult.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is completely voluntary and dependent on the quality of the service you receive. Group guides and general hotel staff should receive \$5-10 (USD) per day.

### Souvenirs

Carved wooden masks, statues, and toys; tribal jewelry; hand-woven baskets and twig rugs; Batik wall hangings, clothing, and bags; wood/cane/raffia furniture and decorative items; soapstone carvings; ceramics/pottery

### Traditional Cuisine

Chambo (fish) with nshima/nsima (a thick porridge made from cassava, corn, or other starchy flour)

