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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

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

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 (official), Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya

Religions
Protestant 33.5% (includes Church of Central Africa Presbyterian 14.2%, Seventh Day Adventist/Baptist 9.4%, Pentecostal 7.6%, Anglican 2.3%), 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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