



Gorilla Safaris Uganda LTD

The 12 Days Uganda gorillas, Cultural and Wildlife Game Viewing Safari will give you the feel of the pearl of Africa taking you to the best tour destination in Uganda. Activities on this safari include [gorilla trekking](#), Savannah wildlife game drive and boat launches, chimpanzee tracking, Uganda culture and people.



ITINERARY:

Day 1: Drive to Murchison Falls, Visit Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

After breakfast, you meet and greet with your tour guide. We then transfer to Murchison Falls National Park having a break at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary in Nakasongola to track and view the Rhinos.

Uganda's Rhinos became extinct in the early 1980s, after a period of civil unrest and heavy poaching. This sanctuary has now been established to breed black and white rhino, and restore Rhino populations in Uganda's protected areas in a later stage.

We shall stopover for lunch in Masindi town and thereafter continue to Murchison Falls National Park straight to the top of the falls which is a fantastic sight. Here the Nile, the longest river in the world, is forced through a

narrow gap in the rock (only 7 meters wide), before ferociously plunging down 43 meters. From here we will continue onto our accommodation place along the Nile River.

Accommodation options available (all on full board basis)

Up-market: Paraa Safari Lodge or Nile Safari Lodge, chobe safari lodge

Mid-range: Pakuba Safari Lodge/ Murchison Safari Lodge/Gipiri and Labong/Kabalega wildness

Budget: [Heritage Safari Lodge](#)/ Red Chilli Rest Camp/[Murchison River lodge](#).

(Driving time ± 6hrs on mainly surfaced roads)

Day 2: Safari game drives Murchison Falls National Park looking for wildlife; Boat trip to the Falls

After an early breakfast, you enjoy a game drive through rolling plains of the park. Watch the parade of Elephants, Hartebeest, Giraffe, Buffalo, and many species of Antelope pass you by and try to spot a Lion or Leopard relaxing in the sunshine.

In the afternoon, you will take a relaxing boat trip along the Nile to the foot of the falls. Here, you will spot Hippos, a dazzling array of birdlife along the banks and of course those Nile Crocodiles! Listen out for the thunderous and electrifying sound of the famous waterfall as you approach its base.

This is where the Nile thunders through a small 7-meter gap, or down river to the delta where the Nile empties into Lake Albert. This is an experience not to be missed! The banks of the Nile are home to many species. You may see huge Nile Crocodiles, big Pods of Hippos and other wildlife that may come down to drink from the river.

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Day 3: Fort Portal - Kibale Forest National Park

Leave Murchison falls National Park for Kibale Forest National Park via the Lake Albert escarpment, having a good view of the lake. Traveling on both asphalt and unpaved roads, you pass through traditional Ugandan Villages where you see people at work tending their traditional crops of millet, sorghum, beans and maize. The lush rolling hills of this region provide good "photo opportunities". As you approach Fort Portal in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains, you enter Uganda's famous tea plantation region. A carpet of green spreads before you, as far as the eye can see, and seems an unusual contrast to the countryside through which you have just passed.

Fort Portal is a small and attractive city. The fort was built between 1891 and 1893 and named after Sir Gerald Portal, the British Consul General of Zanzibar who arrived in Uganda in 1892 to formalise the protectorate of Uganda. He died of malaria a few months after the fort was completed.

at **Overnight at**

Up-market option: [Kyanninga Lodge](#) or [Ndali Lodge](#) / [primate lodge kibale](#) / [Kibale safari lodge](#)

Moderate option: [Kibale Forest Camp](#)/chimpanzee guest cottages/[Isunga Lodge](#)

Low Budget option: [Chimpanzee Forest Guesthouse](#)/[Rweetera service park](#)/kibale river camp

Meals Included today: Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge.

(Driving time ± 7hrs on surfaced and un-surfaced roads)

Day 4: Chimpanzee/ Primates Trekking in Kibale Forest; Bigodi Swamp Walk

In the early morning, we will go Chimp tracking. On your forest walk in the afternoon, you will look for the fascinating multi-species troops of monkeys. Various species move through the forest together, each species occupying different elevation in the forest. They understand each others' alarm calls when predators are spotted, so when, for example, an eagle soars overhead, the monkeys at the higher elevation will sound the alarm and all monkeys will take appropriate evasive action. The same applies when those at the lowest elevations spot a ground-dwelling or ambush predator such as a leopard: the terrestrial monkeys will sound the alarm signal and all monkeys will rapidly move up to the higher elevation.

In the evening, we shall go for Bigodi swamp walk (2-3 hours) that takes you through grassland, small communities and some beautiful scenery, where the locals are likely to greet you with enthusiastic Waves. It is usual to spot 3 or 4 different primate species during this walk, though the Highlight is catching a glimpse of the Great Blue Turaco!

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Day 5: Transfer To Queen Elizabeth National Park.

After breakfast we travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park famous for a number of wildlife like the hippos, buffaloes, elephants, kobs and a number of bird species. Queen Elizabeth National Park holds other wildlife including the predators, Lion, Leopard and Spotted hyena. Other mammals include Giant forest hog, a variety of antelope, elephant and hippo. The park's bird species number more than 600, quite likely higher than any other destination in Africa.

After lunch proceed for an evening game drive where you will also see the crater Lakes.

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Up-market option: [Mweya Safari Lodge](#) / [Katara Lodge](#) or [Jacana Lodge](#) / [Enganzi lodge](#)

Moderate option: [Queen Elizabeth Safari Lodge](#) or [Simba Safari Camp](#)

Low Budget option: [Mweya Hostels](#) or [Kazinga Channel Lodge](#);

Meals Included today: *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge.*

(Game Drive takes about 3 hours, boat trip takes 3 hours)

Day 6: Queen Elizabeth National Park, Game drive, boat trip on Kazinga Channel.

We set out early in the morning for a game drive in the northern part of the park on the Kasenyei Track in search of lions, elephants, solitary buffaloes. This is the best time for opportunities of viewing the cats in action owing to the vast population of Uganda Kobs. We have an excellent chance to view just about every animal here at very close range.

In the afternoon we will go for a launch trip along the Kazinga Channel. This gives you the opportunity to view wildlife up close: hippo's huff and spray very close from the boat, buffalo linger in the shallow; elephants watering, and much other wildlife. At least 80% of the wildlife in Queen Elizabeth national park can be found

along this Channel. The shores of the channel are also home to an array of birds including pink backed pelicans, pied and malachite kingfishers, saddle billed stork and many others.

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Day 7: Ishasha; Drive to Bwindi

Today morning after breakfast, we will drive through the southern sector of Queen Elizabeth known as Ishasha, famed for its tree-climbing lions, the lions have learnt to climb the fig trees to escape the midday heat and if you're lucky, you will see some sleepy lions relaxing in the branches. Ishasha is a remote and beautiful extension of Queen Elizabeth National Park. We will see buffalo, topi and hippo among other species. It is a fabulous sight to see the lions draped from the trees and nowhere in Africa do you stand a better chance of seeing this than in the large low-limbed fig tree of Ishasha.



We then drive further south through stunning savannah grasslands as we head towards the breathtaking adventures of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

While most of today's forests are no more than 12,000 years old, Bwindi's vegetation has been weaving itself into tangles over at least 25,000 years, in the process accumulating a lengthy species list. This includes 310 species of butterfly, 51 reptiles, 200 trees, 88 moths and an exceptional 120 types of mammal including 10 primates. The latter includes chimpanzee, L'Hoest's, red tailed and blue monkey, black and white colobus, baboon, and Bwindi's most famous resident, the mountain gorilla. Bwindi is a prime destination for birdwatchers. Its 350 species include seven which are IUCN red data listed and 90% of all Albertine rift endemics, species which are difficult or impossible to see in any other part of East Africa.

Overnight at

Up-market option: [Buhoma Lodge](#)/ [Mahogany Springs Lodge](#)

Moderate option: [Engagi Lodge](#)/ [Silverback Lodge](#) / [Gorilla Safari Lodge](#)/ [Camp, Ruhija](#)

Low Budget option: [Buhoma Community Restcamp](#) or [Ruhija Gorilla Friends](#) / [gorilla valley lodge](#) / [Travellers hotel](#)

Meals Included today: *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge.*

(Driving time ± 3hrs on un-surfaced roads)

Day 8: Gorilla trekking (Bwindi Impenetrable National Park) other primates.

You will surely enjoy this day! After breakfast, proceed for the morning briefing before enjoying the highlight of the trip- Gorilla trekking, which may last the entire day. We trek through the rainforest and bambo covered slopes, accompanied by a guide and 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 6 metres from the gorillas, sit around them for a whole hour while gazing into their big round eyes.

Gorilla trekking is unpredictable. It's difficult to foresee how many hours you will hike. The 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 where 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 9: Transfer to Lake Mburo National Park

We drive east to Mbarara, now one of Uganda's major towns, but formerly capital of Ankole kingdom for over 400 years until disbanded by independence in 1962. In the days before modern Uganda came into being, the area had a series of fiercely independent tribal states. The once nomadic Bahima people, part of Bantu-speaking Ankole kingdom, are renowned for the particular bond they forge with their unique, long-horned Ankole cattle. These hardy cattle respond to their individual names when called by their male herder; he in turn

lives in close harmony with them. From here you continue to Lake Mburo, a small but picturesque national park renowned for its herds of antelope and one of the only two Ugandan parks home to Buchell's zebra. The park is also especially good for acacia-associated bird.

Accommodation options available (all on full board basis)

Up-market: [Mihingo Lodge](#) / [Mantana Tented Camp](#) / [Archadia Cottages](#)

Moderate: [Lake Mburo Safari Lodge](#) / [Rakobo Rock](#)

Low Budget: [Rwonyo Campsite](#)

(Driving time ± 4hrs on un-surfaced roads)

Day 10: Safari in Lake Mburo National Park for zebras, Eland, Hippos, Buffalo, Topi, birds,

Rise early for breakfast before a short drive to the Rwonyo Park Headquarters. This has often been a good chance of seeing hyenas coming back to their dens, hippos walking back to the water, you will see buffalo, zebra, impala and topi and with a bit of luck maybe even a sitatunga, an antelope rarely seen living in the papyrus swamps. After your early morning activities, return the lodge for a late breakfast on the wooden decking overlooking the water hole. Before lunch you can relax at the pool, the bar area or enjoy the privacy of your room. In the afternoon you can go on a game drive to Kazuma Look-out Point with a stunning view onto 9 of the lakes surrounding this Park. On your way you will see most of the animal species occurring in Lake Mburo National Park. The walk onto Kazuma Look-out Point is steep but short and extremely rewarding and should not be missed when visiting this Park.

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Moderate: [Lake Mburo Safari Lodge](#) / [Rakobo Rock](#)

Low Budget: [Rwonyo Campsite](#)

Day 11: Depart from Lake Mburo National Park Safari, return to Kampala

heading east from Lake Mburo, we bid farewell to the park's friendly staff as we depart for Kampala. We drive through a magnificent hilly country and lush cultivation on an approximately four-hour journey. En route we will stop at the Equator for photographs and 'polar-water experiment', then a local community popular for making local drums (Mpabire Village), gardens, crafts shops and fruit markets.

We will be in Kampala in the evening

Accommodation options available (all on full board basis)

Up-market: [Sheraton Hotel Kampala](#) / [Speke resort Hotel](#) / [Sky View Hotel](#) (Protea)

Moderate: [Fairway hotel](#) / [Fang Fang Hotel](#) / [Golf Course Hotel](#)

Low Budget: [Holiday Express Hotel](#) / [JBK hotel](#)

(Driving time ± 4hrs on un-surfaced roads)



Day 12:

Kampala

Culture City

Tour.

Early morning breakfast checkout and begin off our Kampala city tour, Sites will include: Bulange Buganda's ceremonial palace and Lubiri, Buganda-Parliament, Kasubi Tombs(King's Burial ground), Gadhafi Mosque, Ndere Centre, Uganda Museum, Bahai Temple, Craft markets (Buganda Road or national theatre) Namugongo Martyrs Shrine, Namirembe and Rubaga Cathedral, before for your flight back home

++++END OF THE 12 DAYS SAFARI HOLIDAY TRIP ++++

**Tour Price for 12 days gorilla trek per person on this Uganda Safari \$4350
USD Budget and \$5814 USD option Based on 2 people.**

Include:

Included:

- Complementary arrival and departure airport transfers,
- gorilla trek permits \$800, chimps tracking permit \$250,
- meals indicated on programme,
- drinking water,
- experienced driver/guide,
- accommodation full board as per programme,
- park fees for the various parks,
- 4x4 safari landcruiser for transport on the tour
- boat rides as on the program,

Excluded: Tips for drivers and other staff, bank charges involved, flight tickets and departure taxes, travel documentation (visas), travel and medical insurance, optional excursion, beverages other than mineral water in the vehicle, Meals not indicated on your detailed itinerary.