

8 Days / 7 Nights

Deluxe Uganda | 13NOV2021 to 20NOV2021

Entebbe | Murchison Falls National Park | Fort Portal | Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park | Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

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Southern and East Africa

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Trip Summary

This is our DELUXE eight day fixed departure Uganda tour for 2021.

It is based on selected deluxe accommodations and includes a number of more exciting activities like;

- Sunset cruise in Entebbe
- Delta boat ride on the Albertine delta in Murchison
- Gorilla trekking with a primate expert
- Domestic flights to replace long drives.

It also includes an English speaking guide in a state of the art 4x4 safari land cruiser jeep.

Day	Accommodation	Room Type and Basis
Day 1 - 2	Hotel No.5 (1 Night) in Entebbe	B&B
Day 2 - 4	Bakers Lodge (2 Nights) in Murchison Falls National Park	FB+
Day 4 - 5	Papaya Lake Lodge (1 Night) in Fort Portal	FB+
Day 5 - 6	Katara Lodge (1 Night) in Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	FB+
Day 6 - 8	Buhoma Lodge (2 Nights) in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	FB
Day 8	End of Itinerary	NONE

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Price

US\$5125 per person sharing.

Based on minimum of 2pax and a maximum of 6pax

Single Supplement: US\$635

| Included

- 7 Overnight stays and meals in lodges on Bed & Breakfast + Full Board
- In cases where warm lunches are not provided, you shall have packed lunch
- Gorilla Trekking Permit (US\$700)
- A professional and experienced English -speaking former ranger Guide.
- Tour is guided in English
- Transportation in state of the art 4*4 Land cruiser Jeeps with pop up roof
- Fuel on the entire tour
- All Entrance fees and game drive fees, all relevant government tax.
- All activities as indicated in the program (apart from Optional Activities)
- Mineral Water while on the Tour
- Flight from Murchison Falls NP to Kasese Airstrip and Kihhi Airstrip to Entebbe

| Excluded

- Flight and visa fees to Uganda and back home
- Tips, souvenirs, any soft drinks and any personal purchases
- Any Optional activities or those not included in the program.

Daily Information



Day 1 - 2

Entebbe

Situated on a peninsula in Lake Victoria, the former seat of Uganda's government, Entebbe is just a short drive from the current capital and offers plenty to keep visitors amused. This charming town features tree-lined streets and serves as an excellent base from which to explore the surrounding area. Tourists can look forward to spending days on beautiful beaches along the banks of Lake Victoria, stroll through the fields and forests of the magnificent Botanical Gardens, or pay a visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a haven for country's orphaned chimps.

| Day Notes

ARRIVAL ENTEBBE

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport in Uganda and after finalizing the formalities, you shall be welcomed by your guide, who will then drive you to your hotel for an overnight.

Depending on the time you arrive, you could go for an optional sunset cruise on Lake Victoria from Entebbe in the late afternoon by boat out towards the equator line or local islands to view the sun over the horizon. Watch the fishermen cast their nets and enjoy the snacks and drinks provided on board.

Transit time: Approx. 10 mins, 7 kms

| Transfer

Transfer from Entebbe International Airport [EBB] to Hotel No.5

| Activities

Wild Frontiers Lake Victoria Sunrise/Sunset Cruise

Optional: Wild Frontiers Lake Victoria Sunrise/Sunset Cruise is a 1.5-hour speedboat cruise on Lake Victoria, the largest freshwater lake in Africa. Cruisers head out towards the equator line or local islands and watch local fishermen cast their nets. Sunrise cruises include breakfast and sunset cruises include drinks and snacks.



Overnight

Hotel No.5

Nestled in the leafy suburbs of Entebbe, is the new and stylish boutique hotel, Hotel No.5. From the moment you arrive, you are warmly welcomed and cared for. With luxurious rooms opening onto the garden and swimming pool, this is a great option for guests looking for an intimate stay in a tranquil setting.

Make yourself at home – unwind beside the swimming pool, pamper yourself with a spa treatment, or work up a sweat in the hotel gym. For one of the most flavoursome dining experiences in Entebbe, carefully planned menus are paired to an international wine list, and served with pride.

Attention to detail and an attentive guest experience are synonymous with Hotel No. 5, making it the perfect choice for a restful stay in this busy town.

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| Basis

B&B: Bed and Breakfast



Day 2

Murchison Falls National Park

Stretching from the shores of Lake Albert, Murchison Falls National Park is Uganda's largest National Park. The Nile River flows through the middle of the park creating the impressive Murchison Falls which is the park's major attraction. The landscape features dense rainforest, undulating savannah and a diversity of abundant wildlife. Visitors can enjoy prime game-viewing along the Buligi Circuit. The forests are home to numerous primates, including Chimpanzees, and near the river, buffalo, elephants and Rothschild-Giraffes can be seen. Other commonly spotted wildlife include: lions, antelope, waterbucks, hippos and crocodiles.

| Day Notes

DRIVE TO MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast you shall start your tour. Driving through Kampala, you proceed to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Here you shall have a walking Safari to the Southern Park to trek White Rhinos that have been re-introduced in Uganda. In the afternoon you will drive to the legendary Murchison Falls, from which the National park derives its name.

Transit time: Approx. 6 hours, 364 km

| Transfer

Transfer from Hotel No.5 to Wild Frontiers Ziwa Rhino Tracking

| Activities



Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

Planned: Located north of Kampala in the Nakasongola district of Uganda, The Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary is the only place in the country with wild rhinos. Currently home to twenty two southern white rhinos, the sanctuary offers rhino trekking, shoebill trekking, canoeing, bird watching, and night walks. Visitors may also spot a range of other species including Uganda kobs, oribis, bush bucks, and water bucks. The prehistoric-looking shoebill

stork is one of the most sought after birds in Uganda, and the sanctuary is one of the only places where they can almost always be seen. Visitors can see over 300 bird species along bird trails through the woodlands, swamp and savannah. Don't miss the opportunity to take a guided night walk, where you will be introduced to extraordinary night sounds and sensations, including a beautifully clear night sky and several nocturnal animals.

Wild Frontiers Ziwa Rhino Tracking

Planned: Ziwa Rhino and Wildlife Ranch, located in Nakasongola district, is the proud home of the only wild rhinos in Uganda. The Rhino re-introduction project is a project of Rhino Fund Uganda and Uganda Wildlife Authority. Ziwa is the only place where you will be able to see the rhinos in the wild. Presently the sanctuary is home to 15 southern white rhinos. The sanctuary provides trained rangers who will ably guide you through this expedition. You will have the opportunity to observe the rhinos at a very close and safe distance. While at the sanctuary you will also encounter a range of other wildlife species including Uganda kobs, reed bucks, oribis, rich bucks, hippos, and crocodiles.

| Transfer

Transfer from Wild Frontiers Ziwa Rhino Tracking to Bakers Lodge

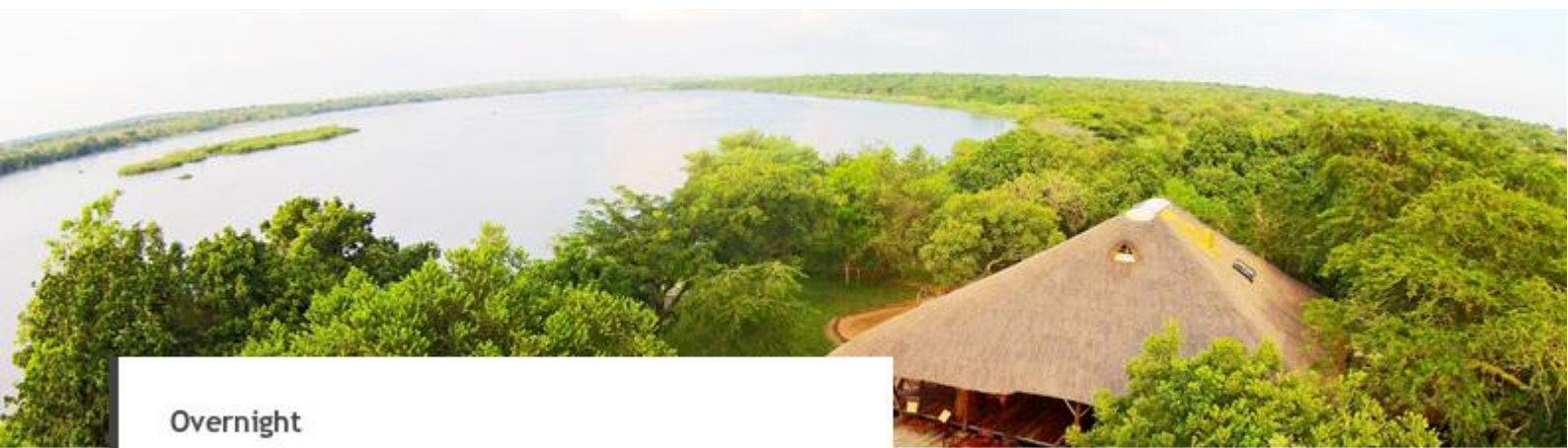
| Activities



Murchison Falls National Park

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numerous primates, including Chimpanzees, and near the river, buffalo, elephants and Rothschild-Giraffes can be seen. Other commonly spotted wildlife include: lions, antelope, waterbucks, hippos and crocodiles.



Overnight

Bakers Lodge

Set on the southern bank of the mighty Nile River, Baker's Lodge boasts ten beautifully appointed safari suites, all with tranquil river views. Named after the English explorer Samuel Baker – the first European to view the falls and name it – the lodge rests amongst large shady trees and wetland areas.

With a thatched central lounge, dining and bar area, this eco-friendly lodge offers an 'Africa of olde' feel. Cool off in the refreshing swimming pool, lounge with a book under shady trees as the river flows gently by, and round the day off with a sundowner or two. The sunsets here are truly magical. Outside dining and multi course dinners are a real treat for guests, all served by attentive staff.

Built on raised wooden decks to take full advantage of cool breezes and spectacular river views, each spacious thatched cottage offers beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms with solar-heated showers (some also feature bathtubs). You may well spot our resident hippo pod wallowing in the shallows just steps from your room, which are spaced far apart allowing ultimate guest privacy.

We recommend a stay of 3 to 5 nights to fully unwind and appreciate this varied eco-system which offers so much to see and do.

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Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 3 - 4

Murchison Falls National Park

Day Notes

BOAT RIDE TO THE NILE DELTA, GAME DRIVE AND LAUNCH CRUISE ON THE RIVER NILE

After an early breakfast, you will go for a boat ride to the Nile Delta. Another interesting but more placid activity through the extensive papyrus delta through which the Victoria Nile flows into Lake Albert. Here again there are plenty of animals and birds to see with an excellent chance of seeing the rare Shoebill.

You will enjoy a bush breakfast and later proceed for a game drive. This is a beautiful drive across savannah, Borassus Palm Forest and grassland down to Lake Albert where the Albert Nile heads north. Drive in the open African savanna in search for Lions, Leopard, Hyena, Buffalo, Elephant, Jackson Hartebeest. Oribi, Waterbucks, Uganda Kobs, and enjoy spotting various Bird species such as the Secretary Bird, Black Chested Snake Eagle, Tawny and Marshal Eagles Carmine and Swallow Tailed Bee-Eaters and many more. In the afternoon, go for a boat ride up the Nile, to Murchison falls, whence the park derives its name. Enjoy these spectacular falls. After you will hike to the top of the falls where the Nile squeezes through a 7 meter gap and at the bottom you will see huge Nile Crocodiles basking.

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Activities

Murchison Falls

Planned: The world-famous Murchison Falls can be viewed from above and below. The power of the water is mesmerizing as the Nile forces its way through a 7 meter gap in the rocks before tumbling 40 m down over the falls with a deafening roar. And although you can walk to the bottom the best way to see it from that angle is from a boat.

Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Delta Cruise

Planned: The Victoria Nile delta, a 20km voyage downstream from Paraa is home to rare wetland birds including the elusive shoebill and papyrus endemic species. This leisurely cruise aboard a Kingfisher/Alligator boat down to Lake Albert offers the opportunity to spot elephant, hippo and large Nile crocodiles. The trip lasts approximately 4-5 hours and departs at 7 am from a jetty at Paraa on the South Bank of the Nile River.

Wild Frontiers Game Drive Murchison Falls

Planned: Wild Frontiers Game Drive Murchison Falls is a game drive in Murchison Falls National Park that includes a ferry crossing.

Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Bottom of the Falls Cruise

Planned: Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Bottom of the Falls Cruise is a three-hour scheduled and private cruise from park headquarters to the head of Fajao Gorge at the base of Murchison Falls. Passengers can witness the mighty force of the Nile River pushing through a narrow seven-metre gap, cascading down a forty-metre cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from their base are breathtaking. Large resident populations of hippo float in the water along the way, groups of crocodile bask on the shore, and herds of elephant, buffalo and antelope can be seen moving along the riverbanks. The river offers spectacular opportunities for bird watchers, with a wide range of water birds and vibrant Bee-eaters nesting in the cliffs along the river's bank.

Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Top of the Falls Walk

Planned: Some of the most powerful moving water in the world, the top of Murchison Falls sees the entirety of the Nile River squeeze itself through a mere 7-meter gap; an epic display of nature's power. A trail runs down the side of the gorge, allowing the opportunity to view the main falls, and the second "Independence" falls. The views are spectacular and the spray of the falls really refreshing. The walk takes approximately 45 minutes and requires average fitness.



Day 4 - 5

Fort Portal

Straddling Uganda's lush equatorial rainforest is the town of Fort Portal, surrounded by grasslands, marshes, lakes and, of course, beautiful, shady forests in which monkeys, chimps, forest elephant, bush pig and giant forest hog flourish. Less than an hour's drive from Fort Portal is the renowned Queen Elizabeth National Park.

| Day Notes

FLY TO KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

Today you will fly from Murchison Falls National Park to Kasese Airstrip, upon arrival you will meet with your guide and then transfer to Kibale National Park, along the way you will pass many tea plantations. Kibale National Park is a national park in Western Uganda, protecting moist evergreen rain forest. It is 766 square kilometres in size and is located between 1,100 metres to 1,600 metres in elevation. Despite encompassing primarily moist evergreen forest, it contains a diverse array of landscapes. Arrive later at your lodge for an overnight.

Flight time: Approx. 1 hours, 40mins

| Transfer

Transfer from Bakers Lodge to Pakuba Airport [PAF]

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from Pakuba Airport [PAF] to Kasese Airport [KSE]

| Transfer

Transfer from Kasese Airport [KSE] to Papaya Lake Lodge

| Activities



Kibale Forest National Park

Planned: Located in southern Uganda, Kibale Forest National Park is said to be home to the highest density of primates in Africa. Although the highlight of the park is the habituated chimpanzees, the treetops are alive with all manner of monkey including: red-tailed monkey, L'Hoest's monkey, grey-cheeked mangabey, red colobus and black and white colobus monkeys are all spotted here. When you're not searching for monkeys

there are over 300 bird species and an incredible 250 species of butterfly to keep you busy. Visitors can look forward to chimpanzee tracking, birding tours and guided nature walks.



Overnight

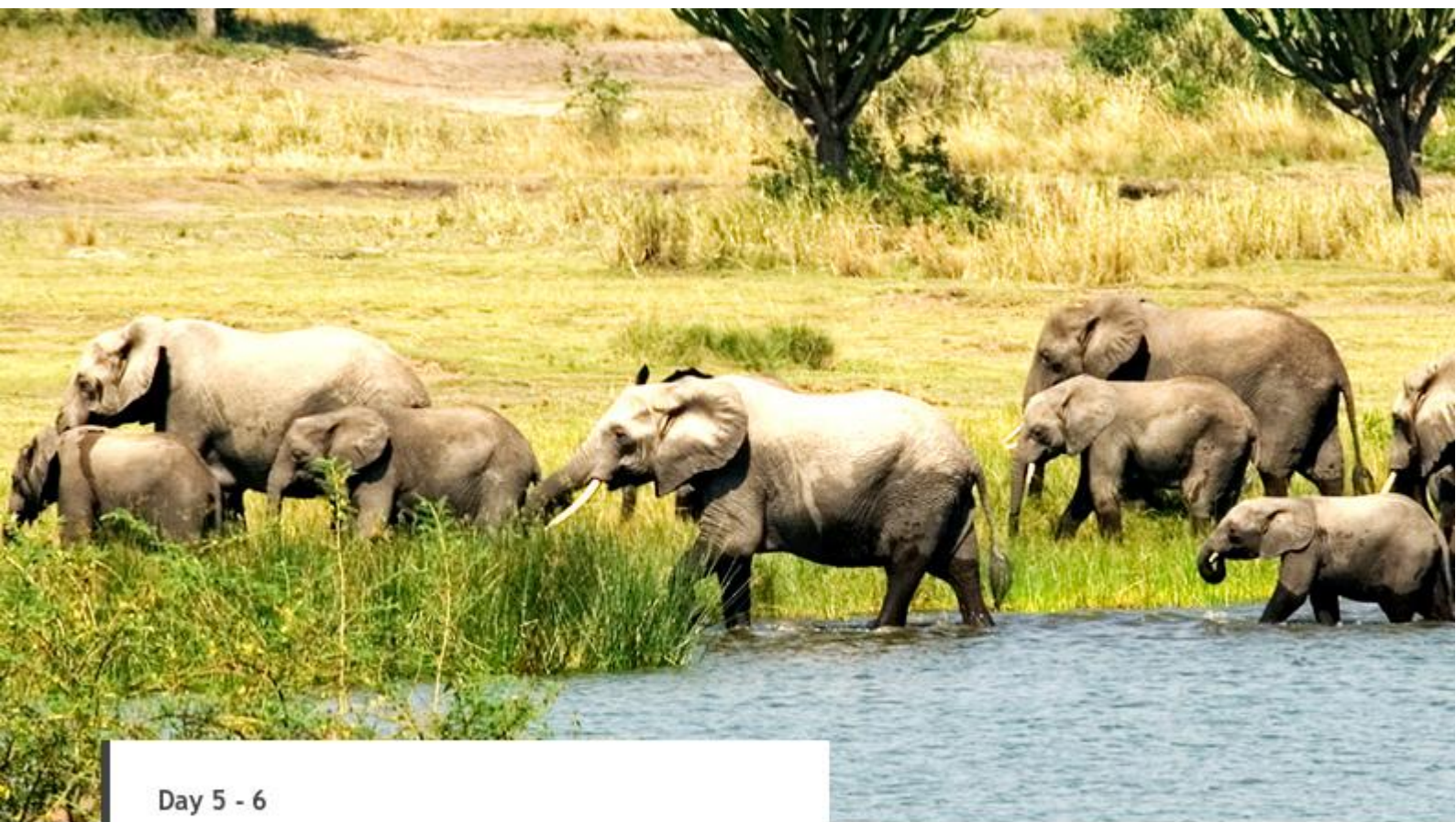
Papaya Lake Lodge

Papaya Lake Lodge is situated about 350 km away from Uganda's capital, Kampala, in one of the country's most scenic regions. The Great Crater Lakes area boasts over 20 extinct volcanic craters, forming a necklace of lakes, each unique in shape, size and colour, and each boasting its own distinct ecosystem.

Papaya Lake Lodge offers nine spacious and bright cottages. They are all situated on the extinct volcano crater's slope and have breath-taking views of the Lyantonde Lake. Each of the cottages offers complete privacy, hidden from view by a green wall of sympathetic treetops. Eight of the cottages feature two beds (one king-size and one single), local stone-decorated bathrooms with shower units and verandas equipped with deckchairs. The ninth cottage is a two-floor villa boasting three bedrooms, a fireplace-lit living room, a spacious bathroom and a large terrace. Facilities include a restaurant, bar and swimming pool.

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities



Day 5 - 6

Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Surrounded by other wonderful parks in the western region of Uganda, the Queen Elizabeth National Park is known for its rich biodiversity, wildlife and history. In the southern part of the park, the remote Ishaha sector is home to tree-climbing lions who spend long lazy days dozing in the pretty fig trees. The Uganda Kob, which they watch from the branches, graze the plains. Around Lake Edward, enjoy fishing and more game watching - make sure to look out for chimpanzees, elephants, crocodiles, and perennial and migratory bird species.

| Day Notes

CHIMPANZEE TREKKING DRIVE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK – BOAT RIDE

After breakfast you will go for Chimp tracking and enjoy a wonderful forest experience. Kibale's 795km² National Park contains one of the most beautiful and varying tracts of tropical forest in the whole of Uganda. This is home to 13 species of primate including chimpanzees. The park's highest point is at 1590m above sea level. Thereafter you shall proceed to Queen Elizabeth National Park, enjoy a game drive on your way in.

Named after her Majesty the Queen of England, it is Uganda's most popular and most scenic game reserves. It stretches from the crater-dotted foothills of the Rwenzori range in the north, along the shores of Lake Edward to the remote Ishasha River in the south, incorporating a wide variety of habitats that range from savanna and wetlands and lowland forest. In the evening, you shall have an evening boat ride on Kazinga Channel. Queen Elizabeth boasts one of the highest bio diversity ratings of any game park, from the open Savannah to Rain Forest, dense Papyrus Swamps and Crater Lakes to the vastness of Lake Edward.

Transit time: Approx. 2-3 hours, 130 km

| Activities



Kibale Forest Chimp Tracking

Planned: The most favourite of Kibale's walks embarks on from the Kyanachu Visitor center at 08.00 & 15.00 and lasts 2 to 3 hours. Chimpanzee are the most sought after primate by visitors, but you should look out for the black & white colobus, red tailed monkey or the grey cheeked mangabey. Your guides will be able to show you pittas & different bird species and will give details of the tradit of the plant species within the forest. This walk is for 6

people in a group.

| Transfer

Transfer from Papaya Lake Lodge to Katara Lodge

| Activities

Wild Frontiers Kazinga Channel Sunbird/Hippo Boat

Planned: Wild Frontiers Kazinga Channel Sunbird/Hippo Boat is a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Passengers may encounter herds of elephant, buffalo and antelope, families of warthog, large groups of hippo, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Kazinga's shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a spectacular view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks.



Overnight

Katara Lodge

Situated on the Great Rift Valley escarpment with uninterrupted views of the savannah, Lake Edward and the Virunga and Rwenzori mountain ranges beyond, Katara Lodge is a 20 minute drive away from the main entrance of the Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's premier safari destination and one of the most biodiverse reserves in the world.

There are 7 regular cottages and one family cottage. The lodge offers accommodation in seven luxurious thatched cottages on a beautiful stretch of hills overlooking the open savannah in a serene and relaxing atmosphere. Each spacious cottage was hand crafted using locally available materials and carved into the hillside by the Katara

village community. The cottages combine wooden floors, grass thatched roofs and canvas that can be folded away for uninterrupted views of the park stretching out below.

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities



Day 6

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Located in southwestern Uganda, the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is said to be Africa's oldest rainforest. It is world-renowned for its excellent gorilla-sighting opportunities. The rugged landscape features dense jungle, cascading waterfalls, sparkling mountain streams, deep valleys and steep ridges. This untouched forest has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its breathtaking natural beauty and unique ecological significance. Aside from the amazing gorilla interactions, there are other drawcards such as a network of forest walks, over 340 species of bird to spot and a variety of butterflies. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the spectacular Virunga Volcanoes.

| Day Notes

GAME DRIVE IN ISHASHA, DRIVE TO BWINDI NATIONAL PARK

Depart for Bwindi National park in the morning on your way; you will have a chance to have a game drive in Ishasha Sector where the tree climbing lions are found. You will have lunch at Ishasha Wilderness Camp then continue to the home of the mountain Gorillas. Of Uganda's forested parks, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is best known for gorilla Tracking, but it also provides refuge to elephants, chimpanzees, monkeys and various small antelopes, as well as 23 bird species restricted to the Albertine.

Transit time: Approx. 2.5 hours, 119 km

Transfer

Transfer from Katara Lodge to Buhoma Lodge

Activities

Wild Frontiers Game Drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park

Planned: This experience involves a game drive in either the Ishasha sector or the Mweya Sector of the Queen Elizabeth National Park. The park is famous for its tree climbing lions that can sometimes be spotted resting in the branches of the large fig trees in the area. The park is also home to the massive Maramagambo, one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda. Other species of animals that can be seen on the game drive include elephants, leopards, lions, hippos, buffalo, Uganda kob, baboons, and many species of birds.



Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Planned, Lunch: Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy the wilderness, coupled with superb accommodation and exceptional service.

The thatched central lounge and dining area provides a cosy and relaxed space for guests, although meals are often served 'al fresco' beside the river. In the evening, the outdoor fireplace beside the river is the perfect place for guests to relax over sundowners and share their day's experiences.

Each of the ten spacious framed canvas rooms, privately nestled along the riverbank, is comfortably furnished and feature en-suite bathrooms. Wake to the delicious aroma of morning coffee served on your private verandah.

Resident troops of Black-and-White Colobus and Vervet monkeys abound and if you are lucky you'll spot Henry, the lone hippo, wallowing lazily below our viewing deck. Game roams freely through camp, with Elephant making frequent guest appearances.

Designed to respect and complement the environment, this low impact, eco-sensitive camp is really something special, and after a few days unwinding here, you may well not want to leave.



Overnight

Buhoma Lodge

Nestled at the gateway to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges set within the national park, and is the perfect lodge of choice when embarking on your bucket-list Gorilla trekking adventure.

Renowned for its warm welcome and attentive service, guests love the homely ambience of this Africa inspired lodge. Constructed using sustainable materials, the elevated central lounge, bar and dining area (serving delicious multi-course meals) offers a cosy spot for guests to unwind, and offers amazing uninterrupted views over the forest. The crackling fireplace adds a mystical atmosphere to cooler evenings.

Tranquil and cosy, the ten spacious eco friendly wooden chalets offer a private escape. Fall asleep to the sounds of the forest and awaken to chattering birds and monkeys as day breaks. Enjoy morning tea/coffee on your private verandah with sweeping views over the primal forest– what better way to start the day.

With Buhoma set just steps away from the trek start point, gorillas have been spotted popping in for an occasional visit, while our resident L'Hoest's monkey troupe visit the gardens in front of the lodge almost daily, much to the delight of our guests.

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| Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7 - 8

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

| Day Notes

GORILLA TREKKING

This morning you will get up early and go for the gorilla trekking with a primate expert. Trekking the Mountain Gorilla is one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The trek will take between 2 and 6 hours, but is well worth the effort. You will be led by an experienced ranger who will tell you interesting facts about flora and fauna and the lifestyle of the Gorillas.

| Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

| Activities



Bwindi Gorilla Park

Planned: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in southwestern Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley. Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests, which dates back over 25,000 years and contains almost 400 species of plants. More famously, this "impenetrable forest" also protects an estimated 400 mountain gorillas – roughly half of the world's population, including several

habituated groups, which can be tracked.

Day 8

End of Itinerary

| Day Notes

FLY BACK TO ENTEBBE AND DEPART

In the Afternoon, you will drive to Kihihi Airstrip and fly back to Entebbe enjoying the beautiful aerial view of south western Uganda, the hills and thick vegetation as well as the farming practiced by the locals. Afterwards you will arrive at the Airport and catch a flight back home.

Transit time: Approx. 1hour 45mins, 60 km (To Kihihi Airstrip)

Transit Flight time: Approx. 1 hour, 40mins

| Transfer

Transfer from Buhoma Lodge to Kihihi Airstrip

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from Kihihi Airstrip to Entebbe International Airport [EBB]

Transport

Flights

Date & Time	Route	Flight
Day 4	Depart: Pakuba Airport [PAF]	Scheduled Flight
Day 4	Arrive: Kasese Airport [KSE]	
Day 8	Depart: Kihihi Airstrip	Scheduled Flight
Day 8	Arrive: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	

Transfers

Date & Time	Route	Vehicle
Day 1	Pick Up: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	Transfer
Day 1	Drop Off: Hotel No.5	
Day 2	Pick Up: Hotel No.5	Transfer
Day 2	Drop Off: Wild Frontiers Ziwa Rhino Tracking	
Day 2	Pick Up: Wild Frontiers Ziwa Rhino Tracking	Transfer
Day 2	Drop Off: Bakers Lodge	
Day 4	Pick Up: Bakers Lodge	Transfer
Day 4	Drop Off: Pakuba Airport [PAF]	
Day 4	Pick Up: Kasese Airport [KSE]	Transfer
Day 4	Drop Off: Papaya Lake Lodge	
Day 5	Pick Up: Papaya Lake Lodge	Transfer
Day 5	Drop Off: Katara Lodge	
Day 6	Pick Up: Katara Lodge	Transfer
Day 6	Drop Off: Buhoma Lodge	
Day 8	Pick Up: Buhoma Lodge	Transfer
Day 8	Drop Off: Kihihi Airstrip	

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Bwindi Gorilla Park

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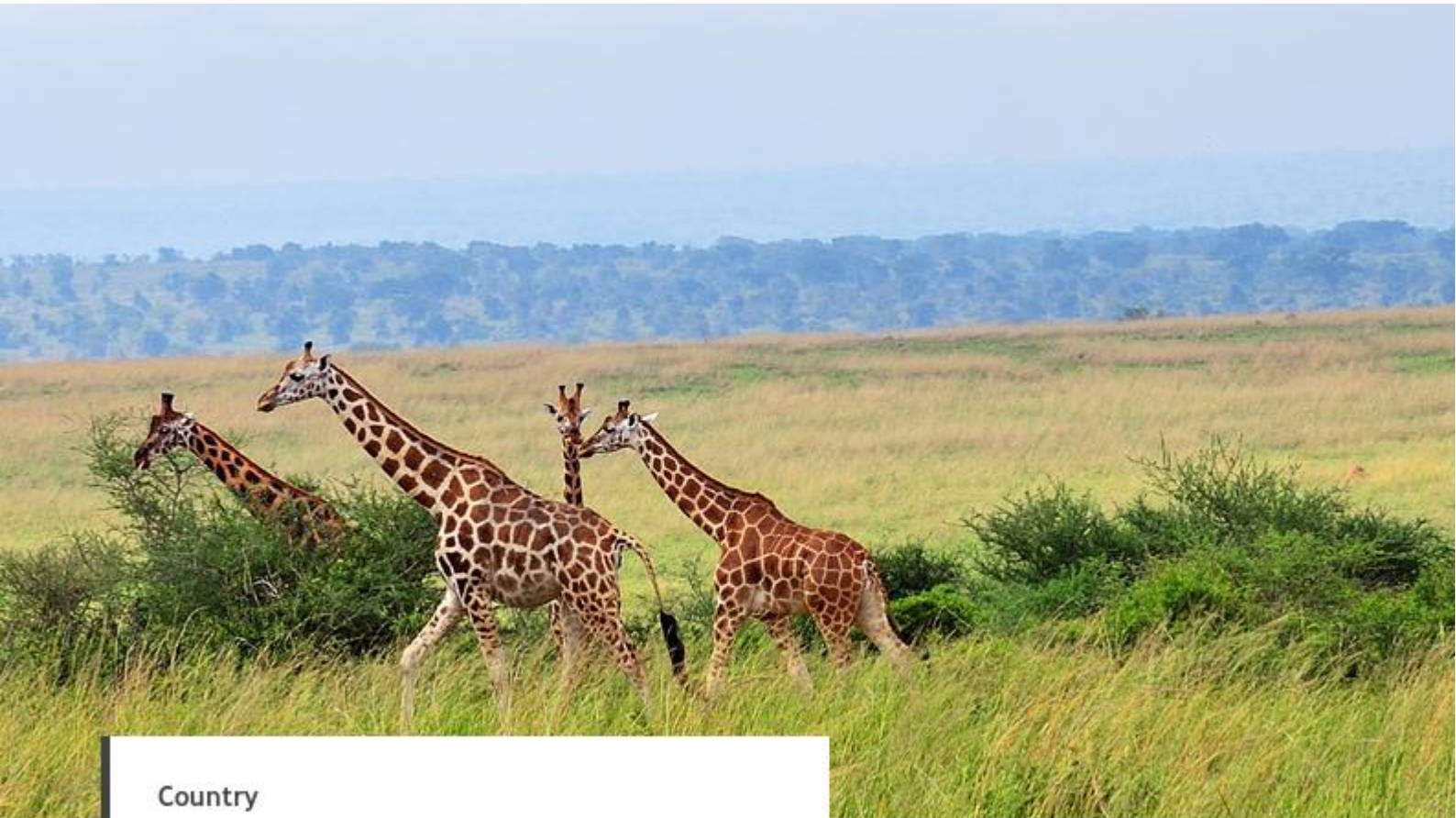
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Travel Information

| Travel Guidance

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Country

Uganda

Uganda, or the 'Pearl of Africa', as it was famously dubbed by Winston Churchill, is characterised by relatively dry and flat savanna in the north, with verdant mountains in the West, and vast dense and remarkably lush forests in the central region. The nation is home to an astonishingly diverse range of African wildlife including the highly endangered mountain gorilla which can be found in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. A popular spot for wildlife watching is Queen Elizabeth National Park, which hosts four of the Big Five, a flock of flamboyant flamingos and the rare tree-climbing lions of Ishasha. Outdoor enthusiasts can get their adrenaline fix with plenty of whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking, quad biking and horse riding facilities on offer. Add to this some friendly locals, a burgeoning cultural scene, and a capital city full of lively bars, clubs and restaurants, and it is easy to see why Uganda has gained itself a reputation as 'Africa's friendliest country'.

| Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Uganda are the "Type G " British BS-1363 type. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Uganda usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters do not change the voltage, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. North American sockets supply electricity at between 110 and 120 volts, far lower than in most of the rest of the world. Consequently, North American appliances are generally built for 110-120 volts.

| Banking and Currency

Currency

The local currency is the Uganda Shilling (UGX). Notes are in denominations of UGX50,000, 20,000, 10,000, 5,000, 2,000 and 1,000. Coins are in denominations of UGX500, 200, 100, 50, 10, 5, 2 and 1. However, UGX1,000 notes are soon to be replaced by coins. Try not to accept very old or damaged notes where possible, as some places may refuse to take them.

The US dollar, euro and pound sterling are all recognised currencies in Uganda, and both euros and dollars are now widely accepted for cash payments. Other international currencies may also be accepted in some places in the major cities, although visitors may struggle with other currencies in

The import and export of local currency is prohibited. Import of foreign currency is unlimited if declared upon arrival. Export of foreign currency must not exceed the amount declared upon arrival.

Foreign currency may be exchanged at the Central Bank, commercial banks and foreign exchange bureaux. Be aware that dollar notes from before 2006 will not be accepted for exchange in smaller towns.

Banking

Banking hours: Generally Mon-Fri 08h30-14h00, Sat 09h00-12h00. Forex bureaux are open until 17h00 and able to do electronic transfers to and from overseas.

American Express, Diners, MasterCard and Visa credit cards are sometimes accepted but not widely used. Some large hotels, restaurants, travel agencies and shops in urban areas accept credit cards.

ATMs are available in the larger cities but ATM services in smaller towns and rural areas are limited. It is advisable to check with your bank to see if your card is compatible with Ugandan ATMs.

Traveller's cheques are not widely accepted outside Kampala. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travellers are advised to take traveller's cheques in US Dollars or Pounds Sterling. It is advised that travellers bring sufficient US dollars in cash in case of emergencies. Higher denomination bills usually give a better exchange rate than smaller notes.

| Food, Drink and Cuisine

All water should be regarded as being a potential health risk. Water used for drinking, brushing teeth or making ice should be boiled or otherwise sterilised. Milk is unpasteurised and should be boiled. Powdered or tinned milk is available and is advised. Avoid dairy products which are likely to have been made from unboiled milk. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish, preferably served hot. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit should be peeled.

Ugandan cuisine draws on English, Arab and Asian – especially Indian – influences and uses home-grown local produce including plantains, sweet potatoes, corn, beans and cassava. It's easy to eat cheaply almost anywhere in the country. International restaurants can be found in larger towns, with Indian, Chinese and Italian being the most popular.

Traditional foods include ugali (solidified maize meal porridge) served with a stew of groundnuts (peanuts), beans, chicken or meat such as beef, goat or mutton. Game can be found on menus in some restaurants and at safari lodges. Fish including the tiger fish, mukini, mputa and tilapia are popular.

Vegetarians may struggle outside of major towns, but Uganda's Indian and Chinese restaurants generally offer a selection of vegetarian dishes. Traditional desserts include mandazi, a doughnut often served with cinnamon or sugar.

Although always appreciated, tipping is not standard practice. It is normal to tip 5 to 10% at tourist-orientated restaurants.

| Climate and Weather

Uganda has a tropical climate, with temperatures ranging from 21-25°C (70- 77°F), apart from in the mountainous areas, which are much cooler; the top of Mount Elgon is often covered with snow. The hottest months are December to February. Evenings can feel chilly after the heat of the day with temperatures around 12- 16°C (54- 61°F).

Most regions of Uganda, apart from the dry area in the north, have an annual rainfall of between 1,000mm and 2,000mm. There is heavy rain between March and May and between October and November, when road travel can become difficult in parts of the country. The best time for trekking is during the dry seasons, between January and February and June to September. Wildlife viewing is best at the end of the dry seasons, when game is more concentrated around water sources.

| Internet Availability

There are internet cafés in most large towns. Access in smaller towns and rural areas is limited.

| Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Fly Uganda (www.flyuganda.com), Eagle Air (www.flyeagleairuganda.com) and Aerolink (www.aerolinkuganda.com) offer scheduled and charter internal flights.

Domestic bus travel is cheap, but departures aren't always on schedule. There are two classes of bus travel – matatu (minibus) or kigati (van) which travel fixed routes, and larger coaches or buses.

Self-drive and hiring a private car with a driver are other options. International hire companies are based near Entebbe International Airport and in the centre of Kampala. A four-wheel drive is recommended for rural areas. The speed limit is 80kph (50mph) or 100kph (62mph) on highways. Most car hire companies include breakdown cover. The Automobile Association of Uganda (www.aau.co.ug) can provide information and assistance. An International Driving Permit and adequate third-party insurance is required. UK driving licences are accepted. Drivers must carry their vehicle log books and must pay for a temporary road licence.

Whilst some major roads are paved, the majority of minor and side roads are unpaved and can be bumpy and potholed, so drive with caution, especially in the rainy season. The roads are of variable quality and radiate from Kampala, although the network is sparse in the north. Whilst some major roads are paved, the majority of minor

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Private taxis are identifiable by their black and white stripes. Boda-bodas (motorbike taxis) are often a cheaper option and, whilst fun, are not for the faint-hearted. Don't be afraid to ask your driver to slow down if necessary as accidents are common.

Cycling in Uganda requires nerves of steel; many roads are dusty or under construction and motor vehicles rarely allow cyclists room. Always wear a helmet and use rear-view mirrors. Avoid cycling at night.

Uganda's coach and bus services connect all major towns. The Post Office's Post Bus Service (www.ugapost.co.ug) offers relatively comfortable buses and is more safety-aware than some other bus companies.

Most major routes are also covered by smaller white mini-buses. These are faster than coaches, but drivers wait until they are full before leaving and departure times are not fixed.

A passenger ferry links Nakiwogo Dock, south of Entebbe to Lutoboka on Buggala in the Ssesse Islands on Lake Victoria. There is also a free vehicle ferry which runs from Bukakata, 40km (25 miles) east of Masaka, to Buggala. Lake taxis also link some of the other islands.

Passenger boats can be overloaded in Uganda and there have been several accidents, usually during the rainy season which can bring storms and high winds. Always make sure boats have life jackets before you set off.

| Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Lightweight clothes with a warm cover-up for the evenings are advised. Take a pair of good walking shoes or boots for forest trekking, and long-sleeved tops to protect against mosquitoes. If you're planning to go to mountainous areas, be sure to take warm clothing, as temperatures drop substantially. White clothes won't stay white for long with Uganda's red dust roads, so go for darker colours. Travellers can also pick up bargains at second-hand clothes markets in Kampala, Jinja and Fort Portal, which sell trousers, boots and fleeces.

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