

8 DAY CLASSIC UGANDA PRIMATE SAFARI



Highlights:

- Discover Uganda, the Pearl of Africa, optimizing the transfer times.
- 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 a professional guide and armed rangers.
- Game drives and boat cruises in Queen Elizabeth National Park.
- Meet, explore, and learn from the local communities.
- Support sustainable tourism initiatives.

Your safari at a Glance!!!!

Days	Routes/activities	Accommodation	
Day 1	Arrival at Entebbe International Airport, clear with immigration, and transfer to your hotel.	Papyrus Guest House	B,B
Day 2	Transfer to Kibale National Park, crater lakes visit	Turaco Tree tops	B,L,D
Day 3	Chimpanzee tracking in Kibale National Park and transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park.	Marafiki Safari Lodge	B,L,D
Day 4	Morning Game drive and afternoon boat trip on the Kazinga channel	Marafiki Safari Lodge	B,L,D
Day 5	Transfer to Buhoma and hike across Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to Nkuringo.	Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge	B,L,D
Day 6	Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park	Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge	B,L,D
Day 7	Transfer from Bwindi to Lake Mburo National Park and afternoon game drive	Mihingo Lodge	B,L,D
Day 8	Am nature walk in Lake Mburo National Park and later transfer back to Entebbe for your outbound flight		



DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ENTEBBE & OPTIONAL MABAMBA SWAMPS

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.

Optional Extra: In the afternoon, You depart by car and transfer to the docking point for about 10mins, settle in the speed boat crossing to the swamp(40mins) and then move to a canoe that will comfortably maneuver in the swamp as you search for the rare shoebill and other bird species. NB, the activity duration ranges from 1- 4 hours but depends on the day's location of the Shoebill and the client's interest in other bird species. (usually takes longer for clients specifically interested in birds) Mabamba Swamp, one of the best places for spotting rare shoebill storks, although due to their scarce population, sightings are not guaranteed. Return to the boat and enjoy a relaxed cruise on Lake Victoria.

- Overnight at Papyrus Guest House <https://papyrusguesthouse.com/>
- Room type – Garden Room
- Meal plan – No Meals included

DAY 2: ENTEBBE – KIBALE NATIONAL PARK (6 HOURS DRIVE/385 KM)

After breakfast, transfer to Kibale Forest National Park with an enroute lunch in a local restaurant and after lunch 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. After the activity, transfer to the lodge for check-in.

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

DAY 3: AM CHIMPANZEE TRACKING AND TRANSFER TO QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK (3HOURS DRIVE/ 157KM)

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 I'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.

In the afternoon, transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park. 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 a 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.

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

DAY 4: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK.

Full day dedicated to game drives in **Queen Elizabeth National Park** and to the 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 disappeared 8,000 years after they were eliminated from Lake Edward by toxic ash from local volcanoes

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

DAY 5: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK TO BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK.

Today we will depart the beautiful area of Queen Elizabeth and drive to the southwest via Ishasha sector with an enroute game drive with a chance of sighting the tree climbing lions and proceed to Buhoma sector for a guided walk-through Bwindi impenetrable forest. (The drive takes about 4 hours/155 km)

In Buhoma, which is the northern side of the park, you will meet our Nkuringo Walking Safari guide who will walk with you 4/5 hours (13 km) through the forest to Nkuringo, on the southern side via the Ivy River trail, which is the shortest route. Upon arrival at Nteko Ridge, you meet with the vehicle and drive 7 km to the lodge. Your safari guide will meanwhile drive around to the lodge and will meet you there, so we recommend you pack a little day pack as chances are high that you will arrive before him. A packed lunch will be provided. There is no road through Bwindi so vehicles driving between the two locations have an incredible 170 km bone-jarring journey, taking 5 to 6 hours.

Your arrival in Nkuringo will see you at 2160m above sea level. From the vantage of Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge, a 270-degree panorama will hopefully unfold to reveal views of the volcanoes of the Virunga, the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, and a huge swathe of primary forest that constitutes the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

- Overnight at Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge <https://www.mountaingorillalodge.com/>
- Room type – Deluxe cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner – Includes all soft drinks, local beers and house wines

DAY 6: GORILLA TRACKING / BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK

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. The tracking can take place at Nkuringo or at Rushaga (1hr drive from Nkuringo), as per the gorilla permits obtained.

Upon return, relax at the lodge and, for those who like, at 5.00 pm either stroll through the community center or drive up to the “Top of the World” - the name given to the football field, high up in Nkuringo which offers amazing views over the peaks and forests around Nkuringo. A great way to stretch your legs after the gorilla tracking and to enjoy a sundowner

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- Room type – Deluxe cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner – Includes all soft drinks, local beers and house wines

DAY 7: BWINDI – LAKE MBURO PARK – 325 KMS – 5-6 HOURS

After breakfast depart Bwindi through the mountainous hillside of Kigezi region, with glimpse of Lake Bunyonyi famous crater Lake onwards to Lake Mburo National Park with a stop at Igongo Culture Center for a lunch break, after lunch proceed to Lake Mburo National Park for an afternoon boat trip **1-2hour boat ride on Lake Mburo** to admire the beautiful landscapes and in search of close encounters with the local fauna, bushbucks, bush duikers, crocodiles, hippos, plenty of water birds, etc. return to the lodge with enroute game viewing.

- Overnight at Mihingo lodge <https://mihingolodge.com/>
- Room type – Luxury Safari Tent)
- Meal Plan – Full Board

DAY 8 LAKE MBURO – ENTEBBE - 285KMS – 5HOURS

After breakfast, enjoy a guided nature walk in the park. The walk will take you to the salt lick area, where the chances are high that you will find many animals that are attracted to the salty rocks. The walk starts at 7:00 am and this walk takes approximately 2 hours of being taken up by nature, and in the two hours that are given to this activity, you get an opportunity to see many wildlife species that are found inhabiting the premises of Lake Mburo National Park.

After the activity, return to Entebbe. The anticipated driving time is 5 hours on the road. En route, you will pass the equator, where a coffee break can be taken and possibly the picnic lunch provided by the lodge, depending on your departure details, either add a day room use or continue directly to the airport to fly out.

RATES IN USD PER PERSON SHARING IN A TWIN /DOUBLE

VALIDITY 01.01.26 – 31.12.26.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NET RATES IN USD PER PERSON SHARING IN TWIN/ DOUBLE ROOM					
	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
Based on 6 pax	2890	1170	US\$4,060	2598	1170	US\$3,768
Based on 4 pax	3110	1170	US\$4,280	2818	1170	US\$3,988
Based on 2 pax	3770	1170	US\$4,940	3478	1170	US\$4,648
Single room suppl.	US\$584			US\$500		

Supplement for a French Speaking guide - \$350 per vehicle per trip (maximum 6pax)

Inclusions

- 1 Uganda Gorilla tracking permit per person.
- 1 Chimpanzee tracking permit person
- Accommodation and meal plan as per the itinerary
- Park Entrance fees in all national parks as per the program.
- Drinking water in the vehicle (1litre per person per day)
- All the excursions and activities indicated above under the supervision of a Professional, experienced English-speaking guide
- Private 4x4 vehicle with experienced English-speaking driver-guide from day 2 to day 8
- AMREF Evacuation insurance cover.
- Government taxes

Exclusions

- Uganda Entry Visa fee.
- International air flights
- Gratuities and Tips
- Items of a personal nature

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 accommodation 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.