

Lake of Stars Discovery - FAQ sheet

- **What airport can I fly into?**

Kamuzu International Airport in the capital city Lilongwe is the closest airport. It's approximately a four-hour drive from the festival site.

- **What is the best way to get to the festival?**

We recommend hiring a car or booking a reputable private taxi transfer. A shuttle bus service may be available for the festival but please check the website for more details nearer to the time of the festival

- **When should I arrive?**

The festival opens on Friday afternoon with no access to the site available until then. There are other lodges along the northern lakeshore so you could consider travelling to the area beforehand and then transferring to the festival on the Friday

- **When does the festival end?**

The festival programming will finish early hours of Monday morning. Guests will be able to camp at Kachere Kastle beyond Monday but will need to organise and pay the lodge separately for this

- **How big will the festival be**

The capacity is limited so don't wait too long with purchasing your ticket.

- **Can I buy an access only ticket without camping**

No, all tickets come with camping on site. In order to experience the full Lake of Stars Discovery atmosphere we encourage everybody to stay on site for the 3 days of the festival. However if you choose to organise accommodation off site you will still need to purchase a full price ticket.

- **Are tents and camping equipment provided in the cost of a standard ticket**

No the ticket covers your space in the festival campsite only. It is the responsibility of ticket holders to provide their own equipment. On site there will be showers, toilets, food and drink vendors, lockers and campsite security. There is some camping gear available to hire or buy within Malawi, keep an eye on our website and social media for details

- **Will there be rooms available to book at the lodge?**

No there will be no rooms available at the lodge

- **Do children need to buy a ticket**

Children under the age of 12 are able to access the festival for free with no ticket required. Children over the

age of 12 are required to purchase a full price ticket. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a full paying adult.

- **Am I allowed to leave and re-enter the festival site?**

Yes, however in order to experience the full festival atmosphere we encourage everybody to stay on site for the 3 days of the festival.

- **Who will be performing at the festival**

The line up has not yet been announced but as normal with Lake of Stars festival it will feature a high quality line up of artists from Malawi performing alongside regional and international artists with an emphasis on uncovering new music and art this year.

- **What security arrangements are in place? Will everyone entering the site be searched?**

Public safety is paramount for Lake of Stars Festivals. Festival goers may be subject to bag and body searches on arrival. There will be police, stewards and private security at the event plus medics.

- **What food and drink is available at the event?**

There will be a range of festival bars serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. No drinks other than drinking water may be brought onto the event site. There will also be a range of food vendor stalls on site.

- **Can I bring my own food and drink to the event?**

You are not allowed to bring any drinks, excluding drinking water, into the festival. Bags and body searches may be in operation and any unopened containers will be confiscated.

- **Will I need travel vaccinations?**

Yes a number of vaccinations are recommended for travel to Malawi. Please visit your GP or travel clinic in plenty of time to arrange these. Taking anti-malarial tablets is also highly recommended

- **How does Lake of Stars support the local community?**

As part of the Lake of Stars ethos we always strive to bring benefits to the local community in which the festival happens. Some of our past community initiatives include recycling wood from festival stages into desks for schools; organising community outreach programmes with festival goers and artists taking part in sports and cultural activities; organising a clean-up operation to collect rubbish and debris; and hosting a free Ideas Festival for local students the day before the main event.