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Malawi

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html)

**Passport/Visa Requirements**
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

**US Embassy/Consulate**
+(265) 1-773-166, 1-773-342 and 1-773-367 (Dial "0" before the "1" within Malawi); EMER: +(265) (0) 999-591-024 or +(265) (0) 888-734-826; US Embassy Lilongwe, Area 40, City Center, Lilongwe, Malawi, Mailing Address: PO Box 30016, Lilongwe 3, Malawi

**Vaccinations**
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

[http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

**Climate**
Sub-tropical; rainy season (November to May); dry season (May to November)

**Currency (Code)**
Malawian kwachas (MWK)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**
230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G

**Major Languages**
English, Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya

**Religions**
Protestant 33.5%, Roman Catholic 17.2%, other Christian 26.6%, Muslim 13.8%, traditionalist 1.1%, other 5.6%, none 2.1%

**Time Difference**
UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

**Potable Water**
Opt for bottled water.

**International Driving Permit**
Suggested

**Road Driving Side**
Left
Cultural Practices
Making a circle with the thumb and index finger can be taken as an insult.

Telephone Code
265

Local Emergency Phone Numbers
Ambulance: 998; Fire: 999; Police: 997

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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