

# 6 DAYS UGANDA PRIMATE SAFARI ADVENTURE 2025

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.

Date	Location	Budget	Midrange	Upmarket	Meal Plan	
Day 1	Entebbe Airport - Entebbe	Papyrus Guest	2 Friends Guest	Hotel Number 5	BB	
Day 2	Entebbe - Kibale Forest	Isunga Lodge/ Forest Camp	Turaco Tree Tops	Primates Lodge	B, L, D	
Day 3	Kibale Forest N. Park	Isunga Lodge / Forest Camp	Turaco Tree Tops	Primates Lodge	B, L, D	
Day 4	Kibale - Bwindi N. Park	Ride 4 a woman	Buhoma Haven	Mahogany Springs	B, L, D	
Day 5	Bwindi National Park	Ride 4 a woman	Buhoma Haven	Mahogany Springs	B, L, D	
Day 6	Bwindi - Entebbe	Departure	Departure	Departure	В	

# **QUOTATION FULL ITINERARY.**

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

On your arrival at Entebbe Airport, your 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 for Budget

Boma Guest House or 2 friends beach Hotel for midrange Hotel

Number 5 or Protea Hotel for upmarket.

# Day 2: Depart for Kibale Forest National Park (Approx. 5 - 6hrs drive)

Early morning have your breakfast at the Hotel in Entebbe 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 afternoon visit the Kasenda craters. Take a short hike to the 'Top of the World' view point where you are able to see a lot of the small crater lakes with in this region. Proceed and also visit the spectacular Lake Nyinambuga from which the lake shown on the 20.000 Uganda shilling note was depicted. Return to your lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight stay. Full Board

Isunga Lodge or Kibale Forest Camp for Budget Turaco Tree Tops or Kibale Guest Cottages for Midrange Primates Lodge for Upmarket.

# Day 3: Chimpanzee tracking and afternoon Bigodi Swamp walk.

Morning breakfast at your lodge and set out for a half day Chimpanzee tracking experience. You will be transferred to the park headquarters ay 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 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 set out for a nature and bird walk with in the Bigodi Swamp. The wetland is a project being run by local communities and is much

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known for its rich diversity of bird species and other primates. It also provides employment and job opportunities to the local youth through tour guiding. Overnight at your Lodge. Isunga Lodge or Kibale Forest Camp for Budget Turaco Tree Tops or Kibale Guest Cottages for Midrange Primates Lodge for Upmarket.



# Day 4: Kibale to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park (Approx. 7 hrs drive)

After breakfast at the lodge and transfer to Bwindi Forest National Park, the park is well known for habiting the endangered species of Mountain Gorillas. Check in at your Lodge for dinner and overnight stay. Full Board.

Ride for a woman for Budget Buhoma Haven Lodge for Midrange Mahogany Springs Lodge for Upmarket.



# Day 5: 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

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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 for Upmarket



# Day 6: Bwindi and fly to Entebbe - Departure

After your breakfast, you will be transferred to the Airstrip in Kihihi for your morning or afternoon domestic flight back to Entebbe with Aerolink Uganda. Upon arrival at the Airport, you will check in for your onward flight to your next destination.

#### **END OF SAFARI**

#### Cost of the Package Per Person in USD

Number of Pax	1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax	7 Pax	SRS
Budget Accommodation	4465	3315	2990	2825	2725	2665	2620	185
Midrange Accommodation	4965	3620	3295	3130	3060	2970	2925	365
Upmarket Accommodation	6195	4585	4310	4260	3995	3930	3885	625

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Upmarket Low Season	5760	4260	3930	3770	3670	3605	3230	470
Applies for Mar Apr May and Nov 2025								

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TOT Mar, Apr, May and NOV 2025.

# 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 Kibale Forest National Park •
- Park entrance fees •
- English Speaking driver guide •
- All transfers in a 4x4 Land cruiser •
- 1 x Gorilla permit at \$ 800 •
- 1 x Chimpanzee Permit at \$ 250
- Community walk in Bwindi •
- Bigodi Swamp walk
- One way Flight from Kihihi to Entebbe •

# Cost does not include:

- International and domestic Airfare
- Gratuities
- Personal items like Laundry, Insurance and all premium drinks
- Visa fees to Uganda (Should be applied for online)
- Insurance

#### 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.

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. <u>4. Clothing</u>

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.

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# 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.

#### 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.

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- 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

# 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 repellant
- Sunblock/Body lotion
- Any prescription drugs (keep these in your hand luggage)
- A camera
- 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!!