

# A Journey to *Malawi*

FARM RADIO INTERNATIONAL'S LEARNING TOUR AND SAFARI

June 28 – July 13, 2020



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY:





## Dear friends,

You are one of our most valued supporters, and I am so thrilled to be able to share with you the experience of seeing Farm Radio International's work first-hand. It's my pleasure to invite you to join our fourth learning tour and safari!

The year I spent living and working in Tanzania to be closer to Farm Radio International's work on the ground was one of the highlights of my entire career. It was amazing to witness the power that radio has to strengthen rural farming communities, as well as the spirit, perseverance, and ingenuity of small-scale farmers. Since returning to Ottawa, I have been committed to creating opportunities for our Canadian supporters to share a similar experience. You are one of the first to know about this exciting opportunity, and I hope you will join me on a tour of Malawi at the end of June and start of July.

This is your chance to experience the difference that radio is making for small-scale farmers in Africa. You'll visit local radio stations to meet the people who dedicate their lives to serving farmers over the airwaves. You'll see how radio is joining forces with other technologies to become an interactive communications tool that gives farmers a stronger voice. And you'll meet with farmers who rely on radio every day.

You'll explore a beautiful country through the eyes of Farm Radio International and our partner Farm Radio Trust — all alongside other committed supporters. Together we'll traverse the Majete Wildlife Reserve, part of the Great African Rift Valley; visit nearby farming communities and a Farm Radio project in Mangochi; explore the Zomba Plateau and Lilongwe; go wildlife spotting on safaris; and experience Lake Malawi — the crown jewel of this country. We'll take care of all of the details in what is sure to be the trip of a lifetime.

You'll also meet the incredible staff of Farm Radio Trust, our sister organization in Malawi. Farm Radio Trust is a real success story. The Malawi office was set up under the Farm Radio International umbrella in 2008 with our African Farm Radio Research Initiative. The staff there saw an opportunity to make a difference as a locally-led, locally-based organization, and now exist as the thriving Malawian NGO that we partner with anytime we work in Malawi.

You know how radio can help farmers help themselves. Now you can see for yourself the power that it has to lift farming families and communities out of poverty. Seeing truly is believing.

If a grassroots trip to Africa is something you've been wanting to do for a long time, don't delay. Space on the learning tour is limited to 15. This brochure is filled with more details about the trip. If you like what you see, let us know quickly by returning the enclosed reply coupon. Better yet, give us a call at 1-613-761-3659 so that we can personally address your questions and reserve your spot.

I wish you a warm winter and hope to see you this summer,

**Kevin Perkins**  
Executive Director

P.S. This trip will fill up fast, and I wanted to make sure that you heard about it first. If you're interested, please be in touch so that you don't miss out!





Plucking tea leaves

## Our Itinerary

### Sunday, June 28: Arrive in Blantyre

You will be met on arrival and transferred to Thyolo. The area is best known for its historical tea and coffee estates some of which date back as far as the early 1900s.

*Overnight: Sunbird Kara O' Mula Resort*

*Meals: Welcome dinner*

### Monday, June 29: Chimwenya Private Game Park

Morning and afternoon game drives.

*Overnight: Sunbird Kara O' Mula Resort*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Tuesday, June 30: Chimwenya Private Game Park

Today you will visit the Nsanje/Mulanje/Satemwa Tea Estates and a Farm Radio project in the region to learn how our projects impact real people.

*Overnight: Sunbird Kara O' Mula Resort*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Wednesday, July 1: Drive to Majete

Sprawling across 700 square kilometres of the Great African Rift Valley, Majete Wildlife Reserve's undulating terrain incorporates grassy plains, riverside groves and forests of marula, acacia and leadwood interspersed with palms and the occasional baobab tree. The park provides a sanctuary for a diverse mix of wildlife, including black rhinos, elephants, antelopes and warthogs, while the Shire River is populated by large numbers of crocodiles and hippos.

*Overnight: Mkulumadzi Lodge, Majete Wildlife Reserve*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Thursday, July 2: Majete

Morning and afternoon game drives.

*Overnight: Mkulumadzi Lodge, Majete Wildlife Reserve*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Friday, July 3: Drive to Zomba Plateau

Situated in southern Malawi, the city of Zomba formerly served as the colonial capital of the country. It is known for its colonial architecture and its location on the southern slopes of the scenic Zomba Plateau. It serves as an excellent base for visitors to explore the surrounding area. The rugged wilderness includes lush forests, glistening lakes, and cascading waterfalls.

*Overnight: Sunbird Kuchawe Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Saturday, July 4: Zomba Plateau

Exploring the Zomba Plateau and a Farm Radio project in the region.

*Overnight: Sunbird Kuchawe Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



Tea estates



African Elephant

### Sunday, July 5: Drive to Liwonde National Park

Liwonde National Park is situated at the southern tip of Lake Malombe in southern Malawi. It is one of Malawi's smaller parks, but arguably the most popular of all the game parks in the country. Malawi's main river, the Shire, forms its western boundary and is the reserve's lifeblood. With plentiful wildlife including hippos, kudu, elephants, crocodiles and elephants and even black rhino, the park has become one of Malawi's premier wildlife-viewing destinations. The birding is excellent and a favourite sighting among birdwatchers is the Pei's fishing owl.

*Overnight: Mvuu Lodge, Liwonde NP*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Monday, July 6: Liwonde National Park

The day is spent on a range of activities such as classic game drives, that allow you to immerse yourself in the bush on an exciting safari walk, tracking the animals on foot and watch the sun go down on a gentle boating safari. The Safaris on the river are a great way to spend the day with some excellent birding and the chance to see the animals from a different angle up close.

*Overnight: Mvuu Lodge, Liwonde NP*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



Community Listening Group

### Tuesday, July 7: Travel to Lake Malawi

Our journey continues to the shores of Lake Malawi. Enroute visit Farm Radio project in Mangochi. Lake Malawi is the crown jewel of this beautiful country. It is one of the largest, longest and deepest freshwater lakes in the world. Numerous fishing villages are scattered along its length but there are still vast stretches of uninhabited golden beaches. Known as 'The Lake of Stars', the natural beauty of Lake Malawi draws travellers from around the globe. It has more species of fish than any other freshwater lake in the world, boasting over 600 species of fish in the Lake Malawi National Park alone. The 590 kilometre long and 85 kilometre wide lake is the third-largest lake in Africa, occupying one-fifth of Malawi's total area.

*Overnight: Makokola Retreat, Lake Malawi*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Wednesday, July 8 – Thursday, July 9: Lake Malawi

Local excursions and visit a community impacted by a Farm Radio project.

*Overnight: Makokola Retreat, Lake Malawi*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Friday, July 10: Lake Malawi - Lilongwe

After breakfast we will travel to Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. Resting on the banks of the Lilongwe River, the sprawling, bustling city of Lilongwe serves as the capital of Malawi. It is the largest city in Malawi and is the economic and transport hub of the country. It features thriving markets, lush green spaces, and a rich culture.

*Overnight: Latitude 13 Hotel, Lilongwe*

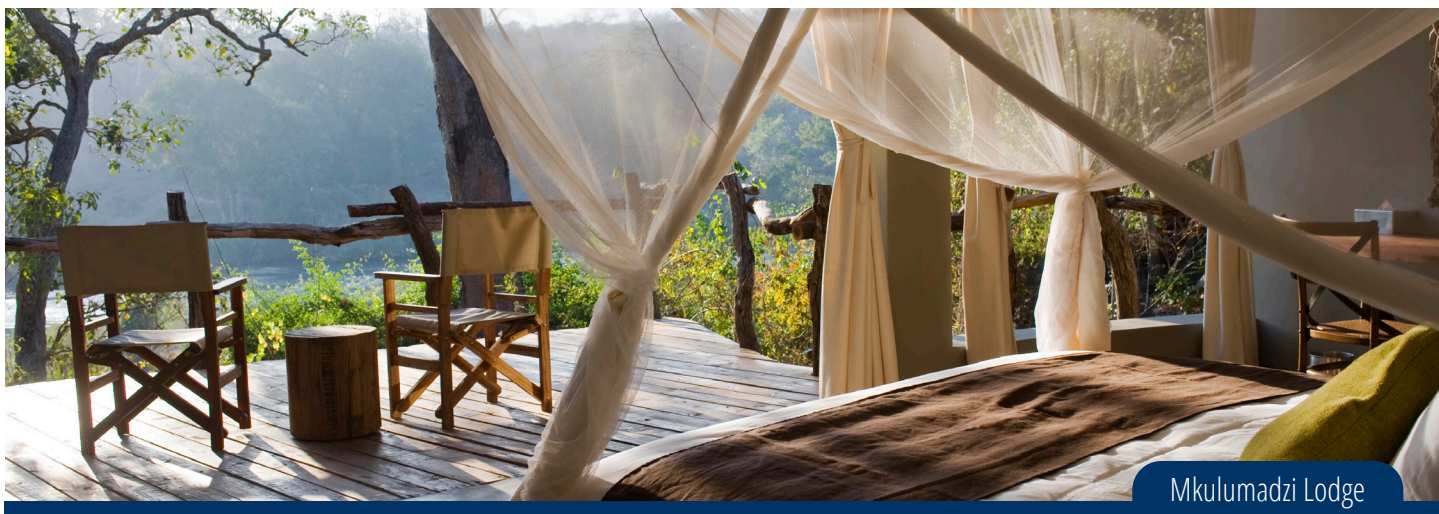
*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Saturday, July 11: Lilongwe

We will explore the city today and our visits include Craft Bazaar, Parliament Building and Kamuzu Mausoleum as well as Farm Radio Trust office.

*Overnight: Latitude 13 Hotel, Lilongwe*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



### **Sunday, July 12: Lilongwe**

Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources as well as the Farm Radio Trust office will be the highlights of the day. Later this evening we will gather for a farewell dinner and to reflect on our travels through this amazing country.

*Overnight: Latitude 13 Hotel, Lilongwe*

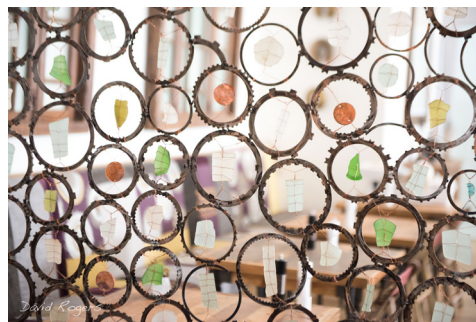
*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### **Monday, July 13: Depart Lilongwe**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

*Meals: Breakfast*

*Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in this tour brochure are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.*





Hippopotamus

## TOUR DETAILS

### Tour Cost (per person): C\$6750

Plus C\$1250 tax creditable donation to Farm Radio International

### Single Supplement: C\$1475

*If you are travelling alone and you are willing to share, we will attempt to match you up with an appropriate roommate. If we cannot, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.*

*Note: limited single rooms are available.*

### Group Size: 12 – 15 participants

### What's Included:

- Accommodation, with private facilities, on twin share basis in hotels listed or similar
- Single Supplement as listed above
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Group transportation by private vehicles
- Portage of one standard piece of baggage
- Bottled water provided on the coach and with all meals
- All scheduled sightseeing, experienced local guides and all entrance fees
- All gratuities for group services including drivers, guides, hotels and restaurants
- All hotel and local taxes
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Experienced English speaking driver/guide
- Fully escorted by Farm Radio host

### Not Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from participant's home
- Travel insurance
- Extra pre-post tour accommodation, airport transfers and extra services
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, excess baggage
- Visa fees (approximate cost US\$75)
- Fuel surcharges if applicable
- Significant change in the US\$/C\$ exchange rate\*

*\*The exchange rate used for this proposal is C\$1.30 = US\$1*

### Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of C\$1000 deposit is required to confirm your spot on this tour. The balance is due 90 days prior to departure (March 27, 2020). Deposit can be paid by Visa or MasterCard and balance payment by cheque or wire transfer.

## How to Book

**Please call Amy at Worldwide Quest with any questions and to secure your booking:**

**Toll-free 1-800-387-1483 / Local 416-633-5666**  
**amy@worldwidequest.com**



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## WHAT TO EXPECT

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### Joining Instructions

Start: Blantyre Airport, June 28, 2020  
End: Lilongwe Airport, July 13, 2020

The trip starts and ends in Lilongwe with a group transfer. Worldwide Quest can assist with arranging your flights from your chosen point of origin. Your transfer is not included if you are arriving or departing outside of these joining guidelines, but we are happy to assist in arranging one.

### Level of Activity: Easy to Moderate

This tour can be enjoyed by travellers of most levels of fitness. This itinerary includes a walking safari and you must be comfortable walking on uneven terrain for about two hours at a stretch. On some days there will be long drives up to 5–6 hours.

### Accommodation

We will be staying at delightful properties, all with private facilities that have been selected for their location, amenities and charming atmosphere.

### Transportation

We will be travelling in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle driven by a professional driver.

### Weather

We expect mostly clear sunny skies with average daytime temperatures between 26 – 30°C and overnight lows of about 20°C. We may experience light rain.

### Travel Documents

You will require a passport for this trip. Please ensure it is valid for at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return home. Canadian passport holders require a visa for Malawi. Instructions for obtaining this visa will be provided by Worldwide Quest.

## ADDITIONAL INFO

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### Flights

Worldwide Quest is pleased to provide personalized flight arrangements for your travel to/from Malawi. If you are making your own air arrangements, please check with us to ensure that your flight itinerary aligns with the tour program prior to confirming your flight.

### Terms and Conditions

For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946).

### Cancellation Policy

All deposits are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

### Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.