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Moni Abwenzi

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After a fantastic start to the year, 2016, we feel full of accomplishment and ready to do more. The OF Tour to Malawi for January - February 2017 is quickly coming together and there is still time for people to join in.

This trip is designed for a mature clientele with a sense of adventure and an interest in world affairs. Perhaps you are taking a sabbatical or planning to retire in the near future. You are broadminded and open to meeting people on their terms and learning about their customs and world views.



The proposed dates are open for 3-4 weeks starting in early January. This is one of the most beautiful times of year. The temperature has moderated from the hot season in October / November and the rains turn the country green and fruitful.

The Makupo Guesthouse comfortably accommodates 12 or more people

This is an opportunity to live and learn in a small African village as part of the community based sustainable tours program of Makupo Development Group. The goal is to explore and understand different value systems, make personal links with people, at the same time feel that one has contributed something in return.



The welcome is warm and heartfelt. Makupo's hosts offer rewarding interactions.

Ian MacArthur visited Makupo and had this to say:

You can experience and visit three schools within easy walking distance, an elementary school, a high school and a school for the blind. Listen to wonderful sounds emanating from choirs in the adjacent Presbyterian church; wander down paths to many other villages in the valley. There is also mountain hiking nearby for those of you who are active living enthusiasts. You can immerse yourself into the flow of village life, pump some water from the communal well for your bucket shower, chat with the elders of the village who are fluent in English, play with the children, help plant, hoe or harvest corn, peanuts, soy, tobacco or vegetables.



Beside involvement with the people of Makupo and Chilanga, the trip includes time spent at Kungoni Centre of Culture and Art at Mua.



www.kungoni.org

The Chamare Museum was opened in 2002 to present the cultures of the Chewa, Ngoni and Yao peoples who converge in this part of Malawi.

The South Luangwa National Park has been called by some "one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world". There is a large concentration of wildlife and few tourists relative to its size. This is a privileged opportunity and insight to this part of Africa and its natural history and geography



Budget: The total cost is around \$4,400 which is inclusive of airfare, accommodation, food, local transport and a trip to the South Luangwa National Park in Zambia.

There is still time and room to join this group of Old Friends as they visit, live with and learn about the people of rural Malawi.

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