



4 Days Murchison Falls National Park Safari

Visited countries

Uganda

Although Uganda is famous for The Mountain Gorillas and Chimpanzees it is also home to, The longest river in the world, the River Nile. The most powerful waterfalls in the world, Murchison Falls, The third largest lake in the world, Lake Victoria. Those natural wonders coupled with The Ruetanzori Mountains in western Uganda and Mount Elgon in Eastern Uganda create an incredible habitat for animal and birds that is unrivalled in East Africa. However, we know that despite all those breathtaking attractions it is The People of Uganda that make this country the wonderful destination that it is.



Central Uganda

The Central Region of Uganda is home to the two principal cities, Kampala which is the capital city and Entebbe. Although the distance between the two cities is only around 40kms the journey time is severely traffic dependant. This region of Uganda is characterised by hilly terrain with marshland valleys. Due to the curved shoreline of Lake Victoria, both cities are close to the Lake and can act as a gateway to the rest of Uganda's other principal cities to the east, west and north of Uganda. The region also acts as a good starting point for shorter weekend breaks to islands on Lake Victoria.

The Central Region is the historical seat of the Baganda Kingdom with the Kabakas Palace, Kisubi Royal Tombs and other Royal sites found here.



Western Uganda

The Western Region of Uganda houses the majority of the National Parks in Uganda. Lake Mburo, Mgahinga, Bwindi, Queen Elizabeth, Kibale, Rwenzori, Semiliki and Murchison all feature in this region. Due to the climate and altitude in Western Uganda, there are many Tea and Coffee plantations dotted over the landscape as well as stunning natural crater lakes and forests. But it doesn't stop there, Lake Bunyonyi, Lake Mutanda, Lake Edward, Lake George and Lake Albert are also found here, bringing with them an unrivalled beauty that can only be found in this region of Uganda.

The Kingdoms of Ankole, Bunyoro, Kigezi and Toro all hail from this part of Uganda.



Itinerary map



Travel summary

- ☆ Day 1: Kampala - Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
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- ☆ Day 3: Murchison Falls N.P
- ☆ Day 4: Murchison Falls N.P - Kampala

Day 1:Kampala- Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

An early morning rise will enable you to begin your safari and head towards Murchison Falls National Park, traveling north to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary which will be the first scheduled stop. The journey will see you leave the traditional Buganda Kingdom located in the central region of Uganda and move into the area the Bunyoro Kingdom call home with in the north west region.

Your journey will be approx; 170km, 3hrs drive

Lunch en-route

Any trip towards north-east Uganda just wouldn't be complete without a visit to the **Rhino Sanctuary at Ziwa**. They provide trained rangers who will guide you through a Rhino Trekking 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, reedbucks, oribis, hippos and crocodiles.

Overnight at Amuka Lodge | Standard room



Day 2:Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary- Murchison Falls N.P

After Rhino walk will fresh memories of the experience, it will be time for lovely drive from Nakasongola to Murchison Falls National Park via Masindi town. The journey to the park entrance will take you through the beautiful Kaniyo Pabidi Forest until the Kichumbanyobo Gate, your journey will be approx; 130km. 2.5 hrs drive.

Murchison Falls National Park is split into its northern and southern sectors by The Nile that runs east to west through the Park. The majority of visitors access the park from the south and have to cross over to the north at the Paraa Ferry Crossing point using a regular vehicle ferry. On the north bank of the river, networks of game tracks explore the Buligi sector in the west and Chobe in the east.

Overnight at Pakuba Safari Lodge I Standard room

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After lunch, it will be time for a boat ride along the Nile to the foot of Murchison Falls, be sure to have your cameras ready for this one. Expect to see birds perched on tree branches ready to hunt, mammals drinking or cooling down in the river and reptiles basking in the sun on the river banks. One of the highlights of the boat ride is getting up close to Murchison Falls itself, allowing you to feel the awesome power and beauty that comes when the worlds longest river is forced through a 7-meter gap before dropping 40 meters as it continues its journey to the Mediterranean Sea. This trip on the River Nile really harks back to the days of the intrepid explorers of days gone by and the best time to do the trip is at sundown, here you will enjoy the great views of the sunset while cruising on the Nile.

Overnight at Pakuba Safari Lodge I Standard room

Day 4: Murchison Falls N.P- Kampala

Murchison Falls National Park really has the best of everything and you will probably want to stay longer. The other principal areas of interest within the Park are Karuma Falls to the east of the park, the Kainyo Pabidi Forest and the Rabongo Forest. Just south of Murchison Falls National Park is the Budongo Forest which is home to a large number of mammals, primates, birds, butterflies and plants. Many visitors come to forest to go chimpanzee trekking and bird watching along the royal mile. The safari will now continue south eastwards towards Kampala.



Your journey will be approx; 300km. 6hrs drive

As your time in Uganda has come to an end, we truly hope you have had a memorable experience that you will remember for many years to come. Have a safe onward journey and we hope that Uganda will always be close to your hearts!

Hotels & Lodges

Amuka Lodge

Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

Category: Hotel 3*

<http://www.amukalodgeuganda.com/>

Experience Africa as it was meant to be seen from Amuka Lodge, nestled in a pristine woodlands forest, in the heart of the world-renowned Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Amuka Lodge brings you breathtaking encounters with Uganda's only wild rhinoceros as well a wide array of birds and wildlife.

Our comfortable accommodations afford all the luxury not expected in the African wilderness, with unfenced chalets that make the most of the bush environment. Amuka has an escapist feel of seclusion and when you are here, it is like nothing else exists in the world.

Information:

Info: Amuka Lodge is located in Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

Number of rooms: 10 Room

Swimming pool: No

Wi-Fi: Yes



Pakuba Safari Lodge

Murchison Falls N.P

Category: Hotel 3*

<http://www.pakubasafarilodge.com/>

Pakuba Safari Lodge is located on the Eastern Bank of the Albert Nile in Murchison Falls National Park. Here you can enjoy a variety of excursions and activities; from exhilarating Safari drives to boat trips along the River Nile, ending at the foot of Murchison Falls. For the more adventurous, one can trek up to the top of the falls and marvel at the views through the mist.

Information:

Info: Pakuba Safari Lodge is located inside the northern part of Murchison Falls National Park

Number of rooms: 27 Standard 4 Family rooms

Swimming pool: Yes

Wi-Fi: Yes, but in the lounge area only



Ground Handling - Rates per person in double room

for 2 persons: **1 313 \$us** per person - Total **2 626 \$us**

for 4 persons: **971 \$us** per person - Total **3 884 \$us**

for 6 persons: **876 \$us** per person - Total **5 256 \$us**

Sup. single room: 158 \$us

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for 2 persons : **1313 \$us** per person - Total **2626 \$us**

for 4 persons : **971 \$us** per person - Total **3884 \$us**

for 6 persons : **876 \$us** per person - Total **5256 \$us**

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Package Includes :

- Transfers and transportation in a 4x4 Safari Vehicle with an English-speaking driver guide
- Park entrance fees
- Game drives
- Boat cruise to the bottom of falls
- Ziwa rhino walk
- Accommodation as stated above or similar depending on availability at the time of booking
- Meals as stated above, Full board on safari
- 1 liter of drinking water per person per day in the vehicle.
- Face mask and hand sanitizer

Package Excludes :

Optional activities and activities not mentioned in above
Tips
Personal expenses
Drinks
International Airfare
Visas to Uganda
Travel insurance