

10-Day Wildlife and Primate Safari in Uganda

Brief Itinerary

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Day 3: Morning Game drive and afternoon boat cruise

Day 4: Proceed to Kibale National Park

Day 5: Chimpanzee trekking and Bigodi Swamp walk

Day 6: Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park and an afternoon Game drive

Day 7: Morning game drive and afternoon boat cruise

Day 8: Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Day 9: Gorilla trekking experience

Day 10: Drive to Entebbe or Kampala / Fly to Entebbe International Airport

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive at Entebbe International Airport, Uganda

A shuttle will be available to pick you up at the airport, transfer you to the hotel and alternatively relax for the evening. Depending on the arrival time, you may have a briefing about the safari or have it the following day before setting off for the trip.

Overnight at The Boma Hotel on bed & breakfast basis

Excludes: Lunch and Dinner

Day 2: Drive to Murchison Falls National Park and Stopover at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

After breakfast, the guide will meet you at the hotel, brief you about the day's adventure and the entire trip and then start your journey to Murchison Falls National Park.

You will have a stopover at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. The Sanctuary was created in 2005 to reintroduce the Southern white rhinos after their extinction in the 1980s, and it's the only place in Uganda where you can see wild rhinos. You will have a bush walk around the sanctuary to see the rhinos and also have an opportunity to see oribi, waterbucks, and bushbucks.

After the walk, you will have lunch and proceed to Murchison. The drive from Ziwa to Murchison is about 3 hrs. Murchison Falls is the largest protected area in Uganda and has the strongest waterfall in the world. The park is crossed by the Victoria Nile, divided into two: the Northern bank and the Southern bank

Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 3: Morning Game drive and afternoon boat cruise to the bottom of the falls

Have a cup of coffee and head out for an early morning game drive starting at 6 am, lasting for 3-4 hours. During the drive, you will see various wildlife such as waterbucks, buffaloes, oribi, Jackson hartebeest, elephants, and leopard and bird species like vultures, herons, among others. After the game drive, you will head out to the lodge for a full breakfast.

Lunch at the Lodge. After, you will head out to the pier for the 2 pm boat cruise to the bottom of the falls. Regular visitors to the banks are Nile crocodiles, large schools of hippos, elephants, buffaloes, sand pipers, kingfishers, African Fish eagle, and hooded vultures, among others. After the cruise, you will hike/drive to the top of the falls.

Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 4: Drive to Kibale National Park

After breakfast, head out for a morning game drive to view more game and bird species. Later, proceed to Kibale National Park.

You will have a few stops on the way for lunch, to buy fresh fruits (mangoes, pineapples, bananas and more) and take pictures of the countryside.

Upon arrival at the lodge, you will check in, and you can either relax for the entire evening or take a short walk in the community.

Overnight at Primate Lodge Kibale

Inclusions: All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 5: Chimpanzee trekking and Bigodi Swamp Walk

After breakfast, begin the day with a transfer to Kanyanchu Park Headquarters in time for a briefing that starts at 7:30 am, then later head out to the forest to observe the chimps.

Kibale National Park is home to the Eastern Chimpanzees and shelters over 13 primate species, including red-tailed monkey, L'Hoests, Olive baboons, vervet monkeys, among others.

During the chimpanzee trek, the ranger guide will provide detailed information on more than just primates. The walk will be interesting, informative, and exciting. You will spend an hour in the

vicinity of the chimps as you observe their movements and feeding habits. After the trek, you will proceed to the lodge for a hot lunch.

In the afternoon, you may simply relax at the lodge or go for a nature walk in the Bigodi Swamp for primate and bird watching. The 4.5 km round walk takes you through a swamp that shelters over 200 species of birds that include Great Blue Turacos, papyrus gonolek, blue crowned eagles and primates such as olive baboons, L'Hoests monkeys, among others. The local guides will share exciting details of the local lifestyles, history and culture of the community.

Overnight at Primate Lodge Kibale

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 6: Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park and afternoon game drive

After breakfast, head to Queen Elizabeth National Park via Kasese, surrounded by breathtaking snowcapped Rwenzori mountain ranges, and it's approximately a 3-hour drive. You will arrive at the lodge in the afternoon and later have a hot lunch.

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Overnight at Elephant Plains

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 7: Morning Game drive and boat cruise on Kazinga Channel

After breakfast, you will head out for a game drive to view more game and bird species. There are high chances of viewing elephants, buffalo, waterbucks, oribi, warthogs, leopards, snakes and various bird species among others.

After lunch, proceed to the pier for a 2pm boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. The channel is 32 Kilometers long that links Lake Edward and Lake George. The cruise gives an up-close view of wildlife such as schools of hippos, Nile crocodiles, elephants, kingfishers, African Fish Eagle, sand pipers, Harmerkops, and Herons, among others.

After the boat ride, you head back to the lodge to relax for the entire evening or decide to go for an afternoon game drive.

Overnight at Elephants Plains Lodge

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 8: Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Today, you will head out to Bwindi via the Ishasha Sector, famous for its tree-climbing lions and multitude of animals. A game drive through Ishasha is about one hour, with large herds of buffaloes, kobs, hartebeests, the tree tree-climbing can be spotted in the trees snoozing on fig trees.

You may have packed lunch and have it after the game drive, or proceed to Bwindi for a late lunch.

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is notable for being home to half of the mountain gorilla population on earth, with over 350 bird species, including 23 localised Albertine Rift endemics, butterfly species and many other species. Upon arrival at the lodge, you will check in and relax for the entire evening.

Overnight at Mahogany Springs

Inclusions: All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 9: Gorilla Trekking Experience

Today is dedicated to visiting the mountain gorillas. The park is a UNESCO heritage site and home to over half of the mountain gorilla population.

After an early morning breakfast, head out to the Visitor Information Centre for a brief about the gorilla viewing guidelines and entertainment from different cultural groups. The trek is usually between 1 and to 8hrs, depending on how far the gorillas have moved in search for food. When you finally find the gorillas, you are allowed to spend an hour in their vicinity while observing their behaviours and feeding patterns.

After the trek, you may simply decide to relax for the entire evening or visit the Batwa Community. The Batwa, known as Pygmies, are believed to be the first inhabitants of the Bwindi forest and were evicted from the forest when it was gazetted as a park in 1991. During the visit, you get to learn the different ways they survived in the Jungle.

Overnight at Mahogany Springs

Includes: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 10: Drive to Kampala or Entebbe / Fly to Entebbe International Airport

If you are driving to Entebbe, you will have an early breakfast by 6 am and then embark on a 9 to 10-hour drive from Bwindi to Kampala/Entebbe

However, if you are flying, you will transfer to Kihikihi airstrip in time for your early morning/afternoon flight to Entebbe Airport.

The morning flight usually departs at 9:45 am and the afternoon flight departs at 2 pm; though sometimes the schedule can change on short notice.

A driver will be available to pick you up at Entebbe Airport and transfer you to a hotel in Entebbe/Kampala.

The Safari includes

- Gorilla and Chimpanzee permits
- Park Entrance fees
- Airport transfers
- 4 x 4 Safari Vehicle
- Bottled drinking water
- Guide fee
- Game drives and Boat cruises

The safari excludes

- International and Domestic Flights
- Personal expenses, e.g. tips, souvenirs, snacks alcoholic and soft drinks
- Personal insurance
- Visas
- Community Visits