

11 DAYS UGANDA SAFARI – BUHOMA



The Explore Uganda Safari takes you to one of the very few places to see endangered mountain gorillas, combines primate viewing with a classic savannah safari, gives you a good balance between vehicle, boat and walking activities and not leaving out the excellent birding experience and the scenic beauty.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the southern, central, and north-western regions of the Pearl of Africa.
- Unforgettable encounter with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and with the chimpanzees in Kibale National Park
- Beautiful hike “across” Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, accompanied by professional guide and armed ranger.
- Game drives and boat cruises in the main national parks of the country: Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls.
- Encounter with white rhinos at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
- Meet, explore, and learn from the local communities.
- Support sustainable tourism initiatives.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DAY	SCHEDULE /ROUTING	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL PLAN
Day 1	Arrival at Entebbe international airport, meet and greet transfer to the Guest House	Papyrus Guest House	B,B
Day 2	Drive to Murchison falls National Park with an enroute visit to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary	Twiga Safari Lodge	B,L,D
Day 3	Morning game drive and afternoon shared boat trip to the bottom of the falls	Twiga Safari Lodge	B,L,D
Day 4	Boat trip to the Victoria Nile Delta of the falls and evening game drive	Twiga Safari Lodge	B,L,D
Day 5	Drive to Kibale Forest National, crater lakes visit/ top of the world hike	Turaco Treetops Lodge	B,L,D
Day 6	AM Chimpanzee tracking and afternoon Bigodi swamp/wetland visit	Turaco Treetops Lodge	B,L,D
Day 7	Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park, afternoon shared boat trip on Kazinga channel and evening game drive	Marafiki Safari Lodge	B,L,D
Day 8	Drive to Ishasha Sector, evening game drive	Enjojo Lodge	B,L,D
Day 9	Drive to Bwindi impenetrable forest – Buhoma sector	Mahogany Springs	B,L,D
Day 10	Gorilla tracking – Buhoma sector	Mahogany Springs	B,L,D
Day 11	Drive/ Fly to Entebbe for your outbound flight	Optional Day room use at Papyrus Guest House	B,L,D



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DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT- EBB

Upon arrival as per your international flight details, Clear immigration, collect your luggage with assistance from our airport support who will lead you to arrivals to meet our representative and driver and transfer to the Guest House driving for approx.20mins upon exiting the airport.

- Overnight at Papyrus Guest House <https://papyrusguesthouse.com/>
- Room type – Garden Room
- Meal plan – Bed & Breakfast

DAY 2: ENTEBBE – ZIWA – MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK- 341KM

Drive to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary (approx.4hours), beautiful stop at local fruit markets, continue to the sanctuary for rhino tracking taking approx. 1-2hours depending on the day's location of the Rhinos. After trekking, have lunch in a local restaurant at the sanctuary and continue to Murchison falls National Park. (Approx.2.5hours)

Upon arrival, visit top of the falls, where clients can either view the falls or take a short hike towards the bottom of the falls for approx.45mins then continue to the lodge driving for approx. 40mins.

Murchison Falls National Park is Located at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley, where the sweeping Bunyoro escarpment tumbles into the vast palm-dotted savannah, the park is bisected by the **Victoria Nile**. The “mythical” river plunges here for 45m from the rift valley wall thus creating the dramatic Murchison Falls, centre piece of the park and final “event” in an 80km stretch of rapids. The mighty cascade drains the last energies from the river and transforms it into a broad placid stream flowing quietly across the rift valley floor into Lake Albert. This stretch of river provides one of Uganda's most remarkable wildlife spectacles.

- Overnight at Twiga Safari Lodge <https://twigasafarilodge.com/>
- Room type – Thatched cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 3: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

With breakfast in the morning, have an action-packed morning drive exploring the flora and fauna of the park, Watch out for the Albert endemic birds and Rothschild giraffes, buffalos, elephants and if you're lucky lions and

leopards, return to the lodge for lunch and in the afternoon head out for a **shared /scheduled boat trip** to the bottom of the falls scheduled at 14:00 for approx.2-3hours.

The riverbanks often host elephants in the afternoon, crocodiles are monstrous and the waterfalls themselves spectacular. The riverbank is also home to the Red-throated bee-eater, a local endemic to Murchison Falls National Park. Drive back to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

- Overnight at Twiga Safari Lodge-
- Room type – Thatched cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 4: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

06.30hours proceed to Paraa to conduct a shared boat trip into the Victoria Nile Delta area of the National Park. A leisurely exploration of the delta area for up to 5 hours, providing opportunities for birdwatching and spotting various wildlife.

The delta area is quite spectacular with several endemic mammal species to be seen to include Rothschild's giraffe and elephant. The Shoebill stork is also to be found in the delta a must-see species for the avid bird enthusiast.

Return to the lodge for lunch and later drive back to the savannah and enjoy an evening game drive. Usually commence around 4:00 PM, allowing visitors to watch the wildlife as they become more active in the cooler temperatures of the evening.

- Overnight at Twiga Safari Lodge-
- Room type – Thatched cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 5: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK – KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK- 440KM- 7HOURS

Drive from Murchison falls National Park to Kibale National Park via the rift valley escarpment road offering spectacular views over lake Albert. Proceed via Hoima, Kyenjojo with an en-route stop over for lunch in fort portal, proceed for the hike to the 'Top of the World' to enjoy fantastic views of the Rwenzori Mountains, the crater lakes, the tea plantations, and local villages for approx.2-3hours. After the hike transfer to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

- Overnight at Turaco Treetops Lodge <https://www.turacotreetops.com/>
- Room type – Luxury cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 6: CHIMPANZEE TRACKING & BIGODI SWAMP EXCURSION -KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

This morning after breakfast, transfer to the visitor's Information centre (30mins from the camp) for a briefing on the conduct while in the park. After the short briefing and group allocation, start off the trek in search of the chimpanzees accompanied by rangers and guides from Uganda wildlife Authority. The duration of the trek depends on the day's location of the Chimps, but you are allowed 1hour of viewing.

The density and diversity of primates in **Kibale National Park** is the highest in the whole of Africa. The most well-known of its 13 species are the chimpanzees, our closest relative. Kibale's 1450 chimpanzee population of this threatened primate is Uganda's biggest. Additionally, Kibale is home to the uncommon l'Hoest's monkey as well as East Africa's biggest population of the endangered red colobus monkey. The black & white colobus, red tailed monkey, blue monkey, olive baboon, grey cheeked mangabey, bush baby and potto are among the other primates present in the region.

Afternoon excursion to the **Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary**, a great example of a community-based approach to natural resources management which can be of good economic benefit to the local residents living within the area and to the tourism industry. This sanctuary is a paradise for bird watchers - skilled birders can spot up to 50 new species on a bird list. At today 138 species of birds have been recognized within the sanctuary, among which the Great Blue Turaco. Bigodi is also regularly visited by a diverse number of primate species from the nearby national park.

- Overnight at Turaco Treetops Lodge
- Room type – Luxury cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 7: KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK- QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK (QENP) -(3HOURS DRIVE/ 157KM)

Depart Kibale Forest to Queen Elizabeth National Park, lying 1978 sq. km west of Uganda. It harbors a diverse eco-system with a lovely savannah, fertile wetlands making it home for the big game, 10 primate species and many bird species. The drive takes approx. 2-3hours and upon arrival, check in for lunch at the lodge and later

head out for a game drive giving an opportunity to look out for

QENP is one of Uganda's oldest parks, being formed officially in 1952. The park was initially known as 'Kazinga National Park' before it was renamed in 1954 to commemorate the visit by Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain. QENP hosts 95 species of mammals, more than any other park in Uganda, and 619 bird species, the second highest of any park in Africa – the sixth highest of any park worldwide.

In the afternoon enjoy a shared /scheduled boat trip on the **Kazinga Channel** - the 36 km waterway which connects Lake George and Lake Edward, which allows special viewings of game and birds on the riverbanks, as the boat passes through pods of hippos. Crocodiles have only recently been seen in the Channel; they had disappeared for 8,000 years after they were eliminated from Lake Edward by toxic ash from local volcanoes

The boat is scheduled at 14:00 or 16:00 and takes approx.2hours

- Overnight at Marafiki Safari Lodge <https://marafikisafaris.com/>
- Room type – Thatched cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 8: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK – ISHASHA SECTOR

After breakfast you will head for a enroute game With packed lunch proceed via the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park, lunch at the camp and in the afternoon head out for a game drive with an evening sundowner in the park. The drives take approx. 2-3hours

The Ishasha area of Queen Elizabeth National Park is rich with wildlife including warthog, water buck, bush buck, leopard, Ugandan kob, elephants, countless bird species and even the rare giant forest hog. The Ishasha sector of the park is known for its famous tree climbing lions sometimes found lying about in the branches of the native fig trees.

The Ishasha sector is the only other place in the entire world where you will find tree climbing lions apart from Lake Manyara National Park in Tanzania. (The drive takes about 4 hours/155 km)

- Overnight at Enjojo Lodge <https://www.enjojolodge.com/>
- Room type – Thatched cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - All Drinks excluded

DAY 9: ISHASHA SECTOR – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST.

After breakfast you will head for an enroute game with packed lunch proceed to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – the Buhoma sector. Buhoma sector is set on an altitude of 1500km above sea level. It is located on the northern boundary of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

This sector is a pioneer of the gorilla trekking activity in Bwindi Forest and Uganda in general. The sector was the first to host the first group of gorilla trekkers in 1993. Beside mountain gorilla trekking, Buhoma is also credited for its exciting nature walks a trail which has been established and leads visitors up to the three water falls, identify most of butterflies, birds, trees and many primates and many more.

Upon arrival, you will check in at your lodge and relax for the evening as you prepare for the encounter with the endangered Mountain Gorillas. Mahogany Springs Lodge a beautiful eco-lodge located just a 5–10-minute walk to the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park northern entrance in Buhoma Sector.

- Overnight at Mahogany Springs <https://www.mahoganysprings.com/>
- Room type – Superior room
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10: GORILLA TRACKING- BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST- BUHOMA SECTOR.

After breakfast, at around 7:30 am, with packed lunch and drinking water you will be transferred to the briefing point for the briefing on the dos and the don'ts while with the gorillas. You then continue to the forest for the start of the actual gorilla tracking in a group of 8 participants accompanied by escorts/ guides and rangers from Uganda wildlife Authority.

The duration of the trek is only determined by the location of the primates on the day of tracking, and the time taken to find the gorillas can take from an hour to a full day, after spotting them, spend 1hour of viewing and hike back, meet the vehicle and drive back to the lodge.

The beauty of this rainforest is spectacular. The area offers a dramatic, steeply forested landscape and is incredibly dense, but crisscrossed by numerous animal trails, allowing access to tourists. The time taken and the terrain vary as per the movements of these great primates. The thrill of spending time observing these gentle and endangered giants is an awesome, exciting experience to be long savoured. Many find it to be a rare and moving opportunity.

Upon return, relax at the lodge and, for those who like, at 5.00 pm either stroll through the community center. A great way to stretch your legs after the gorilla tracking and to enjoy a sundowner.

- Overnight at Mahogany Springs
- Room type – Superior room
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK – ENTEBBE – (11HOURS)

After an early breakfast enjoy another glimpse of the misty jungle then start the drive back to Entebbe airport. Lunch at Igongo cultural center then continue via the Equator to Entebbe.

Optional: After an early breakfast, transfer to Kihiki airstrip for a domestic flight to Entebbe {scheduled to depart at 8:35 and arrive at 11:25} and later connect with your outbound flight. Upon arrival, check in at Papyrus Guest House for a day room use, freshen up and later transfer to the airport to fly out.

Optional Flight from Kihiki Airstrip to Entebbe at Extra \$350 per person

RATES IN USD PER PERSON SHARING IN A TWIN /DOUBLE

VALIDITY 01.01.26 – 31.12.26.

	NET RATES IN USD PER PERSON SHARING IN TWIN/ DOUBLE ROOM					
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	HIGH SEASON (January, February, June, July, August, September, December)			LOW SEASON (March, April, May, October, November)		
	SAFARI ARRANGEMENT	PERMITS & PARK FEES	TOTAL COST	SAFARI ARRANGEMENT	PERMITS & PARK FEES	TOTAL COST
2Px	\$4688	\$1050	\$5738	\$4321	\$1050	\$5371
4pax	\$3901	\$1050	\$4951	\$3534	\$1050	\$4584
6pax	\$3639	\$1050	\$4689	\$3271	\$1050	\$4321
Single Room supplement	\$697			\$667		

Supplement for a French Speaking guide - \$500 per vehicle per trip (maximum 6pax)

Inclusions

- Accommodation and meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Drinking water in the vehicle (1litre per person per day)
- All the excursions and activities indicated in the itinerary under the supervision of an experienced English -speaking guide
- Private 4x4 vehicle with experienced French-speaking driver-guide, from day 3 to day 13
- 1 Gorilla permit, 1 Chimpanzee permit Kibale and park fees per person.
- Laundry Services and drinks at Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge.
- AMREF Evacuation Insurance cover
- Government taxes

Exclusions

- Uganda Entry Visa fee
- International air flights
- Any optional activity not indicated in above program.
- Laundry Services in all other lodges except Nkuringo
- Items of personal nature.
- Gratuities and Tips

TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A 30% deposit of the total tour price will be required to secure a booking, the balance being due 45 days before the tour departure date.

Bookings not secured by the appropriate deposit will be released.

Cancellation between 90 and 45 days of tour departure will incur a 30% of tour price penalty charge. Confirmed bookings cancelled within 45 days of the tour departure date or no show will incur 100% of tour price penalty charge.

Availability of accommodation and activities is not guaranteed; reservations will be made after receiving confirmation of the final itinerary and the payment of the requested deposit. Should any

of the quoted accommodations not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable option, which might affect the final quoted price.

All clients who participate in this tour must be adequately covered by **medical insurance** as well as **travel insurance** to protect them in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Rates specified for this tour are subject to change without notice, however every effort will be made to maintain them. In the event of any change of Government taxes or operating conditions that affect the rates we reserve the right to pass on these charges

*** UGANDA GORILLA & CHIMP PERMIT CANCELLATION
POLICY**

(Different and separate from the tour cancellation policy)

Gorilla and Chimpanzee Permits will be guaranteed ONLY upon receipt of the deposit (**US\$1050** for both permits in 2025/2026) since we need to immediately pay Uganda Wildlife Authority Offices to secure the permits.

Cancellations received on full payment:

- More than 90 days before the tracking date, 25% cancellation fee
- 89 to 46 days before the tracking date, 50% cancellation fee
- 45 to 9 days before the tracking date, 75% cancellation fee
- 8 to 0 days before the tracking date, 100% cancellation fee

Important: the minimum age required for gorilla tracking is 15 years whereas for the chimps the minimum age required is 12 years; in case of flu or of any other Airborne disease the visitor will be not allowed to meet with the gorillas or the chimps.