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Summitting Malawi and Zambia: Going up the highest points of the two countries.

Summitting Malawi and Zambia is a popular product for those enthusiastic about climbing mountains and peaks. In this product, only fit and experienced climbers and hikers join. For the past 3 years, hikers have gone to climb the highest points of Zambia and Malawi with **Small Steps Adventure Tours**. We can proudly say that we are the only ones who do connect you to these 2 highest points of the 2 countries together.

The highest point of Zambia is in Mafinga Hills in the border with Malawi. The highest points are about an average of 2400 metres high. Apparently 2 points have been found with the same height, now named Mafinga South and Mafinga Central. The route, the trails are both not as developed, the infrastructure is still basic with no proper camp or guest house available. We do make up camps and use local accommodation with communities around Chisenga, a small trading post at the foot of the mountain. But the mountain is very unique, its vegetation and weather temperate-like. It is not dense therefore easy to climb but it can be windy at times. Often times you are up and down the mountain just in half a day.

On the other hand, Mulanje Mountain is 3001 metres high. Rising on the plains in South Eastern corner of Malawi, it is the tallest mountain in this part of Africa. Its highest point, *Sapitwa*, which locally means “where no one goes” is the ultimate destination for this tour. You will spend 2 nights in the mountain, this is for those used to hiking and climbing challenges.

Itinerary.

Day 1.

You are arriving in Malawi either by road or air by afternoon. You will find our members of staff waiting for you at the airport. You will have the opportunity to relax in your room at Korea Garden Lodge or similar facility on bed and breakfast basis. You will have a whole tour briefing although briefings will also be done at each site just before going up the mountain.

Day 2:

On this day you will start off by 08.30am heading north. You will explore as you go, visiting the beautiful landscape of the Vipsya Plateau and many other interesting places of the north. You will arrive in Mzuzu City, the most northern city in the country. You will stay overnight at Mzuzu Coffee Suites where you can take coffee the whole night on bed and breakfast.

Day 3:

After your breakfast, you will have time to walk around Mzuzu as the logistics team do the purchases of perishable goods for use in Mafinga. After shopping you will depart for the Mafinga Hills up north passing through Rumphu and Karonga. You will stop in all interesting sites and have lunch on the way. You will arrive at Chisenga at the base of the Mafinga Hills late



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afternoon to set up camp. Chisenga is a small trading post strategic to both Malawi and Zambia. Very rural and remote, every facility is basic. You will set up camp and plan for the trip up the mountain the following day. You will stay overnight in your camp or nearby local guest house on full board.

Day 4:

Steven, Alister and Franciwell will wake you up as early as 4.30am. You will have a basic breakfast and hot drink(coffee/tea) and depart for the mountain at 05am. You will be up the mountain up to about 11am when you are expected back at the foot of the mountain. A warm bath and hot lunch will welcome you. You will quickly pack and dismantle camp ready to start on a return trip to Mzuzu. You will stay overnight at Mzuzu Coffee Suites.

Day 5:

This is a long journey. You will depart at 06am on the way to Mulanje, almost 800km away with a lunch break in Lilongwe. Driving on you will arrive at Likhubula Forest Lodge or similar facility on dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 6:

After breakfast you start off for the mountain with a full team of guides, porters and chefs. Numbers depend on members in the expedition. You will hike up all the way to Chisepo Hut. You will have passed one hut in between that is used by the more casual hikers. You will enjoy a bath and a good meal. You will stay overnight at this hut on full board.

Day 7:

You will depart early for final ascent to Sapitwa, the highest point of Mulanje Mountain standing at 3001 metres above sea level. On a good day you can see all the way to Zomba, Lake Chilwa and Mozambique. After some minutes you will start off for your descent trip going all the way to Lichenya Hut. Over night at Lichenya Hut on full board.

Day 8:

You will depart Lichenya Hut early in time to get to the bottom of the mountain before 10am. A warm shower will welcome you. Having “conquered” Malawi and Zambia, it will be your time to relax a bit before you leave Malawi. You will head to Liwonde National Park for some game viewing. Heading to the park, you will arrive in the National Park just before your afternoon/evening game drive. You will enjoy your game activity and retire to bed on full board at Mvuu Camp.

Day 9:



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You will do your breakfast and head back into the bush for another game activity. You are probably taking a boat safari today, exploring the Shire River where you will have lots of animals on the river banks. Large mammals available in this park: Elephants, buffaloes, hippos and many more. You are back at the camp by 11am in time for your lunch. After lunch you depart for Cape Maclear, Lake Malawi. Cape Maclear is one of the most famous beaches on Lake Malawi. You will enjoy its sunsets and calm waters. You are at Fat Monkeys or Chembe Eagles Nest or Annie's on bed and breakfast.

Day 10:

Your day at Cape Maclear. You will start off with a boat cruise by 08am, visiting the islands around the lake. You will feed the eagles and play with Cichlids Fish, the most popular and protected species of fish on Lake Malawi. You will visit some interesting sites around Cape Maclear and return to your lodge in time for lunch. Your afternoon is free for you to relax at the beach. Swim in the water, read your book or just take a stroll along the beach. Night in Cape Maclear on bed and breakfast.

Day 11:

This is your last day in Malawi. You will pack up and have your cup of coffee very early. You are on the road by 06hrs with a breakfast break at Dedza Pottery. You will proceed on to Kamuzu International Airport for your onward flight out of Malawi.

END OF THE TOUR.

Per person sharing US\$2,550

Includes:

Transfers round trip from Kamuzu International Airport throughout the trip and back to the airport, all accommodation throughout the trip, all food in Mafinga Mountains, full board in Mulanje and on Mulanje Mountain, full board in Liwonde National Park, all breakfast in Cape Maclear, all your park entry into Mulanje, Liwonde and Cape Maclear, all porters, guides and equipment in Mafinga and Mulanje Mountains, all guiding and driving services, all camping equipment in Mafinga.

Does NOT include:

Your flights in and out of Malawi, your dinners and lunches that are not mentioned above, your laundry, your medical and travel insurance, your drinks and other purchases personal in nature.

Departure date 2015:

13th September.



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NOTE: You can choose any other dates between August and October for this itinerary. This itinerary is only possible between August and October because of weather.