

Distance: Approximately 350 kms

Time: Allow 5 hours.

Fuel: Salima Nkhotakota, Dwangwa (Dwangwa unlikely to have fuel)

Make your way to the M1 heading to the International Airport. Proceed north looking for a building called Kapani Foods on your left, which is roughly 2 km before the turn off for Salima. At Kapani Foods you cross a bridge and take the next turning (Salima turn off) to your right. Salima is roughly 90 kms away from this turn off.

Proceed towards Salima (the road is good quality). Just before reaching Salima Town there is a turning to your left towards Nkhotakota and Nkhata Bay. This turning is not sign posted but is opposite a Total Filling Station and there is usually a Police Barrier here. Shortly after turning left you will cross a railway line.

Continue straight all the way along this road which is mainly good tarmac but with some potholes and bumps around Nkhotakota.

An interesting stop is at Nkhotakota Pottery, 80 kilometers or so from turning at the Total filling station and well signposted about 6 kilometers off the road and situated right on the lake. There is a nice beach, a great pottery shop, and a pleasant restaurant serving a variety of light snacks.

It is advisable to fill up with fuel at Nkhotakota where the fuel station is right by the road on the left as the next stop at Dwangwa sometimes does not have any.

From Nkhotakota it is another 60 kms to Dwangwa and a further 90 kms from Dwangwa to Chintheche Inn. The Inn is well signposted off to the right of the road.

Warning!!!!

North of Dwangwa there are a few bridges which are only one lane wide. This means that the road bottlenecks into them. Often the approaches are not well maintained and visibility is not great as they are near bends, hills etc so it is possible to have 2 cars approaching at speed from either side and not seeing other as soon as desirable. Please be aware of these and approach with caution.

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