



Torchlight diving

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Likoma Island is an 18 km dollop of loveliness in Lake Malawi, full of baobab forests, beaches and enormous granite boulders. While travelling around Africa, my girlfriend Gemma Catlin and I intended to stay on Likoma for a week – we ended up staying for six!

Accommodation on the island is limited to Kaya Mawa, a luxury hotel voted by *Condé Nast Traveller* as one of the 10 most romantic hotels in the world, or a backpacker lodge called Mango Drift on the beach. The latter was our base. One evening

I went scuba-diving with the managers of the backpackers, Kevin Clark and Georgia Brown. We were looking for dolphin fish, which come out at night to hunt cichlids among the boulders, and also for Lake Malawi's giant kampango, or catfish.

Gemma stayed topside on the boat. As Kevin and Georgia sank into the darkness below, I held my camera at waterlevel and pressed the shutter button, capturing a split-level shot of the divers and the sunset.

Likoma, we'll be back.