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Voted in the top ten 'Most Romantic Places in the World' by Conde Nast and in the Tatler top 101 Hotels in the World, amongst other accolades, Kaya Mawa is utterly unique.

From the construction and the staff to integration within the local community, there is literally nowhere else like it.

Lake Malawi, the Calendar Lake, is 365 miles long, 52 wide and almost a kilometer deep. It's Africa's third largest body of water and arguably the most beautiful.

Likoma Island is approximately two-thirds of the way up the lake, just 12km from Mozambique. Covered in Baobabs and Mango trees and surrounded by the crystal clear waters of the lake, Likoma is the jewel of Malawi.

To visit Likoma is to take a step back in time. Almost untouched since its discovery by Scottish Missionaries at the end of the 11th century.

Kaya Mawa first opened in 2000 after a six year building project. In 2008 the lodge was bought by Nick Brown and James Lightfoot, closed in 2009 for a complete rebuild and reopened in 2010.

Each room was individually designed in partnership with Katundu Textiles, a workshop set up on the island to empower single mothers. All the workforce come from the neighbouring villages and have been trained on site. The result – a uniquely stunning lodge with a feeling of contemporary rustic whilst ultimately being chic.





Accommodation in 11 stone and teak framed thatched cottages with a capacity for up to 27 at the lodge, Kaya Mawa is the quintessential getaway. From the ultimate honeymoon houses set into rocks with their own plunge pools to the perfect family house on the beach. All with stunning views and lake access.

Maybe the draw of the ultimate sunset bar and beach lounge may prove just a little too much to resist?







Whilst relaxing is top of the agenda for some, there is plenty to do at Kaya Mawa.

Walking or biking around the island is a must. The local population is legendary for its friendliness, head off by yourself to explore, no guides are necessary.

Other activities include quad biking, kayaking, sailing, waterskiing and diving at our PADI recognised Dive Centre.



NDOMO HOUSE

Built around boulders, rough rock walls contrast dramatically against smooth plastered and character filled rooms meander intriguingly around the rocky hill. The house comprises of four bedrooms, three of which are ensuite, a sitting room with deck, kitchen/dining room, study/media room, three large terraces, courtyard, outside dining and barbeque area, swimming pool and secluded beach.

Ndomo House benefits from all the facilities and activities that Kaya Mawa has to offer and guests are welcome to spend as much time as they like at the lodge, including meals if they wish. We have a boat and vehicles a radio call away.



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