10 Day Pearl Of Africa Gorillas and Wildlife Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival, you will be met by our company safari guide who will transfer you to your accommodation in Entebbe. The guide will also brief you about the highlights of your trip. You can have an optional visit to Entebbe Botanical gardens. The botanical garden offers an excellent introduction to uganda's birds ranging from Lake Victoria specials such as yellow-throated leaf love, slender-billed weaver, forest birds such as great blue turaco as well as the noisy black and white casqued hornbill. In this garden you can spot a few primates like the black and white colobus monkeys. Return to your accommodation and have enough rest.

Day 2: Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park

After your delicious breakfast, we drive to Murchison Falls National Park. The drive will take you through Luwero Triangle, Nakasongola long stretch to Masindi town. The highlights of this safari include the roaring falls of Murchison, boat trip to the bottom of falls, rolling plains of Uganda's largest National park with chances of sighting elephant, buffalo, lion and giraffes. Expect a stopover at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for a short walk to see the white Rhinos with a ranger escort for about an hour seeing them enjoying the sanctuary. Have lunch at Kabalega Dinners, proceed to Murchison falls National Park. You will occasionally see your wildlife including warthogs, giraffes, buffaloes as you drive to your accommodation.

Day 3: Morning Game Drive – Afternoon Boat Cruise

After your breakfast, take pleasure in the morning game drive towards the delta to experience a great deal of wildlife and various bird species such as shoebill, grey crested crane, grey crowned crested crane, saddle billed stock, goriath heron, Af rican fish eagle. Look out for big cats, herds of giraffes, elephants, antelopes and buffaloes. You will return to the lodge for relaxation before setting off for the afternoon boat trip on the Victoria Nile to the bottom of the Murchison falls where you will be rewarded with spectacular views. A boat trip is a highlight for any trip in the Murchison falls National Park. En-route you will see hippos, Nile crocodiles, elephants cooling off on the shores from the scotching sun and a variety of bird species. Continue with a hike to the top of the falls (if you like) for viewing of the other side of the falls where the Nile squeezes through a 7 meters' gorge to the falls 45 meters, a very impressive view of the foaming waters rushing into the gorge with a deafening sound. Drive back to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Transfer to Kibale National Park

After breakfast, drive to the top of the Murchison Falls (in case you did not hike) for a spectacular view of the falls. Thereafter the safari will continue with transfer to Kibale National Park. This park is highly alluring to nature lovers for its excellent chimpanzee trekking and bird watching. Its boosts of the highest total of primates such as velvet, red-tailed, L'Hoest's and blue monkeys, grey cheeked mangabey, red Columbus, olive baboon and chimpanzee. Upon arrival you will check in your room and have a relaxed evening.

Day 5: Chimpanzee trekking- Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After breakfast, proceed to the park office for briefing. The highlight of Kibale Forest will be the chimpanzee trekking excursion. While in the forest expect to see at least 2-3 other types of primates most especially grey- cheeked mangabey and red tailed monkey. You will hear plenty of birdsong. The guides

are knowledgeable and will identify various medicinal plants, bird calls and animal spoor. Once you allocate the chimpanzees, you will be allowed an hour with them. You return to the lodge for lunch thereafter you will head out for Queen Elizabeth National Park arriving in the evening for dinner and overstay.

Day 6: Game Drive and Boat Trip

After a healthy breakfast, go for early morning game drive though the park, look out for members of the big five including lions, elephants, buffaloes, leopard, other mammals such as giant forest hogs and antelopes. You will return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon go for a boat trip along the kazinga channel. It's a great trip with elephants, buffaloes, waterbucks, large hippo pods, giant forest hog will be observed from time to time. Keep an open eye for the enormous monitor lizard which is common in the riverine scrub as well as crocodiles. Water birds are plentiful such as yellow billed stock, pelicans, fish eagles, crowned eagles. Back to the lodge for dinner and overnight,

Day 7: Queen Elizabeth National Park- Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Have breakfast and later you will be transferred to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park though the Ishasha sector which is well known for tree climbing lions population. Ishasha sector also harbors decent concentrations of hippos, elephants, buffalo and antelopes. You will have lunch in Ishasha and continue to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park which is a home of the endangered mountain gorillas reaching in the evening for dinner and overnight stay

Day 8: Gorilla Trekking- Lake Bunyonyi

After early breakfast, you will drive to the park offices for briefing. Gorilla trekking is a highlight of your safari, we trek through the rain forest and bamboo covered slopes. You will love the trekking in the ecosystem of the park. Depending on the nature of the activity take with you your lunch box and all the necessary gears which will be advised by the Company. The trekking will take 3-5 hours depending on the movement of the gorillas. Return to the lodge for lunch. Later you will drive through the terraced hills to Lake Bunyonyi. Check in your lodge for a relaxed evening with stunning view of the lake. You can have optional canoe ride on the lake to discover its scattered islands.

Day 9: Lake Bunyonyi- Lake Mburo National Park

After your delicious breakfast, Proceed to Lake Mburo National Park, as we enter the park, it is likely that you will spot some wildlife. After check in and have lunch. Later go for a boat ride on the lake and enjoy the rich bird life and hippos cooling off. Have an early dinner before going for a night game drive. This is special game drive of 2-3 hours provides 30% chances of seeing the elusive leopard and of course other nocturnal animals.

Day 10: Lake Mburo National Park- Entebbe

Early start of the day as we go for a nature walk by a ranger. L. Mburo is the only national park where you can experience a safari on foot. Return to the lodge for breakfast with a game drive on your way out, look out for zebras, buffalo, impala, eland, waterbucks, warthogs and we depart the protected area. Start on your journey to Kampala/ Entebbe, expect stopovers for lunch along the way and the Equator line for beautiful pictures. Proceed with the journey to Entebbe arriving late afternoon or evening to be dropped at your point of drop off like hotel, airport or home. Enriched with the memory of the rare apes and savannah wildlife, you will say goodbye to the pearl of Africa.