

# Thyolo and Tea Estates



## Further Links

- Very scenic region of Southern Malawi
- Tours of the tea factories and local villages can be arranged
- Friendly small guest houses on the tea estates
- Combines well with Mount Mulanje, Zomba and Blantyre

## Situation

Shire Highlands in Southern Malawi between Mulanje and Blantyre.

## Activities

Walking, tea factory tours, local cultural tours.

This is a beautiful area of rolling lush green hills dotted with tea farms in the Shire Highlands. Easily accessed between Blantyre and Mount Mulanje and has several lovely small guest houses. The road between Blantyre and Mount Mulanje which passes through Thyolo region is one of the prettiest drives in Malawi.

The climate here is perfect for growing tea and the first bushes were imported from India during the days of the Nyasaland colony and tea growing quickly became a major industry (and still is) for Malawi employing thousands of people as it is a very labour intensive way of farming.

Some of the plantations (estates) have guest accommodation within their farm buildings and these can make a great option for something different to include during your Malawi itinerary. Some of the lodges provide meals and picnics, some are self catering but still provide a cook to assist with meal preparation. We can arrange for you to take food with you to these locations. Several of the lodges in the region have great views to Mount Mulanje and the tea estates can easily be linked with Mulanje hikes.

**Lujeri Lodge** is a great location close to Mulanje on a tea estate with guided walks. **Satemwa Tea Estate** on the slopes of Thyolo Mountain has a couple of lovely guest houses including an old plantation managers house which looks over the rolling tea gardens and Mulanje. There are walks through the estate and the Thyolo rainforest for great birding. The bungalow has 4 double rooms.



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