



Ndomo House

In 2005 James and Suzie Lightfoot moved to Likoma Island; James to manage Kaya Mawa and Suzie to set up her own textiles business, Katundu. In 2008 with a new family on its way they embarked on building what was supposed to be their family home. The original plans were for a two bedroom beach shack...

The concept seemed to escalate as one idea morphed into another, all ideas sketched out in James' head – there were no plans or architects drawings, and with no experience in building, it was an exciting and immensely challenging project. Three years later building was finished.

Built around boulders, rough rock walls contrast dramatically against smooth plastered. 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 bar-b-que area, swimming pool and secluded beach. The house is fully staffed with a nanny, cook, housekeeper, groundstaff and watchmen.





Inspired by architecture from their travels through Zanzibar, Zambia, Malawi and Lamu in Kenya, the house design took its shape. Hints of influences from Morocco & India also evolved. This has created a melting pot of design ideas for the interiors, which have been imaginatively paired with African antiques and contemporary bespoke pieces designed by Suzie and made at Katundu Textiles on Likoma or outsourced to predominantly local businesses.

The house is located on the South West corner of the island with uninterrupted views across to the neighbouring island, Chizimulu, and on to mainland Malawi 72km away. A year round sunset is a secret surprise, as far as we know the only place on the lake.

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 at their disposal.

Ndomo is ideal for those wanting complete privacy from the outside world, a great family home or a magical escape for two. Perfect for a wind down after a safari or a destination in itself.

