ADVENTURE VACATION SAFARIS

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8 DAYS SUMMARY TOUR OF UGANDA

Description

This tour offers in summary the major attractions of destination Uganda which are nature and wildlife. It is designed for travelers with less time to spend in Uganda and less time for expansive driving. The tour visits Kibale forest – the primate capital of Uganda for a chance to see chimpanzees, other primates and numerous birds, Queen Elizabeth for game drives and sighting mammals of the savannah. Lastly you will visit the Gorillas of Bwindi before ending the tour with Lake Mburo.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Uganda

Upon arrival at Entebbe International airport, you will be met and welcomed by our tour representative, who will thereafter transfer you to your accommodation for your overnight stay on Bed and breakfast basis. The residence is located a few kilometers from Entebbe International Airport where you will relax as you prepare for next day's journey to the national park.

Travellers are advised to obtain full COVID-19 vaccination before travelling to avoid any inconveniences caused by testing and quarantine upon arrival in Uganda.

Accommodation

Budget: *Papyrus Guest House (https://www.papyrusguesthouse.com)*
Midrange: *Karibu Guest House (https://karibuguesthouse.com/)*
High end: *Hotel Number 5 (https://www.hotelnumber5.com/)*
Meal plan: *Breakfast, -, -*

Day 2: Drive from Entebbe to Kibale Forest. Bigodi swamp walk

You will set off from Entebbe to Kibale forest where you have 98% guarantee of viewing the chimpanzees in the wild. This Park also boasts the highest concentration of primates than any other park in Africa. The journey will lead you through a typical Ugandan countryside with local homesteads and numerous tea plantations. You may stop for landscape photography especially at the Great Rift valley escarpment. You will have a lunch stop in Fort Portal town then proceed to the park. Later in the evening you will go for an optional Bigodi swamp walk and birding experience with chances of meeting different bird species including the rare papyrus Gonolek that

may be spotted. You may also encounter primates such as the black and white Colobus monkeys, vervet monkeys and red-tailed monkeys.

Accommodation

Budget: *Kibale Forest camp (http://www.naturelodges.biz/kibale-forest-camp)*

Mid-range: *Turaco treetops Lodge (https://twigasafarilodge.com/)*

High end: *Papaya Lake Lodge (https://wildwaterslodge.com/)*

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 3: Chimpanzee Tracking and drive to Queen Elizabeth national park

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kanyanchu tourist center for briefing before proceeding for chimpanzee tracking. Aside from the Chimpanzees, the incredibly diverse forest is home to over 13 species of primates including the rare L'Hoest, red Colobus monkey, blue monkey, black faced vervet monkeys, grey mangabey, pottos, baboons and also bush babies. Kibale forest has a network of shady flora trails that provide much to delight botanists and butterfly lovers, while birders are in for a treat with about 335 species recorded including the endemic Peregrine's ground thrush.

You will have lunch at Tinka's Place a local cuisine restaurant that also offers homestays and home visits. After lunch you will depart from Kibale forest to Queen Elizabeth national park. The journey to the park will be complimented with the fascinating view of Rwenzori mountain ranges. You may also stop at one of the numerous crater lakes in the Tooro region on your way. Queen Elizabeth national park's diverse ecosystems, which include sprawling savanna, shady, humid forests, sparkling lakes and fertile wetlands, make it the ideal habitat for classic big game, ten primate species including chimpanzees and over 600 species of birds. Upon arrival into the park, you will have an evening drive which could be rewarded with sightings of elephants, buffalo, antelopes, warthogs and on rare occasions; lions, leopard and hyenas. Thereafter, you will drive to your accommodation and check in.

Accommodation

Budget: *Simba safari camp (https://ugandalodges.com/simba/)*

Mid-range: *Marafiki Lodge (http://www.marafikisafaris.com/)*

High end: *Elephant plains Lodge (https://ugandalodges.com/elephant-plains/)*

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

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Day 4: Game drive and Boat cruise.

You will start this day with early morning game drive in the park, looking for different animal and bird species. This Park hosts a variety of wildlife that includes buffaloes, kobs, and elephants, Waterbacks, as well as different bird species. Later in the afternoon, you will go for a boat cruise after your lunch. The boat cruise at the Kazinga channel takes you through possibly the highest concentration of hippos, crocodile and different bird species. You will also see many elephants and buffaloes drinking at the water's edges. You will return to the lodge afterwards.

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Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Drive to Bwindi via Ishasha sector

You will check out of your accommodation after breakfast to be transferred to Ishasha Sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park for a game drive on your way to Bwindi impenetrable national park. This region is most famous for tree climbing lions and conspicuous wildlife viewing. You will be led by an experienced ranger guide who will assist you in the search for the tree climbing lions, more animals and birds. The ranger will also give you a lot of information about the respective animals and the park. Later in the afternoon you will proceed to Bwindi impenetrable national park; the home of mountain Gorillas. The journey will lead you through the mountainous region with numerous photography opportunities. Upon arrival you will check in to your accommodation and rest in preparation for the next day's activities.

Accommodation

Budget: Buhoma rest camp

Mid-range: Engagi Lodge (https://www.engagilodge.com/)

High end: Buhoma Lodge (https://buhoma.ugandaexclusivecamps.com/)

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 6: Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi

After breakfast, you will be accompanied by the guide to the park headquarters for the briefing at 08:00hrs well equipped with your packed lunch. You will then be divided into groups depending on the Gorilla family you have been allocated to track, thereafter proceed in to the forest and start your Gorilla trekking experience following the trails in the forest. During the Gorilla trekking experience, you may also encounter other different primate species as well as a variety of bird species. You will have one hour to observe, photograph and record the giant and gentle Gorillas. This is truly a rewarding experience you will live to remember. After tracking the Gorillas, you will return to your accommodation to relax or you might enjoy any other optional activities around Bwindi.

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Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 7: Transfer to Lake Mburo NP and sunset game drive

This day, you will be transferred to Lake Mburo national park passing via the beautiful Kigezi highlands. You will have a stopover for lunch at Mbarara town; thereafter proceed into the park for a sunset game drive. Lake Mburo national park is the smallest of Uganda's savannah national parks. It is home to 350 bird species as well as zebra, impala, eland, buffalo, oribi, Defassa waterbuck, leopard, hippo, hyena, topi and reedbuck.

Accommodation

Budget: *Eagle's nest camp (https://naturelodgesuganda.com/eagles-nest/)*

Mid-range: *Rwakobo rock Lodge (https://www.rwakoborock.com/)*

High end: *Mihingo Lodge (https://mihingo-lodge.com/)*

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 8: Morning Nature walk. Drive back to Entebbe and departure

Early morning you will head to the park for a nature walk which will give you an opportunity of experiencing the fresh breath, the vegetation the eco system the bird species. You will be in the company of guards and ranger guides for better sightings. You will return to the lodge to refresh and

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have breakfast. You will then check out of the lodge and start your journey to Entebbe airport. Upon arrival at the airport, you will check in for your outbound flight to your next destination.

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, _*

PRICES PER PERSON (2021 & 2022)

	GROUP SIZE	**CATEGORY OF ACCOMMODATION (prices per person**		
		Budget	**Midrange**	**High end**
	1 pax	$3,900	$4,500	$6,050
	2 pax	$2,740	$3,160	$4,380
	3 pax	$2,520	$2,940	$4,150
	4 pax	$2,360	$2,770	$3,970
	5 pax	$2,300	$2,710	$3,900
	6 pax	$2,230	$2,640	$3,835
	Single room surcharge	$280	$455	$730

The prices from 2pax are based on per person sharing a room. A single room surcharge applies for clients who would like to stay in single rooms.

Inclusions

The above price includes the following services

- One non-resident Gorilla permit and Chimpanzee tracking permit per person.
- Park fees for non-residents.
- All activities mentioned as specified in the meal plans (unless clearly labeled as optional).
- All accommodation properties mentioned in the itinerary.
- Roundtrip airport transfer in respect to the above itinerary.
- A professional and experienced English-speaking driver/tour guide.
- All transportation mentioned including fuel.
- All Taxes/VAT and all authority fees during the tour
- Mineral water and fruits while on the way.

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Exclusions

- International flights from/to the client's home country.
- Additional accommodation before and after the end of the tour. Accommodation upgrades are also not included.
- Any COVID-19 testing fees
- Tips, souvenirs, personal purchases, travel insurance and visa fees.
- Other soft drinks or premium soft drinks and extra meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Note: In case of unavailable accommodation properties, we shall suggest like alternatives. In case Gorilla or chimpanzee permits are not available on requested dates, we are able to adjust the itinerary or advise accordingly.

Thank you!