



# Country Profile: Malawi

Malawi is a developing landlocked country in southern Africa. Tourist facilities in major cities and in resort areas are steadily improving, but remain limited. Aging infrastructure and lack of investment have rendered electricity, water supply, and telecommunications unreliable in rural areas. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Malawi for additional information.

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Malawi
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Lilongwe
Boundary Countries:	Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Blantyre: Blantyre Adventist Hospital Lilongwe: Adventist Health Centre Makwasa: Malamulo Hospital
Main Cities:	Lilongwe, Blantyre, Zomba, Monkey Bay, Chipoka, Mzuzu, Nkhosvota, Nkhosvota Bay, Chilumba, Karonga
Country Size:	118,480 sq km
Population:	13,603,181

## COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Chichewa 57.2% (official), Chinyanja 12.8%, Chiyao 10.1%, Chitumbka 9.5%, Chisena 2.7%, Chilomwe 2.4%, Chitonga 1.7%, other 3.6%
Currency:	Malawian Kwacha (MWK)
Predominant Religions:	Christian 79.9%, Muslim 12.8%, other 3%, none 4.3)
National Holidays:	Independence Day (Republic Day), 6 July (1964)
Economic Status:	Landlocked Malawi ranks among the world's least developed countries. The economy is predominately agricultural, with about 85% of the population living in rural areas.
Security:	Malawi Armed Forces: Army (includes Air Wing and Naval Detachment)
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe</a> P.O Box 30016 16 Jomo Kenyatta Road, Lilongwe 3, Malawi Telephone: (265) 1 773 166
Major Airports:	Airports: 42, Airports w/paved runways: 6  Lilongwe – Kamuzu International Airport (LLW/FWKI) Lilongwe Airport, Malawi, ADL Operations, PO Box 30311, Lilongwe 3, MALAWI Tel: +265 1 700 899 Fax: +265 1 700 913 Customs, hours: Sun-Wed 0400-1600, Th-Fri 0400-1730, Sat 0400-1930 Tel: +265 1 700 218 Fax: +265 1 762 899

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