



## 12 DAYS BEST OF UGANDA SAFARI

Flying Safari-Private safari activities with English Speaking + English speaking driver/guide  
B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner

### Important Notes:

Baggage on domestic flights is 15kg per person in soft bags.

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### SAFARI OVERVIEW.

Our 12 Days Uganda Safari adventures into the Pearl of Africa and reveals the true hidden experiences, the trip takes you mainly to the five major National Parks of the country, including Murchison Falls National Park for wildlife and beautiful sceneries, Kibale Forest National Park for chimp trek and cultural tour around Bigodi Swamp, Queen Elizabeth National Park for the game drives and boat cruise on Kazinga Channel and not forgetting Ishasha for the tree climbing lions, Bwindi Forest National Park for the magical Gorilla experience and cultural encounters, Lake Bunyonyi for the wonderful views and the trip finally takes you to Lake Mburo National - the smallest savannah national parks, and the only park where you can have a safari walk.

Safari Highlights:

- Ziwa Rhino Tracking at the Rhino Sanctuary
- Visiting the top of the falls in Murchison
- Launch cruises in Murchison Falls and Queen Elizabeth and Lake Mburo
- Private Game drives in Murchison, Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth
- Gorilla Trekking
- Chimpanzee trekking
- Community activities
- Boat ride on Lake Bunyonyi
- Sundowner with drinks in Ishasha

### QUOTATION FULL ITINERARY.

#### Day 1: Arrive at Entebbe Airport - Entebbe Hotel (Approx. 10 -30 mins drive)

On your arrival at Entebbe Airport, you will be met and welcomed by our representative. He will be your tour and driver guide for the rest of the days you will be in the country. After the interaction and brief introduction, you will be transferred to your preferred Hotel in Entebbe for Overnight stay. **Bed and Breakfast**

- Papyrus Guest House or Airport Link Guest House for Budget
- Boma Guest House or 2 Friends Guest House for Midrange
- Lake Victoria Serena/ Hotel Number 5 for Upmarket

#### Day 2: Entebbe to Murchison Falls National Park (Approx. 5-6hrs drive)

After breakfast at the hotel, your driver guide will pick you for a transfer to Murchison Falls National Park. This journey will take you through the famous Luweero Triangle and a stopover at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, enjoy a 1-2hrs walk as you track the Rhinos. This is the only place where one is able to see these in the wild. Have Lunch and later proceed with your journey to Murchison falls National Park via Masindi town. You will have another stop over the Top of the falls for a clear and magnificent views of the water forcing its self through a 7-meter gorge and drops to over 43 meters below with a thunderous roar hence forming a beautiful rainbow. Reach at your lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight stay. **Full Board**

- Pakuba Safari Lodge for Budget
- Twiga Safari Lodge for Midrange • Paraa Safari Lodge for Upmarket.

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### **Day 3: Game drive and Launch cruise to the bottom of the falls**

Rise very early in the morning and set out for the game drive before sunrise. Murchison falls being Uganda's largest park, you will enjoy a variety of wildlife it has to offer including Lions, Leopards, Buffalos, Elephants, large numbers of Giraffes, Warthogs, Antelopes, Waterbucks and Bushbucks as well as the so many different bird species. After like 3-4hrs of the game drive, return to the Lodge for a late breakfast and relaxation. After Lunch, set out for the afternoon launch cruise to the bottom of the falls along the Victoria Nile. This 3hrs boat cruise will enable you to have a glance at a number of waters loving animals such as Hippos, Crocodiles, Buffalos and so many bird species like the kingfishers, Cormorants, Hornbills, Goliath herons, Egyptian geese, pelicans and bee-eaters. After the cruise, return to your Lodge for dinner and overnight stay. **Full Board**

- *Pakuba Safari Lodge for Budget*
- *Twiga Safari Lodge for Midrange • Paraa Safari Lodge for Upmarket.*



### **Day 4: Depart for Kibale Forest National Park (Approx. 7- 8hrs drive)**

Early morning have your breakfast at the lodge and depart for Kibale National Park. The Journey will take you through the Western Rift Valley's Albertine Escarpment as well as the green country side and traditional homesteads of the local people with in the Bunyoro and Toro Kingdoms. Upon arriving in Fort portal, clear days will give you a glimpse of the legendary snowcapped Mountain also famously known as the "Mountains of the Moon" (Mt Rwenzori). Kibale Forest National Park is a home to 13 primate species including the common Mans' closest Cousins (Chimpanzees). The Forest is also a home to over 325 bird species including the rare Green Breasted Pitta. Arrive at your Lodge in the evening. **Full Board.**

- *Isunga Lodge or Kibale Guest Cottages for Budget • Turaco Tree Tops or Crater Safari Lodge STD for Midrange*
- *Primates Lodge Kibale for Upmarket.*

### **Day 5: Chimpanzee tracking and transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park.**

Morning breakfast at your lodge and set out for a half day Chimpanzee tracking experience. You will be transferred to the park headquarters at Kanyanchu for a 30-40mins briefing and get to know more about the chimpanzees and their ways of living with in the forest. After this, you will then embark on your

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journey to search for these primates through the forest. On spotting the chimps, you are only given one Hour to be with them as you take videos and pictures. Along the way other primate species can be spotted such as the LHoest's Monkeys, Red tailed Monkeys, Blue Vervet Monkeys, and Black & White colobus Monkeys among others. Other animals that can be seen are Forest Elephants, Buffalos and a lot of bird species. After the tracking, return to your Lodge for Lunch and afternoon transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park which is one of country's best wildlife National parks with over 600 bird species, mammals like Lions, Leopards, elephants, buffaloes and so many others. Dinner and Overnight at your Lodge. Full Board

- Warujojo Lodge or Twin Lakes Safari Lodge for Budget Kikorongo Safari Loge or Buffalo Safari Lodge for Midrange

#### **Day 6: Game drive and Boat ride along the Kazinga channel.**

After an early morning breakfast, depart for your morning game drive in Kasenyi areas. Look out for wildlife animals such as Lions, Leopards, Buffalos, Elephants, Antelopes, Warthogs, Waterbucks, Bushbucks and so on. Lunch and in the afternoon set out for the launch cruise along the Kazinga channel. The channel connects Lake Edward and Lake George. The channel is a home to one of Africa's largest hippo populations and bird species. this 3hrs boat cruise will enrich you with views of the water loving animals such as Hippos, Elephants, Buffalos, Crocodiles and other antelopes as we as bird species. Return to your Lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight stay.

- Warujojo Lodge or Twin Lakes Safari Lodge for Budget
- Kikorongo Safari Loge or Buffalo Safari Lodge for Midrange
- Elephant plains Lodge for Upmarket



#### **Day 7: Ishasha Sector of Queen Elizabeth & the tree climbing Lions (Approx. 2hrs drive)**

After breakfast leave the northern side of the park and transfer to the southern sector of Ishasha. Spend the whole day on a game drive in search for the rare tree climbing lions. These are famously found in fig trees. Have an evening sundowner with a few drinks to end the evening game drive. Overnight at your Lodge. Full Board

- Enjojo Lodge - Safari Tents for Budget
- Enjojo Lodge - Cottages for Midrange
- Ishasha Wilderness Camp to Upmarket



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### **Day 8: Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park (Approx. 2hrs drive)**

Breakfast in the morning and embark on your journey to the famous Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. The park is well known for being a habitat to the endangered species of Mountain Gorillas. Check in at your Lodge. Lunch and afternoon set out for the cultural interaction with the BATWA community (Pygmies) and get to know more about their lives and how they managed to live with in the forest before it was gazetted into a national park. If time permits, you will also visit the Ride 4 A Woman project in Buhoma and get a chance to interact with local women and also learn about their variety of hand work crafts made out of local materials like basket weaving and knitting. Overnight at your Lodge. Full Board.

- *Ride for a Woman for budget*
- *Buhoma Haven Lodge for Midrange*
- *Mahogany Springs Lodge for upmarket*



### **Day 9: Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park**

The day is finally here for your unforgettable life time experience of meeting face to face with the giant mountain Gorillas. You will start your day with an early breakfast at your lodge and then transfer to the park headquarters (Depending on which location you have booked your accommodation) for briefing. There are 4 sectors in which Gorilla trekking takes place with in Bwindi Forest. The northern side of the park is comprised of Buhoma and Ruhija Sector and the southern side comprised of Rushaga and Nkuringo sectors. After Briefing, you will start on your day's trek. Searching for the gorillas may take like 2-5hrs depending on where they were last spotted the previous day. Once they have been spotted, you will be given one hour to take videos, photos and also get a chance to ask the rangers and the guides any questions about these giant apes. Besides the great Apes, the forest is also a home to other wildlife and bird species such as butterflies, primates, mammals, frogs and so on which all can be seen along the way to the Gorillas. After seeing the Gorillas, you will then head back to your lodge and retire for the rest of the day. The whole day activity can take between 5 to 9hrs. Packed Lunch and hiring porters are highly recommended. If time permits, you will also visit the Ride 4 A Woman project in Buhoma and get a chance to interact with local women and also learn about their variety of hand work crafts made out of local materials like basket weaving and knitting. Dinner and overnight stay at your Lodge. Full Board

- *Ride for a Woman for budget*
- *Buhoma Haven Lodge for Midrange*
- *Mahogany Springs Lodge for upmarket*



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#### **Day 10: Bwindi to Lake Bunyonyi (Approx. 3hrs drive)**

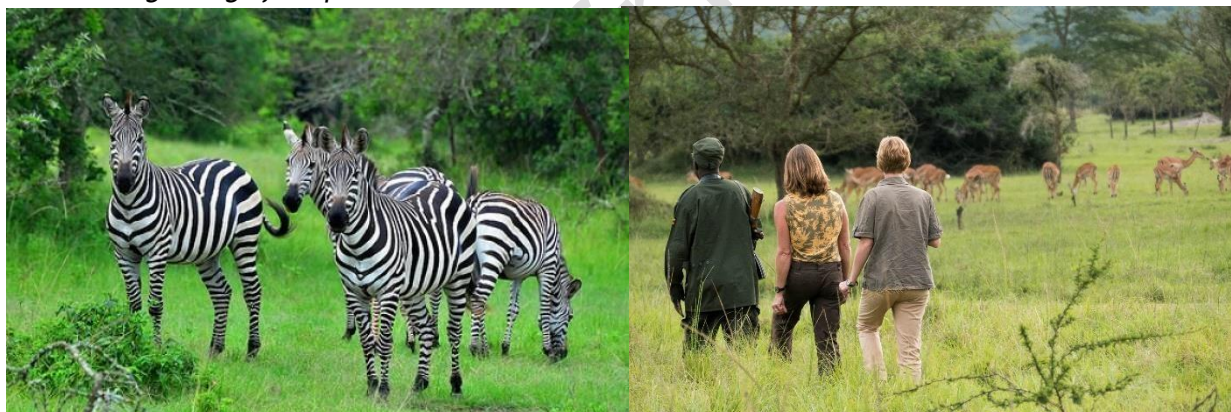
After a joyful and unforgettable Gorilla trekking experience the previous day, it will be time for you to have a shore relaxing time on Lake Bunyonyi. You will have your morning breakfast and later drive to Lake Bunyonyi which is the 2nd deepest Lake in Africa. The Lake is found in Kabale also famously known as the "Switzerland of Africa" as named by Sir Winston Churchill because of its coldness and eye-catching landscapes. Lake Bunyonyi is also a well-known birders paradise as its name Bunyonyi meaning birds. The journey to the lake from Bwindi will give you magnificent views of the locally terraced interlocking hills which are used by local farmers. Afternoon head out for a canoe ride to different islands on the Lake. Lake Bunyonyi Harbors around 29 different islands and each is believed to have its own history. One of these being the Punishment Island - you will be told about its story while canoeing by your local tour guide. Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at the Lodge. Full Board

- *Bunyonyi Overland Resort (Cottages) for budget*
- *Bird nest Resort for both Midrange and upmarket*

#### **Day 11: Lake Bunyonyi to Lake Mburo National Park (Approx. 4hrs drive)**

After your morning early breakfast, you will be driven to Lake Mburo National Park which is Uganda's smallest National Park. The journey will take you through stunning sceneries and views of the Ankole Kingdom with animal farms and different crop plantations. Arrive in time for Lunch at your Lodge in Lake Mburo. Afternoon set out for a nature walk. Lake Mburo is one of the few parks where one can do a guided nature walk and still most of the animals as if you are on the game drive. The park is famously known for harboring the largest number of Zebras in Uganda. Other animals that can be seen also include Impalas, Oribis, Giraffes (just been recently relocated from Murchison falls) and a lot of bird species. Overnight at your Lodge. Full Board.

- *Rwakobo Rock for Budget •*
- *Kigarama Wilderness Midrange*
- *Mihingo Lodge for Upmarket.*



#### **Day 12: Lake Mburo to Entebbe (Approx. 5hrs drive)**

Morning breakfast and have a game drive as you exit the park. Look out for animals which are habitat in the park such as Impalas, Zebras, Oribi, Topi, Elands and so on. Lake Mburo also is one of the few parks where one can do a guided nature walk and still most of the animals as if you are on the game drive. The park also is a habitat to more than 300 bird species and also very famous for birders. Later drive back to Entebbe having Lunch enroute. Stop over at the Equator for the water experience as well as Photography. Proceed and drop off at the Airport in time for your evening departure flight to your next destination or Back Home. Breakfast and Lunch.

#### **END OF YOUR 12 DAYS UGANDA SAFARI ADVENTURE    COST OF THE PACKAGE**

All rates are quoted in USD.

Number of Pax	1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax	7 Pax	SRSP
Budget Accommodation	7145	4915	4335	4045	3870	3755	3670	495

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Midrange Accommodation	7960	5510	4930	4645	4465	4345	4265	715
Upmarket Accommodation	10105	7170	6590	5725	6300	6010	5925	1200

Number of Pax	1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax	7 Pax	SRSP
Upmarket - Low season	9340	6645	6070	5785	5595	5490	5410	960

**Low Season:** March, April, May, October and November

**Cost includes:**

- 2 x Nights' accommodation in Bwindi National Park on Full board basis
- 1 x Night's accommodation in Entebbe on Bed and Breakfast basis
- 2 x Night's accommodation in Murchison Falls National Park
- 3 x Night's accommodation in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- 1 x Night's accommodation in Lake Mburo National Park
- 1 x Night's accommodation in Kibale Forest National Park
- 1 x Night's accommodation in Lake Bunyonyi
- Park entrance fees
- Private Game drives in Ishasha with an Experienced driver guide
- Private game drives in Queen Elizabeth and Lake Mburo
- English Speaking driver guide
- All transfers in a 4x4 Land cruiser
- Sundowner with drinks in Ishasha
- All transport with an English-speaking guide
- 1 x Gorilla permit at \$ 800
- 1 x Chimpanzee Permit at \$ 250
- Community walk in Bwindi
- Boat ride in Lake Bunyonyi
- Nature Walk in Lake Mburo
- Launch cruise in Queen Elizabeth National Park and Murchison falls
- Visit to the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
- Visit to the top of the falls
- Mineral water

**Cost does not include:**

- International Airfares
- Gratuities
- Personal items like Laundry, Insurance and all premium drinks
- Visa fees to Uganda (Should be applied for online)
- Insurance
- All Soft, Alcoholic and Premium drinks

**Passenger Information:-**

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris
- All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights
- Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 15kgs per person (including hand luggage).  
Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.
- Passengers arriving in Kenya and Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.

The price quoted and services will be subject change depending on availability at the time of booking.

**SAFARI TIPS.**

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While planning an East African Safari can seem like a daunting task, it doesn't have to be! Take the stress out of the experience with this helpful summary of the key things you need to think about before you jet off. Once you have all of them covered, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to your safari adventure.

**Note:** While this is a general guide to vaccinations required for your East African safari, you should always visit your doctor before your departure to obtain the best advice. A pre-trip health check and discussion of what vaccines are necessary for you, as well as how to deal with any unique health concerns, is imperative for a safe and enjoyable safari. **4. Clothing**

On an East African safari, you should go for comfort and convenience when it comes to your clothing. Some of the things you should remember, include:

- Bring lightweight layers in both long and short lengths, plus socks, sleepwear, and swim wear.
- Always take a sweater or fleece jacket, as it can get quite chilly at night and during early mornings.
- Unless you're planning to trek, bulky hiking boots are rarely necessary. However a comfortable pair of lightweight trainers are a must and if you're planning on going to the beach after your safari, don't forget your flip-flops.
- Don't forget a hat, as you'll want to protect your face and scalp from the equatorial sun.
- It's not recommended to wear bright colors on safari, so consider buying some khaki, dark green, or darker colored clothes before your trip.

## Passports & Visas

- A full passport with at least six month validity from the date of departure is generally required for travel.
- It is recommended that travelers contact the relevant Consulate/Embassy prior to travel for current visa requirements.

### 1. Applying for an East African Visa

One of the greatest things to happen to East African tourism over the past few years is the introduction of the East African visa. This visa allows you access to Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda, and it's not only a time saver, but it also works out considerably cheaper than purchasing individual visas.

#### To apply for the East African Visa, you'll need the following:

- A passport with at least six months validity
- \$100 USD application fee
- One standard sized passport photograph
- A completed application form

**Tip:** It's important that you apply for the East African visa with the country from which you will begin your travels. The visa will be valid for 90 days from the date marked in your passport.

## Currency

- Credit & debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club and Visa) are widely accepted in the cities.
- ATMs, banks and Bureau de Changes are found throughout major towns.
- Cash is king, although it is advised that you limit the amount of money you carry on your person.
- Some African countries will accept USD, GBP or EUROS, but Kenya requires Rand (KES),.

Most safaris are all-inclusive when it comes to food and drink, but you still need money for certain activities, local purchases, and tipping. That's why it's a good idea to carry some local currency with you.

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## Carrying US Dollars

The US dollar is widely accepted by international hotels and safari camps in East Africa and traveller cheques are also an option. Visa cards are usually a safe bet, no matter where you go.

**Tip:** You may want to consider changing money at the airports, as banks there usually give better exchange rates than hotels.

## Health & Medical Facilities

**\*\*\* All of the countries we represent are Ebola free \*\*\***

- Ensure that you have adequate travel & health insurance cover.
- South Africa has excellent medical care and facilities compare favourably with international standards.
- Malaria Vaccinations & Yellow Fever Certificates may be required for certain countries.
- Please consult your local doctor or travel clinic for advice prior to departure for appropriate medication.

### 2. Vaccinations and Health Requirements

When travelling to East Africa, there is only one shot that is compulsory, and that is the yellow fever vaccine, but there are other health precautions and vaccinations recommended by the WHO and CDC, which include:

- Typhoid
- Hepatitis A and B
- Meningitis
- Polio
- Influenza
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)

## Tipping

Tipping is optional and dependent on the level of service. Although it is customary and considered an insult if you do not.

- As a guideline, a minimum of 10% should be added to restaurant bills.
- For guides and/or drivers please calculate USD 5 - 9 per person per day (or equivalent).
- For rangers and trackers when on safari please calculate USD 5 - 9 per person per day (or equivalent).
- Porterage ranges between USD 1 - 2 per person per service (or equivalent).
- For helpful petrol attendants, USD 1 (or equivalent) is perfectly acceptable.
- When assisted by a car guard, it is a custom to tip USD 1

## Tax

- Value-added-tax (VAT) of 14% / 16% is charged on most items.
- When visiting South Africa & Namibia, be sure to request a tax invoice for larger purchases as foreign visitors may claim back VAT paid on items taken out of the country when the total valued exceeds USD 18.93. It is advisable to keep these purchases in your hand luggage as you will need to present the items at the VAT Refund Administration for inspection and endorsement of the tax invoices when departing the country.
- A Tax Invoice must include the following:
  - The words "Tax Invoice"
  - A Tax Invoice number
  - The seller's VAT Registration number
  - Date of Issue of the Tax Invoice
  - The seller's name and address
  - The buyer's name and address
  - A full description of the goods purchased
  - The cost of the goods in Rands
  - The amount of VAT charged or a statement that VAT is included in the total cost

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## Wildlife Photography

- Animals don't stop for selfies, so be quick on the finger!
- Avoid getting too close, some animals are dangerous and in the wild - uncontrollable.
- Experiment at home in the garden and with the cat or dog to learn how your camera works and perfect your technique.
- For instance which is the anti-motion, or motion button? Does it have a landscape function? What sort of zoom range does it have? How do you set it to manual and change the aperture and shutter speed? • Observe the animals silently and with a minimum of disturbance - loud talking on game drives can frighten the wildlife away.
- Early morning and evening game drives offer exceptional lighting opportunities.
- don't be in a hurry to cover the most distance, stay in a well set up position for a while - you'll be amazed by what may enter your frame.
- most importantly, be sure to enjoy the whole view - not just the one from behind your lens. Stop and look around every once in a while!

## Safety

Most areas are as safe as any other destination in the world, however, basic common-sense precautions should be used:

- Ask the concierge at your hotel which areas are safe to walk around in and when
- Travel in groups or pairs and always choose well-lit areas
- Order taxis or transport ahead of time
- Carry only as much cash as necessary
- Don't leave your property unattended
- Be aware of pickpockets and petty criminals
- Don't draw attention to yourself by flaunting valuables around openly or counting your cash at the ATM • Carry a copy of your passport in a separate section of your luggage

## What to Bring on Safari

### Clothing

Most lodges and safari camps offer laundry as part of their service, so you can afford to pack lightly. •

2x khaki/brown cotton trousers

- 2x pairs khaki/brown shorts
- 3x long sleeved shirts/blouses
- 1x fleece/jersey
- 1x lightweight, waterproof jacket
- 1x Swimming costume
- 1x Walking or hiking boots
- 1x Sandals
- 4x short-sleeved shirts or T-shirts
- 5x underwear
- 5x socks
- 1x Hat with a brim
- 1x Gloves (if you really feel the cold) • 1x Sarong or kikoi type garment

### The Must-Haves For Your East African Safari

Before you leave for your East African Safari, make sure to have these items packed and ready to go:

- Mosquito repellent
- Sunblock/Body lotion
- Any prescription drugs (keep these in your hand luggage)
- A camera

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- Electrical adaptors
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars (a pair per person)
- A small bag or day pack

#### **The Basics**

- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses
- Camera (with extra memory card and batteries)
- Binoculars
- Lip balm
- Hand wipes
- Wildlife checklist (or just paper) & a pen

**END OF OUR SERVICES!! WISHING YOU AN EXCELLENT SAFARI!!!KARIBU KENYA!! HAKUNA MATATA!!**

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