

Bulletin 16

Occasional news and snippets for participants, leaders, and supporters of Malawi 2024

July 2024 – final joining instructions

Message from event leader

Time has flown by, and we are about to depart for Malawi! I hope everyone is as excited as we are about the adventure that lies ahead of

Before we fly, I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you and well done to everyone for the way you have thrown yourselves into preparing for the event over the past 12 months.

Your task now is to grab the opportunity in front of you with both hands . . . and have fun!

Simon

Final joining instructions

The main purpose of *Bulletin 16* is to provide final joining instructions for our departure to Malawi.

Most of the content is a reminder of information already available on the <u>Malawi</u> 2024 website; <u>Travel Pack</u>; <u>FAQs</u>; and <u>slide</u> <u>presentation</u> from the recent Final Briefing.

'Pocket money'

Pocket money (£50–£100 is recommended) should be paid into the Malawi 2024 account (used for deposits) by 20 July. This will be issued in local currency in two tranches during our time in Malawi.

Note: this is a one way only conversion (we won't be able to change currency back).

Packing

Refer to the <u>personal kit list</u> for items to pack. The hold luggage (main bag) must be under 23kg (max 158cm / 62 inches).

Packing (cont)

The carry-on luggage must be under 7kg (max $23 \times 40 \times 55$ cm).

Some participants will be asked to check-in a second bag containing central equipment (provided at the airport).

Leaving home checklist

Double check you have the following critical items which should be on your person or in your carry-on luggage, ie: readily accessible:

- passport
- ✓ anti-malarial tablets
- ✓ personal medication
- ✓ Travel Pack

It is advisable to have a change of clothes in your carry-on luggage.

LHR and flights

Flight group 1

Sunday 28 July
Drop off at Terminal 2 at 17.00
Flight departs 21.00 (ET701 – ET881)
Return LHR Terminal 2 Friday 16 August
(ET881 – ET700)
(clear customs approx 08.00)

Flight group 2

Tuesday 30 July
Drop off at Terminal 2 at 17.00
Flight departs 21.00 (ET701 – ET881)
Return LHR Terminal 2 Saturday 17 August
(ET881 – ET700)
(clear customs approx 08.00)

Malawi t-shirt and necker is the uniform for travel.

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LHR and flights (cont)

Participants must stay with their allocated leaders during travel to/from Malawi. This is especially important with change of flight at Addis Ababa.

InTouch (home contact)

Following departure from the UK, all contact with Malawi 2024 leaders/participants is via the InTouch team:

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General checklist/reminders

- ✓ all leaders must be familiar with, and follow, all risk assessments and welfare plan
- key aspects of risk assessments will be shared with participants through regular and appropriate briefings
- ☑ all leaders/participants must be familiar with, and follow, the <u>Code of Conduct</u>
- the Welfare Team is available at all times to support you
- ✓ listen and follow instructions
- keep yourself and others safe

Making the most of the opportunity

- embrace and respect the culture
- try different things
- work towards your top awards

Supporting the Joshua campaign

From our charity partner in Malawi:

"Sadly, over the last few weeks, we have been receiving increasingly urgent appeals for food aid from the communities with which we work in Blantyre District. Crop failures due to various factors such as El Niño conditions, have impacted an already fragile food security situation following events such as Cyclone Freddy last year. Whilst very much focused on supporting infrastructure development and providing learning resources, when we hear such appeals and see the evidence on the ground we cannot ignore it. In April the World Bank provided US\$57.6 million in 'quick release' grant financing to help Malawi respond to the emerging food crisis . . ."

Malawi 2024 will be providing the profits (£2,000) from the recent Dragon Boat Regatta catering to support the local campaign.

The Project Africa programme continues to provide support in so many ways.

Useful links!

JustGiving link (fundraising for central projects): www.justgiving.com/campaign/projectafrica2024





Useful links

Malawi 2024 web page

Malawi 2024 Facebook page (public)

Malawi 2024 Facebook page (group)

Project Africa Facebook page

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