

# MUA MISSION



## **WHAT IS IT?**

This area is historically important to the Chewa people as the traditional home of their medium and rain priestess Mwali (980-1200), with her capital at Mankamba and their king Karonga (1200 to 1800) with his capital at Manthimba.

These two important rulers being the focus of spiritual and political power of Lake shore. Today, Mua is the capital of the MasekoNgoni, who ruled the area from 1898 till present. Around the same period, a migration of Yao traders established themselves among this tribal mix. In 1902, the White Fathers established this Catholic mission.

## **WHAT CAN ONE DO THERE?**

Its main function is to preserve the area, its people & their culture and surrounding flora & fauna as close to its original state as possible. The mission is particularly famous for its wood carvings and artwork, which are made on commission and displayed around the world. A visit to the mission would not be complete without visiting the Kungoni Centre, the Chamare Museum, its art gallery and showroom, which is a tribute to the Chewa, Ngoni and Yao people and illustrates their history and culture. The church is unique and amongst the most unusual and famous in Malawi.

## **PACKAGE**

Visitors can watch the carvers at work and visit the show room on site after a picnic lunch near the Nadsipokue River that flows through the mission and leads to the Kungoni Falls. This trip is a cultural experience that cannot be matched elsewhere in Malawi.

Driving from the retreat is approximately 1.15hours, 110 kilometers away.

## **PRICES**

Adults- US \$95

Children- US \$47

Minimum pax: 2 Adults

Maximum pax: 4 people

Price excludes: Us \$5 per person for museum entry free.

