

Join this unique program to experience life as a Malawian Fisherman (or woman!)

Enjoy an experience that you can truly say is once in a lifetime by joining a crew of fishermen based in Malawi. You'll be assisting them in their daily activities around Lake Malawi, a beautiful African Great Lake and UNESCO heritage site located between Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania.

Culture

Learning

Leisure

Community Engagement

Physical Demand

Program Description

In this program you will be part of a Malawian fishing crew!

The local villagers along the great Lake Malawi have depended on it for many generations to provide them food and income. This huge lake is also known as lake Nyassa and it is considered the jewel in the crown of Malawi.

It is a freshwater lake surrounded by beaches of golden sand and is very scenic, providing sun, sand and swimming for those looking to relax. Its approximate dimensions are 365 miles north to south and 52 miles broad. In some parts it is extremely deep: (2300 ft/700m), which is well below sea level!

A rich and deep natural resource, it plays an important role in the Malawi economy, and scores of villages line up along its shores to not only enjoy the view, but to harvest fish, fresh water and other important resources from it.

Living by the lake is a great way to experience Malawi and for a unique immersive experience, this program will be hard to compare with. You will contribute to a variety of activities that the local fishermen themselves will take part in, such as fixing and repairing fishing nets, drying fish for the markets and collecting the fish from the sea or in between.

Of course, taking part in fishing itself is also possible if the timing arises depending on weather and difficulty levels!

You will also have a unique glimpse into their life, families, joys and struggles. You will have the insight to how they survive and learn about their lifestyle, worldviews, culture and customs firsthand.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 2

Aims & Objectives

- Increase your awareness of the fishing industry and its commercial impacts
- Support the local fisherman with helpful hands
- Give you an authentic experience of the local fishermen's lives

Schedule

Monday to Friday

A typical day during this program could look like...

- Breakfast at the Center
- Assist the Fisherman with chores
- Lunch
- Work at the markets
- Back to the center for dinner and to share your experiences

You can expect 4-5 hours of work throughout a typical day.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:

Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Basic

CRB required: On Signup

Passport copy required:NoResume copy required:NoRequired qualification:None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

Additional Equipment

No specific equipment required for this program.