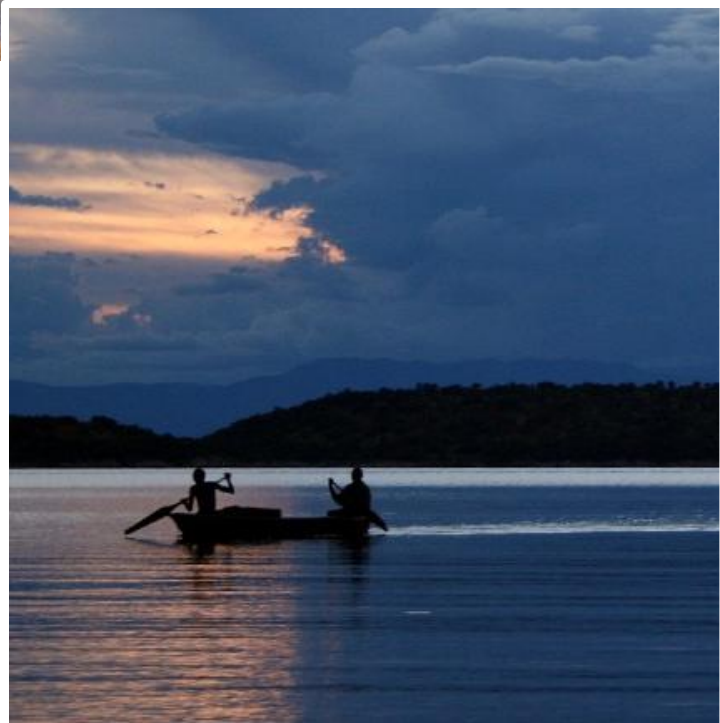




LAKE TANGANYIKA





Untouched Lake Tanganyika

Time has stood still at Lake Tanganyika. The slow, steady pace of daily life is much as it was more than 100 years ago when the Great African Explorers first discovered this paradise.

Few places will touch you quite like this vast inland sea. With pristine beaches, crystal clear water and the friendliest people, this is one of the last few remaining true wilderness areas.



Lake Shore Lodge

Lake Shore Lodge lies on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in the south west of Tanzania (GPS co-ordinates South 07.26.056, East 030.35.448). We have different types of accommodation and loads of adventure activities (but this is also the perfect place to relax in your hammock and do nothing).

Our Accommodation:

Luxury Beach Chalets
Lawn Bandas

Adventure Activities:

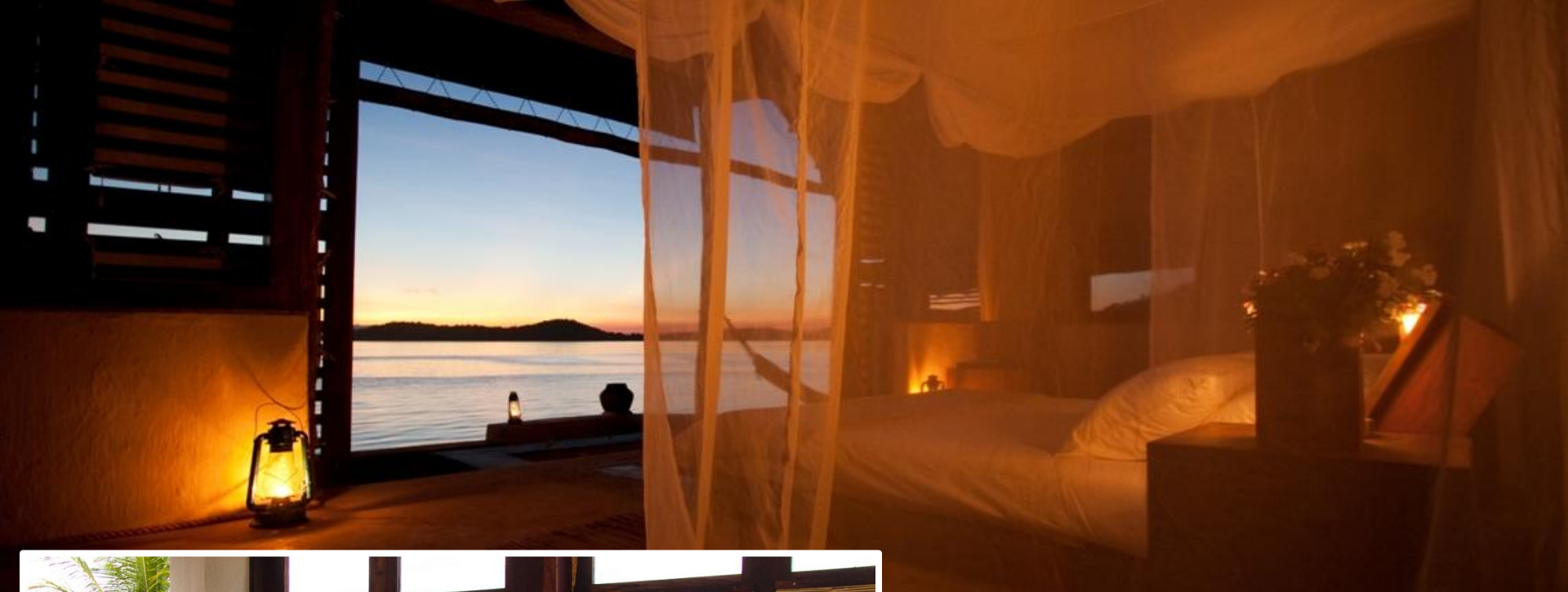
Scuba Diving
Snorkeling
Kayaking
Quad Biking
Fishing
Sunset Sundowner Cruises



A Room with a view

At the water's edge, are 5 Luxury Beach Chalets and 1 very special Honeymoon Suite. The doors at the front of each room slide away completely to reveal the spectacular view of the islands in front of the lodge and the distant hills of the Congo. Each room has separate shower, toilet, double vanity and dressing areas.

Our true Eco rooms use solar power, gas water heaters and local building materials to help ensure that they blend into the beautiful environment around them and leave a minimal footprint. We call our style African Zen because it incorporates the elements of light, water and earth in this unique and unspoilt part of Africa.



Unforgettable memories

Our Honeymoon Suite is even *more* special with a private dining area, double waterfall-style showers and a sunken bath that opens onto the Lake.

This is the perfect place to relax and unwind in your own piece of paradise.



A Home away from Home

Our Lawn Bandas are ideal for the traveler on a tighter budget. The rooms are set up with 2 x queen size beds to form a Twin Banda (with the beds apart) or a Double Banda (with the beds together).

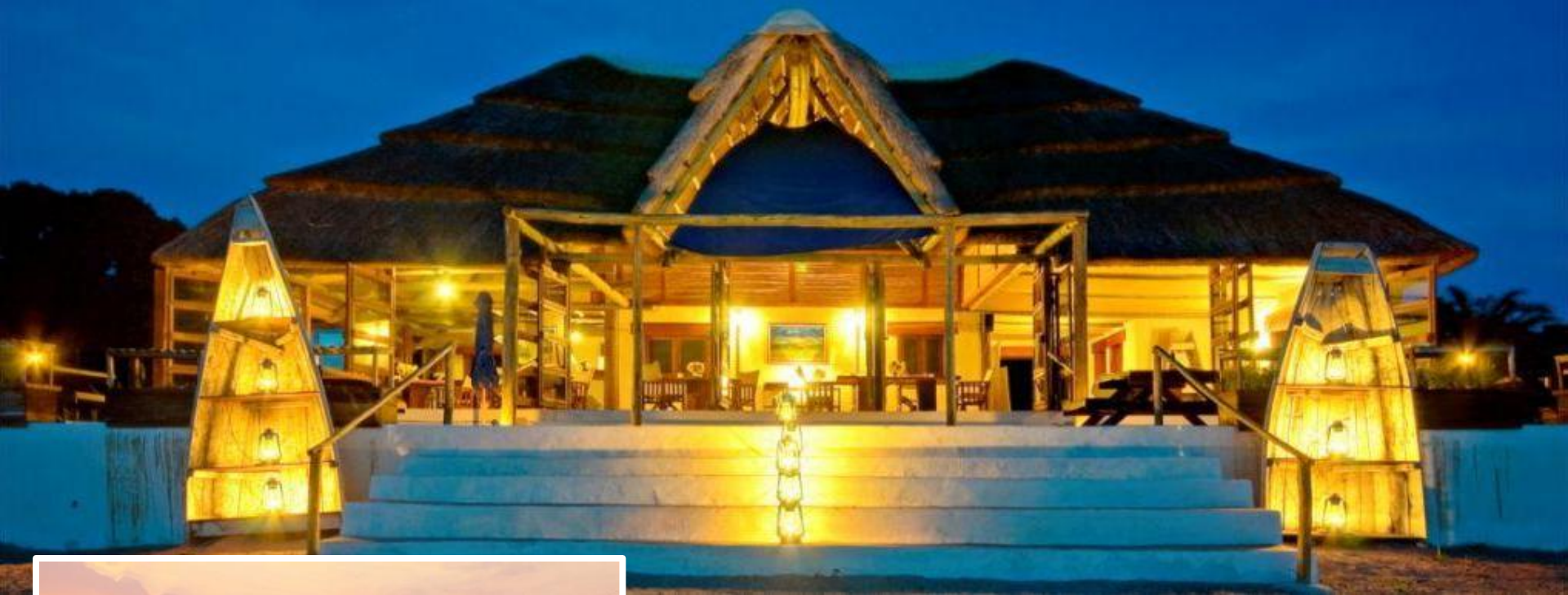
These rooms are not ensuite. They share common bathrooms which are Zen-style with showers, toilets and a double vanity.



Banda Bathrooms

Just behind the Bandas are beautiful Zen-style bathrooms with showers, toilets and a double vanity area looking onto the views of Lake Tanganyika.

Two Banda units (4 x rooms) share one bathroom block containing 2 x showers and 2 x toilets.



Fine Dining

The Funky Mango Bar & Restaurant offers International Cuisine. Our menu has been specially designed by chefs from the UK, Denmark and Belgium who have trained the Lake Shore Chefs to produce the wonderful dishes that we serve under the stars at the water's edge, in our boat restaurant or in the main restaurant. We pride ourselves in using only the freshest ingredients from the local organic farmers in our area.

Menus for vegetarians and children are also available. Please let us know in advance if there are any dietary requirements that we should be aware of (allergies, dislikes etc).



The Incredible Underwater World of Lake Tanganyika

The Lake is home to more than 250 species of cichlids and other fish species, many of which are found no-where else in the world. This really is the world's largest freshwater aquarium!

The Lake boasts visibilities of up to 20m with massive boulders, spectacular drop offs and a shell covered bottom. Lake Tanganyika used to be 3 separate Lakes. For this reason the cichlid species that are found in the south of the Lake differ from those found in the central part and the northern part.

Because of their unique feeding techniques, Tanganyika cichlids prefer different habitats. This means that by going only a few hundred meters, you are able to view totally different species, making your diving and snorkeling trips very interesting. Apart from cichlids you could also catch a glimpse of otters, speckled eels, catfish, burrowing clams and freshwater crabs. In the deeper water you may well spot some of the larger fish – kuhe and sangala pamba or even the Lake Tanganyika jellyfish. Freshwater jellyfish are unusual as most species are found in the ocean. This species is completely harmless to swimmers and does not sting like those found in the sea.



Scuba Diving and Snorkeling

Our dive boat is fully equipped with an on-board compressor and Scuba Dive equipment for up to 8 divers or 20 snorkelers. Our Equipment is from Scubapro and is manufactured in Italy. It includes:

Scubapro Squid Fins FF

Scubapro Premier Mask & Snorkel

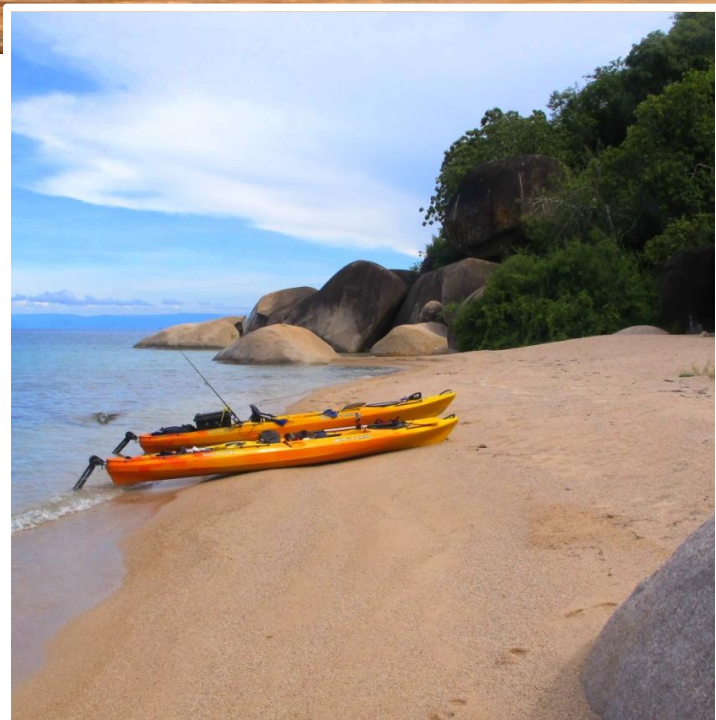
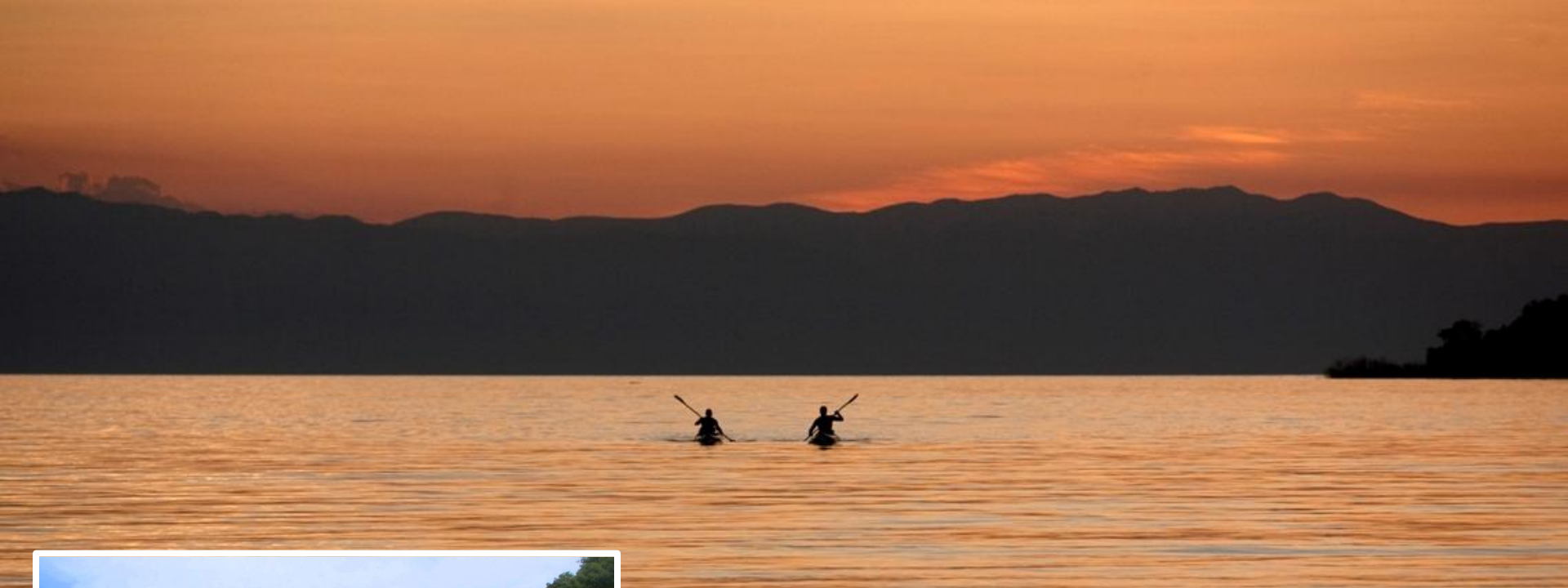
Scubapro T-One Buoyancy Control Device

Scubapro MK2 Regulator

Weight Belt

Cylinders - 10 kilogram / 232 bar with a capacity of 1.7 cubic metres. They are tested regularly in Dar es Salaam.

The diving is perfect here; fresh water, no surge, no currents, great visibility and so many fish. We usually dive at one of the 7 nearby islands, but we also arrange dive safaris to see the cichlids in different areas of Lake Tanganyika.



Kayaking

Kayaking is easy and fun for the whole family. We offer both single and double kayaks so as to cater for all levels of strength and ability, as well as removable seats for children who wish to come along for the ride. The kayaks are Wilderness Kayaks, imported from the USA with rudders, fishing rod holders and plenty of waterproof storage space.

Hop on for a few hours or a whole day and explore the Lake on a kayak. This is a great way to see this extraordinary area.

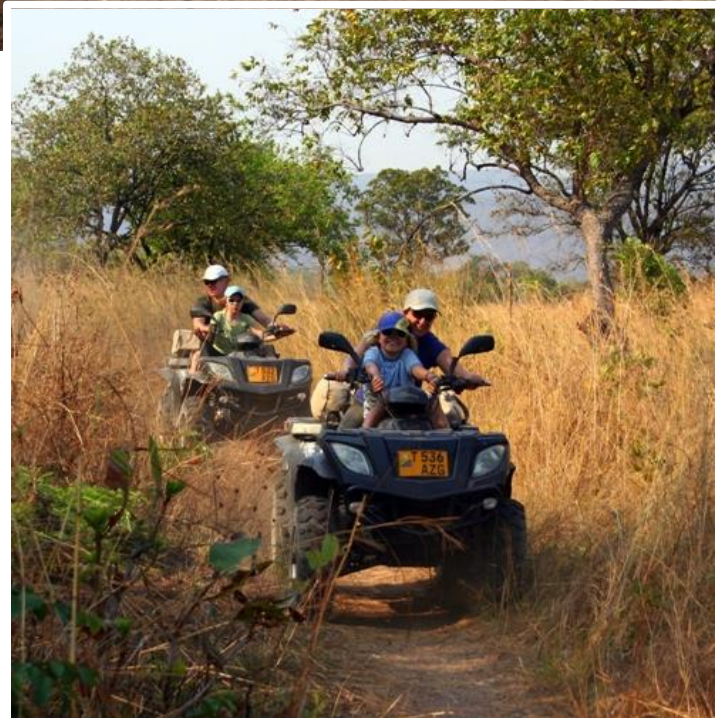


Kayak Safaris

During April and May each year we offer small groups of kayakers the opportunity to explore Lake Tanganyika on a kayak. These safaris are not just for hard core kayakers - novice and inexperienced kayakers have just as much fun as we cater for all levels of fitness.

The trips are guided by an experienced kayaker. Our support boat goes ahead each day to set up a fly camp in one of the pristine bays on the Lake while the kayakers take their time, enjoying the breathtaking scenery and snorkeling or swimming along the way.

This is a really awesome way to see Lake Tanganyika.



Quad Biking

Our quadbikes are not the horrible, noisy, racing ones. These are perfect for ambling along and taking in your surroundings whilst having unbelievable amounts of fun. They are easy to drive and suitable for up to 2 people.

You can take them for an hour to see the local village life, amble up to the old 120 year-old Mission on the hill, or for a day to one of the remote beaches down south with a packed lunch (please book these trips in advance to avoid disappointment).



Fishing

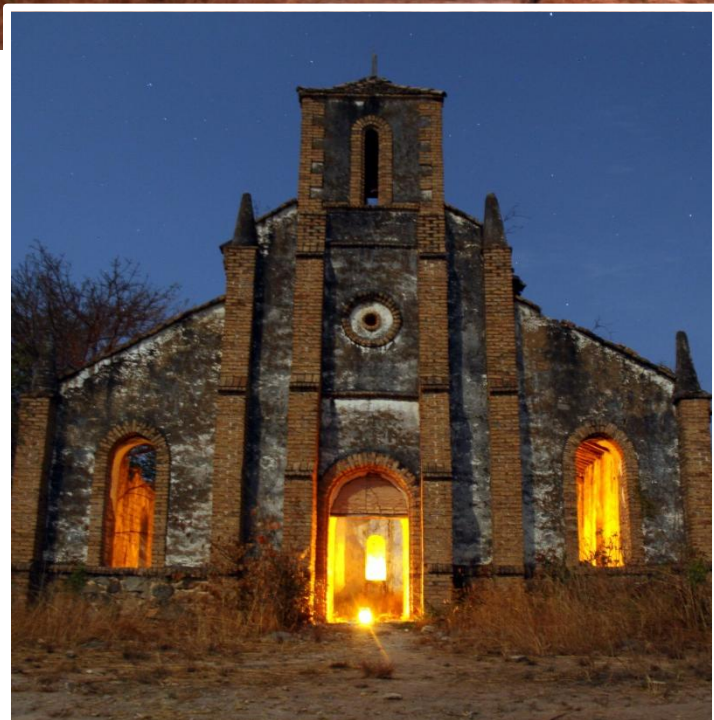
Most of the villagers around us are dependent on fishing as a livelihood, so it is best for us to arrange that you head out armed with local knowledge. There are three basic line-fish to lure, they are:

The “Sangala Pamba” is the Lake Tanganyika Perch, (*Lates Angustifrons*). He can get to 100kg and 2 metres long.

We also have the “Kuhe” (*Boulengerochromis microlepis*), the world’s largest cichlid. He grows up to about 70cm and is a majestically beautiful fellow.

The “Mikebuka” is also from the “Lates” family and is probably the most abundantly fished guy on the Lake.

Whether you go out on a local boat, on your own kayak, or on one of our boats, you will have stories to tell.....but then, all fishermen do!!



The Kipili White Father's Mission

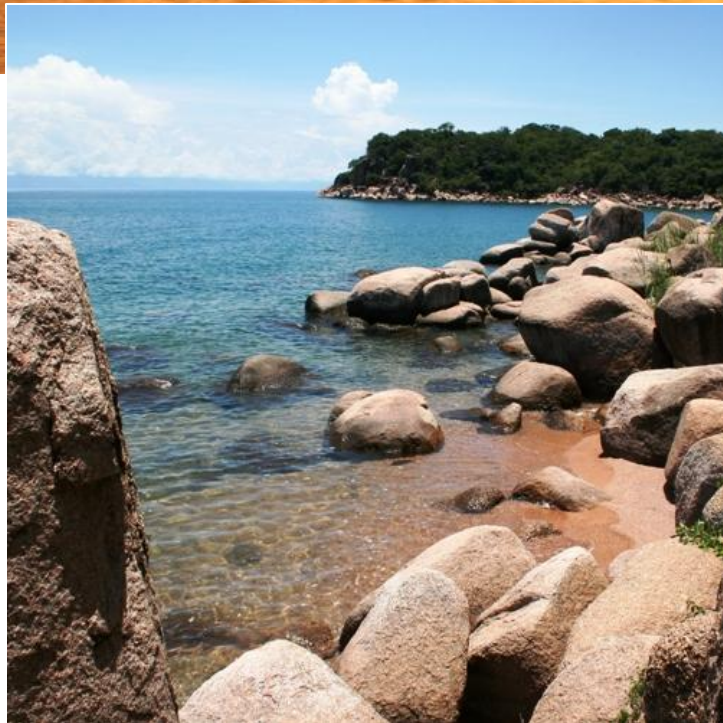
One of the oldest churches in Tanzania, this beautiful ruin stands on the hill looking down on Lake Shore Lodge. It was built by the White Father's and Congolese slaves between 1890 and 1895 and is well worth a visit.

What a venue for a wedding! Contact us to help you plan your special day.



Island Sunset Cruise

A perfect way to end off your day at Lake Tanganyika. Join us on a sunset cruise up the river to do some birding and then around the islands to watch the sun sink behind the Congolese mountains.



A Few Interesting Facts About Lake Tanganyika

- Lake Tanganyika is the longest Lake in Africa (720km long)
- It is the second deepest Lake in the world (1,470m deep) – second only to Lake Baikal in Russia
- It is said to hold almost one fifth of the world's available fresh water
- It is the second largest fresh water Lake by volume

There are 26 rivers that flow into Lake Tanganyika and only one (the Lukuga River) that flows out. Only the upper 100m of the Lake is oxygenated.

Because it lies on the Great African Rift, the Lake's temperature is typically 24 to 26 degrees Celsius (70 degrees Fahrenheit) all year round. It has an average pH of 8.4.



Katavi National Park

Katavi National park is only 4 hours drive from Lake Shore Lodge. This is the third largest National Park in Tanzania and is well known for its huge herds of buffalo, giraffe, elephant and eland. Of course the predators; lion, leopard and hyena are often found following close behind. Katavi also has the rare sable and the elegant rhino antelopes.

About 450 species of birds can be found in Katavi. Water birds, giant Nile crocodiles and hippos can be found along the river banks and in the flood plain areas of Lake Katavi and Lake Chada.

Because of its remoteness you can often have Katavi all to yourself. This is the way wild, untouched Africa used to be.

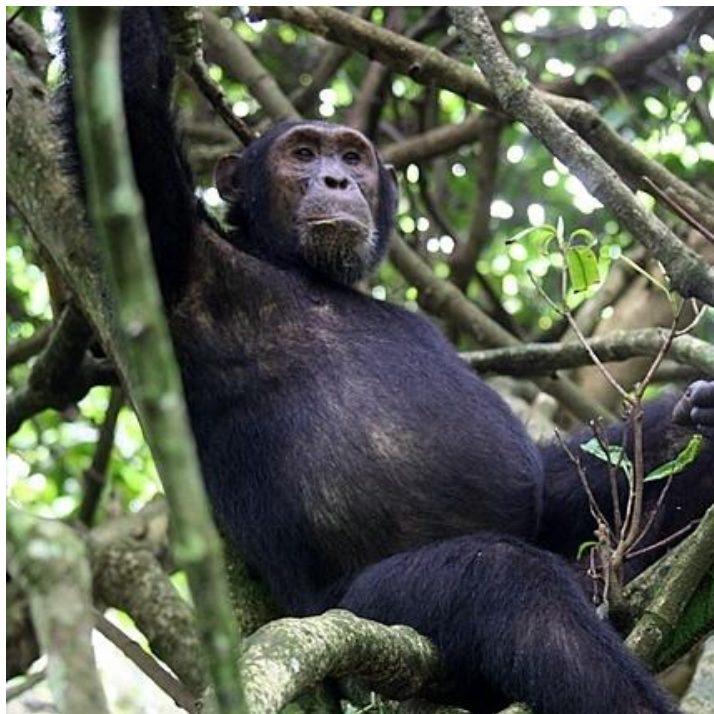


The MV Liemba

The MV Liemba, a former German ferry and war ship, is now the ferry on Lake Tanganyika and sails up and down the Lake from Kigoma to Mpulungu every second week. Not only does she form the lifeline of the Lake, but she is also a wonderful part of history and is the only ferry of her class, still in active service. She offers adventurers an inexpensive way of accessing the whole of Lake Tanganyika.

The Liemba leaves Kigoma every SECOND Wednesday around 5pm travelling southwards and docks in Kipili on a Thursday evening (usually between midnight and 3am). She then travels further south to Zambia, arriving in Mpulungu on a Friday. She then starts her journey northwards arriving in Kipili again on a Saturday and back in Kigoma on a Sunday evening. Her sailing schedule is not fixed as it is dependent on the loading and unloading of cargo and passengers at the many ports along the way.

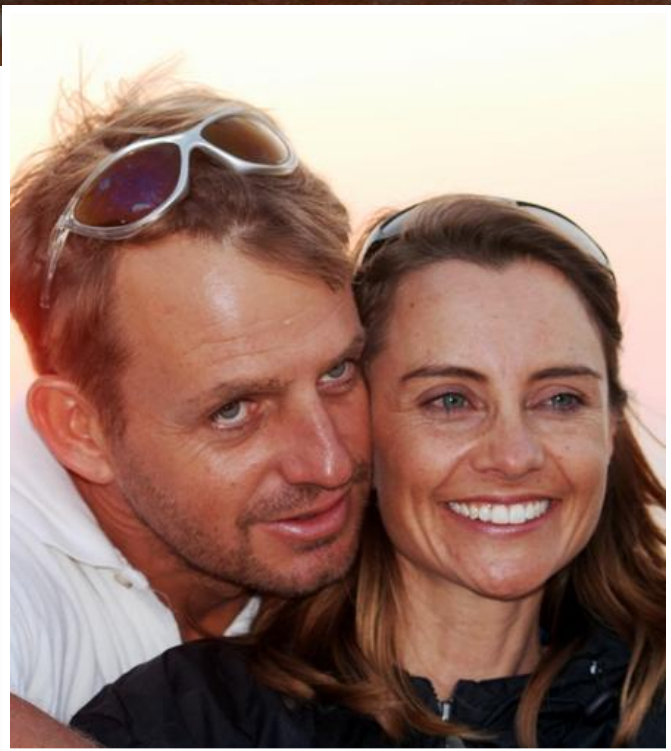
We can collect guests in our speedboat from the Liemba when she docks in Kipili bay.



Mahale and Gombe Stream National Parks

Mahale Mountains and Gombe Stream National Parks are two of the last places in East Africa where you can see chimps in the wild. Both National Parks lie on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Depending on your budget and your timetable, there are several options to add these Parks onto your itinerary. Please contact us and we can help you plan your trip to see the chimps from Lake Shore Lodge.



Come as Guests, leave as Friends

Lake Shore Lodge is an owner-run Lodge. We fell in love with this beautiful Lake when we arrived here in 2005 and decided to make this home. We started building Lake Shore in October of 2007 and have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and life-altering experiences that each day here brings.

We are originally from South Africa and have lived in Tanzania since 1998. This amazing Country is truly a place where dreams can become realities and where you feel completely alive. Lake Shore Lodge is one of our dreams! We wanted to share this incredible place with all sorts of people and so have tried with our different types of accommodation, to cater for everyone.

Our EXCEPTIONAL Team are all local villagers from Kipili. We take great pride in our in-house training and in helping the rural people of our area learn new skills.

Welcome to our home and our piece of paradise on earth!

Chris and Louise



- Mbeya (103km to Tunduma)
- Tunduma (224km to Sumbawanga)
- Sumbawanga (100km to Namanyere)
- Namanyere (64km to Kipili and Lake Shore)