



Malawi

Joined the Commonwealth in 1964 - visited by the Queen in 1979



Malawi is a small elongated and landlocked nation in south central Africa

Pop: (2012) 15,906,000 Capital: Lilongwe Area: 118, 484 sq km

Malawi lies within Africa's rift valley and borders Lake Malawi (formerly Lake Nyasa) which was 'discovered' by David Livingstone. The land rises steeply from the lake to a high plateau with higher peaks in the north. The southern Mulanje Massif, with its cedar, cypress and Mexican pine trees, rises to over 3,000m – the highest point in south central Africa.

The very rich variety of wildlife, including leopards, jackals, tree frogs, civets, and monkeys is Malawi's greatest resource. With few other natural resources, the country has struggled to develop a buoyant economy. Tobacco was once important but today most farmers are subsistence farmers. Visitors are attracted to the Lake Malawi National Park which abounds with wildlife and whose clear waters are popular with kayakers, boaters and divers alike.



Sunset over Lake Malawi

