ADVENTURE VACATION SAFARIS

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10 DAYS EXPLORE UGANDA TOUR - 2023

Description

This tour focusses on the major national parks of Uganda. Uganda has 10 national parks and 12 wildlife reserves. On this tour you shall visit 5 of the major national parks ie Murchison falls, Kibale Forest, Queen Elizabeth, Bwindi impenetrable and Lake Mburo national park. Among the attraction are the big five mammals, Gorillas and chimpanzees.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Uganda

Upon arrival to Uganda, you will be met by our safari guide or representative at Entebbe International airport who will thereafter transfer you to your accommodation in Entebbe. Your safari guide will brief you on how the whole itinerary will be done. *Travelers are advised to get full COVID-19 vaccination to avoid the inconvenience of testing upon arrival.*

Accommodation

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

Day 2: Drive to Murchison falls NP via Ziwa Rhinos sanctuary

After breakfast, you will depart for Murchison Falls National Park. En-route you will pass through a green countryside awash with crop gardens. You may have brief stops on the way for photography or to purchase fresh fruits from any of the many roadside markets. Before reaching the park, you will take a detour to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary; the only home of Rhinos in Uganda. You will have the opportunity of tracking the Rhinos on foot and at a close distance. After lunch at the sanctuary, you will thereafter proceed to Murchison falls national park. Upon arrival, you will drive to the top of Murchison falls for a guided walk. Proceed to your accommodation after.

Accommodation

Budget: *Murchison River Lodge – tents (https://www.murchisonriverlodge.com/)*
Mid-range: *Twiga safari Lodge (https://twigasafarilodge.com/)*
High end: *Paraa Lodge (https://paraalodge.com/)*

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 3: Game drive and Boat cruise in Murchison falls.

After breakfast, you will head into the park with its beautiful landscape for a morning game drive that will give you an opportunity to encounter a wide range of animal species like Giraffe, warthogs, buffalo, elephants, lions and numerous antelopes. After lunch you will take a boat cruise upstream to the bottom of the falls. During the cruise, you will be able to meet the Nile crocodiles at the shores of the Nile River, big pools of hippos, elephants and many other animals that come to the river to drink. Your onboard tour guide will help you spot and identify numerous birds along the Nile. You will later return to the Lodge for dinner and overnight.

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High end: *Paraa Lodge (https://paraalodge.com/)*

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 4: Drive to Kibale Forest National Park

After your breakfast, will check out from the Lodge for a transfer to Kibale Forest National park; commonly known as the capital for the primates due to its highest concentration of the primate species. The park is also a home to one of man's closest relatives the chimpanzees and also other primate species and bird species. 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 arrive in Kibale in the evening and check in to your accommodation.

Accommodation

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

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

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

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 5: Morning Chimpanzee Tracking. 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. 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 (http://www.naturelodges.biz/kibale-forest-camp)*

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

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

Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 6: 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 7: 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*

Day 8: 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. 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 9: 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 underlain by ancient Precambrian metamorphic rocks which date back more than 500 million years. It is home to 350 bird species as well as zebra, impala, eland, buffalo, oribi, Defassa waterbuck, leopard, hippo, hyena, topi and reedbuck. Lake Mburo forms part of a 50km-long wetland system linked by a swamp. Five of these lakes lie within the park's borders. Once covered by open savanna, Lake Mburo National Park now contains much woodland as there are no elephants to tame the vegetation. Giraffes have been recently translocated into the park.

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 10: 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 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, _*

End of safari.

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PRICES PER PERSON (2022 & 2023)

	GROUP SIZE	CATEGORY OF ACCOMMODATION (prices per person		
		Budget	Midrange	High end
	1 pax	$5,100	$5,500	$7,500
	2 pax	$3,515	$3,900	$5,345
	3 pax	$3,220	$3,595	$5,040
	4 pax	$2,990	$3,350	$4,800
	5 pax	$2,920	$3,290	$4,730
	6 pax	$2,820	$3,185	$4,630
	Single room surcharge	$280	$380	$920

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 in Bwindi and Chimpanzee tracking permit in Kibale Forest 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 in a 4x4 safari Landcruiser with a pop-up roof for game viewing.
- All Taxes/VAT and all authority fees during the tour
- Mineral water and fruits while on the way.

Exclusions

- International flights from/to the client's home country.

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- 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!