### 10 Days Uganda Wildlife Game Viewing Safari



Private Safari: 10 days

Safari: Proposed Uganda Gorilla, Chimpanzee and wildlife safari holiday.

**Highlights:** Murchsion Falls National park, Kibale Forest Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Bwindi Impenetrable forests, Lake Mburo National Park and Mambamba swamps

**Accommodation:** Guest's preference.

# 10 Days Uganda Primates and Wildlife Viewing Safari Holiday

From the time you land at Entebbe international airport, with its equatorial location on the forested shores of island strewn Lake Victoria, it is very clear that Uganda is no ordinary safari destination. Dominated by an expansive golf course leading down to the lake shore and a century-old botanical alive with the chatter of acrobatic monkeys and tropical birds, Entebbe its self is the least obviously urban of all comparably sized African Towns. Then, just 40 km distant sprawed across seven hills, there is the capital Kampala. The bright modern feel of this bustling cosmopolitan city reflects the ongoing economic growth and political stability that has characterized Uganda since 1986 and is complemented by the sloping spaciousness and runaway greenery of its garden setting.

Ecologically, Uganda is where the East African savannah meets the West African Jungle. Where else but in this impossibly lush country can one observe lions prowling the open plains in the morning and <u>track chimpanzees</u> through the rain forest undergrowth the same

afternoon, then the next day navigate tropical channels teeming with hippo and crocodiles before setting off into the misty mountains to stare deep into eyes of the Mountain Gorillas!

#### **Safari Itinerary**

### <u>DAY 1: Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park for wildlife game and boat safari.</u>

After breakfast at your hotel, briefing about the safari and then drive to Murchison falls National Park it takes 4-5 hrs. This is Uganda's largest national park whose palm studded grassland supports dense populations of lions, Buffalos, Elephants, the Uganda Kob together with the localized Rothschild's giraffe or Patas monkeys, warthog, butterflies and a lot more.

Enormous concentrations of hippos and birds can be observed from morning / afternoon launch trip along the Victoria Nile placed below the magnificent Murchison falls National park, Have lunch en route and then drive to the top of the falls. You will then retire for dinner and overnight at

Accommodation: (full board)

Luxury: Paraa Safari Lodge or Nile Safari Lodge, Chobe Safari Lodge

Midrange: Kabale wildness, Twiga lodge, Sambiya river lodge.

Budget lodge: Redchille, Pakuba lodge



Day 2: Murchison Falls Game drive and Launch cruise

Take a cup of coffee and then later you will go for an early morning game drive at the Northern bank of the Victoria Nile. Expect encounters of Lions, Leopards, Giraffe, Buffalo, Elephant, The African Python and much other Savannah wildlife.

Return for mid-morning breakfast and lunch and then later you will be transferred to the Pier to take a launch cruise to the Bottom of the falls. Encounters of hippos, Crocodiles, and much other wildlife will be seen along the shores taking water from the river.

There is an optional hike to the top of the falls from the bottom where the boat ride ends. If you are not interested in this, you will be ridden back to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

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## <u>Day 3: Transfer to Kibale National park – Fort portal for Chimpanzee tracking.</u>

Take your breakfast and proceed to to Kibale national park via Hoima to Fort portal for 4hrs, Ahigh light of visit to Kibale National Park will be the Chimpanzee tracking excursion that starts from Kanyankyu at 0800hrs and 1400hrs daily. Encountering man's closest cousin is stands at over 95% according to 2006 statistics.

Whilst in the forest, you can expect to see encounter other types of primates most probably the grey-cheeked mangabey and red-tailed monkey. You will hear plenty of bird song but it is

very difficult to see any bird (bird watching) in the heart of forest-you are better off looking for them in the rest of the camp and along the road. Take pictures of traditional homesteads and farms en route. Weather is pleasant in Fort portal.

Accommodation: (full board).

<u>Luxury</u>: <u>Kyaninga Lodge</u> or <u>Ndali Lodge</u> / <u>primate lodge kibale</u>/ Kibale safari <u>lodge/Craters</u> <u>Lodge</u>.

Mid-range: Isunga/kibale guest cottages/kibale Forest Camp,

Budget: Rweetera service park/Kibale River camp



### Day 4: Queen Elizabeth National park Uganda for wildlife game drive and boat safari.

Take an early breakfast and head for the park guided walk. (2-3 hours). This park has 12 species of primates including the chimp. Get very clear pictures of the variety in flora fauna and birds.

Have lunch and head for Queen Elizabeth National Park via the foothills of foot hills of mountain Rwenzori. Take an evening game drive and retire for the night at

**Accommodation:** (full board)

<u>Luxury</u>: <u>Mweya Safari Lodge</u> / <u>Katara Lodge</u> or <u>Jacana Lodge</u> / <u>Enganzilodge</u>

Mid-Range: Ihamba Lodge / Enganzi Lodge / Bush lodge / Irungu forest lodge Budget: Albertine river camp/Simba safari camp/Pumba Safari lodge



#### Day 5: Queen Elizabeth National park Game drive and launch cruise

Wake up early in the mornings and take cup of tea or coffee. Go for a game drive along Kasenyi track to see the herds of Buffalo, Elephant, Warthog and Lion. Return to the lodge for mid-morning breakfast. After lunch, a two-hour launch cruise along the Kazinga channel proffers visitors a unique opportunity to encounter at close quarters hippo and a variety of bird species common to the park.

The prolific bird life is colorful and astonishing with well over 550 resident species. Dinner and overnight at your lodge

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DAY 6: Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest via Ishasha sector for the tree climbing lions

After breakfast drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, via the Ishaha sector for the tree climbing lions and through picturesque panorama where the overriding topography is of terraced farmland and deep valleys. Lunch, dinner and overnight at.

Accommodation: (full board)

Luxury: Buhoma Lodge/ Mahogany Springs Lodge/ Sanctuary gorilla lodge

Mid-Range: Silver Back / Heaven lodge / Ride for Women lodge / Ruhija Gorilla lodge / Rushaga

Budget: Buhoma Community Bandas (self-contained cottages)



#### **DAY 7: Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.**

After breakfast, proceed to the park headquarters by 7:00am for briefing about the gorilla's life style and tracking guidelines.

Around 8:00 am we embark on the highlights of gorilla trekking safari, which may last for the entire day. We trek through the rain forest and bamboo covered slopes, accompanied by a park ranger, porters and other trackers, in search of a mountain gorilla family.

The walking can sometimes be tough and long, but when you catch a glimpse of the magnificent silverback, any discomforts will be quickly forgotten. When sighted, visitors will be guided to within 6metres from the mountain gorillas, sit around them for a whole hour while gazing into their big round eyes, observing their behaviors and taking photos for the memorable experience.

It's difficult to foresee how many hours you will hike; gorilla excursion can take from 2 up to 8 hours. Expect to walk along distance in steep and muddy conditions, sometimes with rain overhead, before you encounter any gorillas. A good physical condition is recommended. For conservation purposes, time spent with the gorillas is limited to one hour. A ranger will brief you on how to behave with the gorillas.

After this gorilla safari tour, you will descend back to the park headquarters were you will be awarded with gorilla trekking certificates for participation in gorilla trekking activities thus contributing in the gorilla conservation.

In the evening you can relax around a campfire or take walk to Batwa pygmies the original forest dwellers who will demonstrate their living lifestyle and later retire to the lodge.

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#### **Day 8: Transfer to Lake Mburo National Park**

Very early in the morning, given the little time, take breakfast, and then take your drive to Lake Mburo National Park, for 5hrs, A game drive today will enable us to see the zebras, topes, elephants, elands, impalas, buffalo's antelopes, etc. Placed in the one part of Uganda enclosed in extensive acacia woodland, Mburo has noticeably different fauna to other reserves.

It is the best place in the country to see the enormous eland antelope, topi, as well as zebra, impala, and several acacia-associated birds. The five lakes enclosed with in this park attract hippos, crocodiles and a variety of water birds, while fringing swamps hide secretive papyrus specialists such as the sitatunga antelope and red, black and yellow papyrus gonalek.

Accommodation: (full board)

<u>Up-market:</u> <u>Mihingo Lodge</u> / <u>MantanaTented Camp</u>/ <u>Arcadia Cottages</u>

Midrange: Rwakobo Rock/lake Mburo safari Lodge.

Low Budget: Rwonyo Campsite / Eagle's nest lake mburo



#### <u>Day 9: Lake Mburo National Park – Drive to Entebbe</u>

After breakfast, early morning game drive and then start on the journey back to Entebbe for your flight out of Uganda on this day. You will have lunch en-route the journey with a stopover at the equator line, for pictures and experiment, and then to Mpabire village for local crafts and drum making place, to get yourself some of the African crafts on your way back to Entebbe.

#### Accommodation:(full board)

Up-market: Protea Hotel /2 Friends Beach Hotel /Lake Victoria Hotel /Pelican Lodge & Marina.

Midrange: Budget:

### DAY- 10: Shoe Bill Stock in Mabamba Island and Transfer to Entebbe International Airport.

Pickup from your residence at 8:30am and then drive to Mabamba swampy area is only about s 30minutes drive away, It is also found at the edge of Lake Victoria and for birders that would love to see the birds in this area, wooden boats and or canoes to find these birds. This Island is commonly known for the **Shoebill Stork** that is said to keep hidden in the water



weeds while waiting for the fish before they can actually get back into the deeper waters. Shoebills have their homes in Papyrus and will at times live on land however: the land has to oversee the waters. The shoebill occurs in extensive, dense freshwater marshes. Almost all wetlands that attract

the species have undisturbed *Cyperus papyrus* and reed beds of *Phragmites* and *Typha*. Although their distribution largely seems to correspond with the distribution of papyrus. We shall jump onto the ferry to Nakiwogo, and drive to 3 faze for Lunch, and later to Entebbe airport for our Flights Back Home.

#### END OF THE SAFARI **UGANDA SAFARI TREKKING**

	Lowest Price per	Mid-range Price per	Luxury Price per
No. of Persons on	person	person	person
tour	in US Dollars	in US Dollars	in US Dollars
1 persons	\$4045	\$4874	6593

#### **Tour cost includes:**

- Gorillas tracking permit Uganda (Bwindi)of \$800 usd,
- Airport transfers, Jomo Kenyatta Hotel and Entebbe international airport.
- Chimpanzee tracking permits Kibale Forest \$250
- All park entrance and related fees, boat fees,
- Full board accommodation with all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner),
- Bottled drinking water on safari,
- Private 4x4 ground transportation (Landcruiser/safari van)
- English speaking driver guide, guides in national parks.
- Additional porters where necessary.