



11 Day Scheduled Group Safari 2020

Visited countries

Uganda

Uganda is a landlocked country located in East Africa on the shores of Lake Victoria. It is packed full of geographical and cultural diversity which is illustrated by the number of Lakes, Forests, Mountains, Rivers, Savannah Grasslands and Traditional Customs that it possesses. This is the principal reason why Uganda is commonly known as the "Pearl of Africa" a name given by Sir Winston Churchill in his book "My African Journey."

Uganda is famous for The Mountain Gorillas of Bwindi and The Chimpanzees of Kibale no other country has two of the 3 great apes within their borders. The Source of the Nile in Jinja, Tree Climbing Lions in Ishasha, Murchison Falls, Hippos in the Kazinga Channel, the remote beauty of Kidepo and Lake Victoria itself all culminate to make Uganda an incredible place to visit. However, we are sure 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.

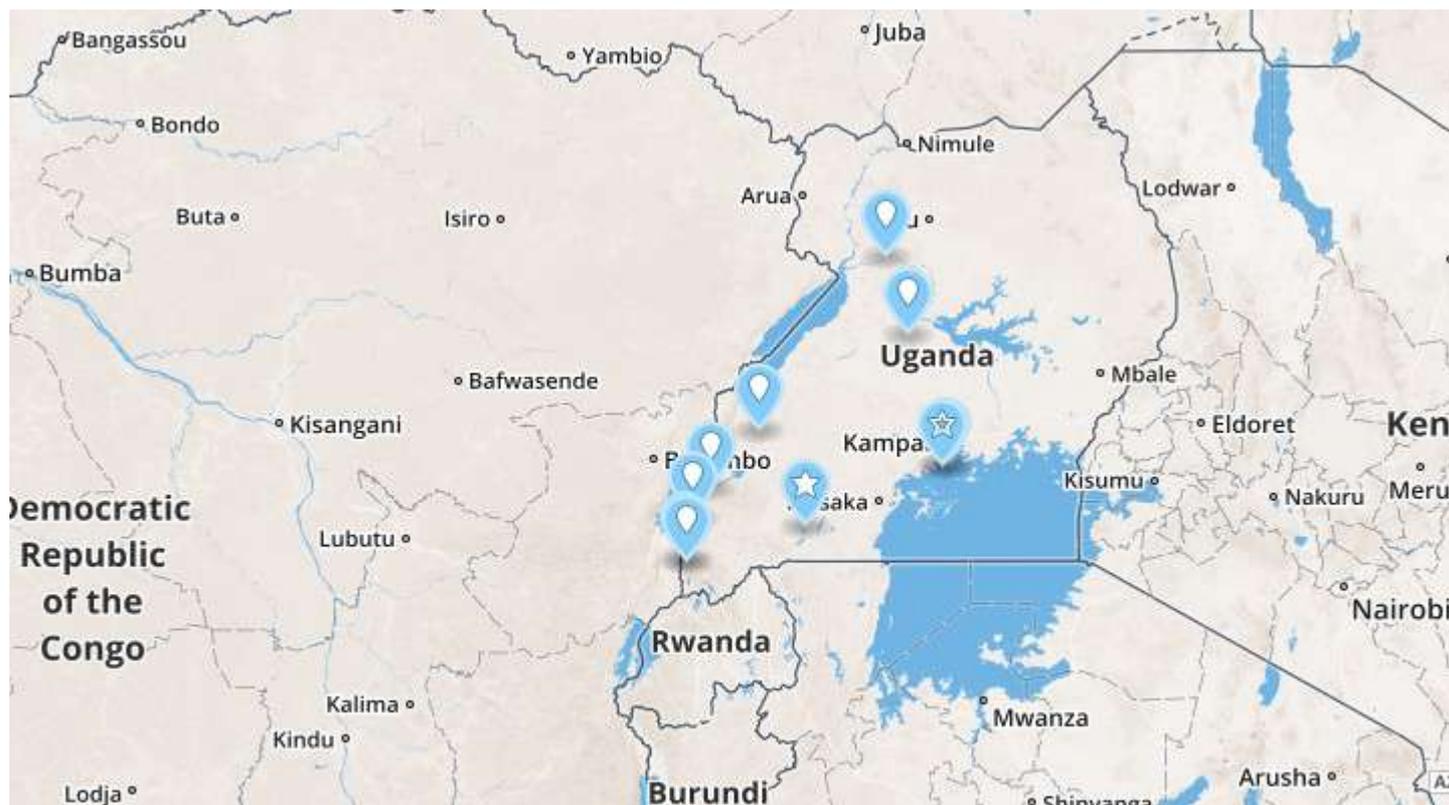
Western Uganda

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. The region also has a rich cultural history with a lot of traditions still prevalent today. The Kingdoms of Ankole, Bunyoro, Kigezi and Toro all hail from this part of Uganda. Each tribe has a discrete heritage which you can see in abundance as you explore this area of Uganda.

Due to the climate and altitude in Western Uganda, there are many Tea and Coffee plantations dotted over the landscape which is also punctuated by stunning natural crater lakes and forests making a journey into the area an adventure in itself. 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.



Itinerary map



Travel summary

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Day 1:Entebbe Airport- Entebbe

Welcome to Uganda! On arrival, you will be met at the Airport by our Company representative who will escort you to your safari vehicle and will introduce you to your Driver who will also be your Guide. The first stop will be a short drive to your accommodation where you will be able to relax and contemplate the adventure that lies ahead.

Your journey will be approx; 8km. 15min drive

Overnight at Airport Guest House | Standard room



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

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; 210km. 4hrs drive

Lunch en-route

AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

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. 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.

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 | Standard room



Day 3: Murchison Falls N.P

MORNING ACTIVITY

Game drives in Murchison Falls are incredible. The park is home to all of the Big 5 with the exception of the rhino. Also resident are the hippo, buffalo, giraffe as well as several antelope and monkey species. Most of the game viewing is done around the Buligi Game tracks in the northern sector of the park. The park also boasts the Nile - Lake Albert Delta which is home to a large number of birds including African fish eagles and the rare shoe-bill storks.



AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

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 world's 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.

Overnight at Pakuba Safari Lodge | Standard room

Day 4: Murchison Falls N.P- Kibale N.P

MORNING ACTIVITY

No trip to the Murchison Falls area would be complete without a trip to The Boomu Women's Group! The Group was formed in 1999 in the village of Kihaguzi with aim of fighting poverty and creating more social and economic development. The Women now run a small-scale accommodation facility that employs local people and is a source of income.

During your visit to the Boomu Group, you will get to see the other activities that they run as part of their diversification to ensure a varied income base. These include handcrafts, weaving bedspreads as well as poultry farming and bee-keeping.

After breakfast you will head south westwards to Hoima Town which acts as a midway stopping point between Murchison Falls National Park and Kibale Forest National Park. There is an interesting blend of rural and town life which you will not get to see anywhere else in Uganda.

This particular drive is a long and bumpy one but it is made worth while once you arrive in Kibale, whether it is Chimpanzee Trekking or exploring the natural landscape formed of rolling hills and breathtaking crater lakes, the long drive will soon be a distant memory.

Lunch en-route



Overnight at Kibale Guest Cottages | Cottage

Day 5: Kibale N.P

MORNING ACTIVITY

Your Chimpanzee Trekking experience has finally arrived! It begins at the Uganda Wildlife Authority HQ at Kayanchu Gate where your trekking group will head into the forest with a guide after a short briefing. About 1 hour before your group sets off an advance party of guides will have entered the forest to locate where the Chimpanzees spent the night. Once located the advance party send a radio message back to your trekking group so that you can navigate through the forest.

During the trek, you will also get to see the different birds, animals and plant species within the forest. Once you locate the Chimpanzees you can only spend one hour with them this ensures that the Chimpanzees don't become accustomed to human contact.



AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

The Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary is a part of the Magombe Swamp just south of Kibale National Park. A visit to the sanctuary enables you to see rare mammals and birds, like the webbed feet sitatunga as the great blue turaco call this place home. However, if you aren't lucky enough to see them there are still plenty of other animals, including bush pigs, black and white colobus monkeys and over 200 species of birds that inhabit the swamp. The Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary is a community-based programme that supports local residents and encourages a healthy link between tourism and the community it affects.

Overnight at Kibale Guest Cottages | Cottage

Day 6: Kibale N.P- Queen Elizabeth N.P

The excitement of Chimpanzee Trekking will probably still be with you as the safari continues to Queen Elizabeth National Park in the afternoon. Entry will be via the northern sector famous for the Kasenyi Plains and Kazinga Chanel. This part of the safari is all contained within the Tooro Kingdom and you will notice a distinct change in scenery as the lush green crater lake region of surrounding Kibale Forest gives way to the open savannah lands of Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Your journey will be approx; 150km. 3hrs drive

MORNING ACTIVITY

The Kataara Women's Poverty Alleviation Group was formed in 2005 to combat the problem of human-wildlife conflict in this particular area of Queen Elizabeth National Park. The group provides alternative income for Kataara families and an incentive to conserve Uganda's precious wildlife. There is a proud mixture of Banaynkore, Bakiga, Batoro and Banayruguru tribe, which is reflected in the artistic diversity of the products that are created developed and sold. The women believe in maximizing the use of natural materials grown locally, even the dyes for the baskets are created by boiling leaves from local herbs. A visit to the group will enable to find out more about how this incredible enterprise works and be inspired by the individual stories that the women have. There will also be a chance to support the group by purchasing reasonably priced crafts.



AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

One of the highlights of visiting Queen Elizabeth National Park is the boat ride along the Kazinga Channel. The boat ride is a round trip beginning at the Mweya Peninsula and lasting around 3 hours. The Channel is a 32-kilometre long natural channel that links Lake Edward and Lake George. The channel has one of the world's largest concentration of hippos, numerous Nile crocodiles, buffalo, elephants and a whole host of birds. including African fish eagles, kingfishers, Herons, storks and skimmers.

Overnight at Parkview Safari Lodge | Standard room

Day 7: Queen Elizabeth N.P- Ishasha Sector

MORNING ACTIVITY

A game drive in Kasenyi sector of **Queen Elizabeth National Park** is a great place to see view differing landscape and ecosystems in Uganda. The park is the oldest and the most visited in Uganda. This game drive will take place on the Kasenyi Plains which are in the north-east section of the park and but west of Lake George.

Today you will transfer from the North Eastern sector of the park to the Southern sector also known as the Ishasha sector. Queen Elizabeth National Park is just under 2,000km², contained with in that area is a diverse environment that contains, forests, Savannah grassland and lakes. All this means that there are a wide range of birds, mammals and plant life that live within the park and all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the ride!

Your journey will be approx. 100km, 2hrs 30min drive.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

A game drive in the Ishasha sector gives you a chance to see the famous tree climbing lions that can be seen hanging out of large fig trees. No one really knows why lions in this area climb trees but there are many theories surrounding this behavior.

However, lions are not the only animals to be found in the park. Large herds of Uganda Kob, Hippos, elephant and antelope also roam this part of the park making it an ideal place to view the wildlife at it's best.

Overnight at Enjojo Lodge | Cottage



Day 8: Ishasha Sector- Bwindi N.P- Buhoma

With the Kazinga Channel and the Game drives ticked off your list, It will be time to leave Queen Elizabeth National Park and continue your journey towards Bwindi and the Gorillas, where the adventure of a lifetime awaits you! This section of the safari will see you enter the traditional area of Kigezi Kingdom which is the southern most Kingdom on Uganda.

Your journey will be approx; 70km. 2hrs drive

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge | Luxury Banda



Day 9: Bwindi N.P- Buhoma

MORNING ACTIVITY

Your **Gorilla Trekking experience** is finally here, hope your camera is charged and you are ready for what lies ahead. An early start will see you transfer to the Park Headquarters for a briefing with the Uganda Wildlife Authority guides. An advance party of guides will have gone ahead into the forest to locate where the gorillas slept the previous night and will have begun to track their movements. These guides will communicate with your team via a walkie-talkie and the trek into the forest will begin.

Locating the Gorillas can take a few hours or the whole day depending on how far they have moved from the place they spent the previous night. For conservation purposes, the amount of time allowed with the Gorillas is 1 hour. As you trek through the forest you will appreciate why the forest is called impenetrable. There is also a multitude of other animals that you might encounter including antelopes and rare monkeys not to mention the beauty of the forest itself. Once you have completed the trek you will return to the lodge, for a well earned rest and time to reflect on a truly magical experience.



AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

At Let's Go Travel we try and support the communities that we interact with as part of the business we run, with a view to minimizing the impact we have on communities as well as ensuring that they too benefit from our operations. One such community in the Buhoma area of Bwindi is called **Ride 4 a Woman**. You will get to visit these incredible women and learn more about their story!

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge | Luxury Banda

Day 10: Bwindi N.P- Lake Mburo N. P

With your Gorilla Trekking experience still a vivid memory, it is time to leave the Gorillas and the Kigezi Kingdom all behind and head towards **Lake Mburo National Park** and into the heartland of the **Ankole Kingdom**. The drive is one of the most scenic in Uganda as you transition between the Impenetrable forest and into the Ankole grasslands, where the famous long-horned Ankole cattle graze.

Your journey will be approx; 260km. 6hrs drive

AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

One of the best activities to do in Lake Mburo is a scenic boat ride on the lake. This is one of the best ways to see the diverse wildlife that the Park has. The boat ride can be done at dawn or dusk depending on your safari itinerary and will normally take around 2 hours.

All the rides begin at the Rwonyo jetty, it will not take you long before you begin to see large groups of hippos in the water as well as crocodiles and buffalo lining the banks of the lake. The lake is also famous for its bird life, from majestic fish eagles, colourful kingfishers, to hammerkops and their enormous nests.

Overnight at Rwakobo Rock Lodge | Cottage



Day 11: Lake Mburo N. P- Entebbe

MORNING ACTIVITY

A Game drive in Lake Mburo National Park are a perfect way to begin or end a Safari in Uganda. The park has a variety of wildlife that almost contradicts its small size in comparison to the other parks in Uganda. The park doesn't have any large cats apart from leopards who are normally only seen at night

Lake Mburo has a large variety of antelopes and Rothschild's giraffe have recently been reintroduced. However, the highlights of the park have to be the Burchell's zebra and eland which are only found in two National Parks in Uganda.

After an incredible safari, it will be time to head back. During this final leg of the trip, you will leave the Ankole Kingdom and head back into the Buganda Kingdom, heading eastwards towards Entebbe. There are not many places in the world that have the wide range of wildlife, nature and culture. We hope you took loads of great photos and had a wonderful experience that will live with you for a long time.

Your journey will be approx; 270km. 6hrs drive

Lunch en-route

As your time in Uganda has come to an end, we truly hope you have had a memorable experience 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

Airport Guest House Entebbe

Entebbe

Category: Hotel 3*

<http://www.naturelodges.biz/airport-guesthouse/>

Airport Guesthouse Entebbe is located on Plot 17 Mugula Road, Entebbe.

Airport Guesthouse Entebbe is the ideal solution for people arriving late in the evening or departing early in the morning. And if you stay at our guesthouse we will provide transfers to and from the airport free of charge, at any time of the day or night.

The guesthouse is also ideal if you just want to spend a few days relaxing away from the noise of busy Kampala. While in Entebbe you can undertake many different activities:

Information:

Info: Airport Guest House is located in Entebbe

Number of rooms: 12 rooms

Swimming pool: No

Wi-Fi: Yes, in the main area



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





Kibale Guest Cottages

Kibale N.P

Category: Hotel 4*

<http://www.kibaleguestcottages.co.ug/>

Kibale Guest cottages is located adjacent to Kibale National Park in Western Uganda and offers a spectacular views of the tropical forest, a few hundred meters from the Park's main tourist centre of Kanyanchu.

Information:

Info: Kibale Guest Cottages are located outside Kibale Forest National Park

Number of rooms: 8 Cottages

Swimming pool: No

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



Parkview Safari Lodge

Queen Elizabeth N.P

Category: Hotel 4*

<http://parkviewsafarilodge.com/>

Parkview Safari Lodge is situated on the outskirts of Queen Elizabeth National Park. There are spacious and tastefully designed self-contained grass-thatched cottages with private wooden balconies perched over the rolling savannah of Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Information:

Info: Parkview Safari Lodge is located outside Queen Elizabeth National Park

Number of rooms: 15 Cottages

Swimming pool: Yes

Wi-Fi: Yes, but in the lounge



Enjojo Lodge

Ishasha Sector

Category: Hotel 3*

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

Enjojo Lodge is bordering the Ishasha sector of Queen Elisabeth Park. It is situated on 40 hectares amidst acacia forest, lush vegetation with palm trees and scattered grassland. Birdlife is abundant and herds of elephants, buffaloes and antelopes are regularly spotted on our land. Vervet monkeys, baboons and black and white colobus have become residents.

We offer comfortable accommodation to suit all budgets. In the main lodge area we have 3 thatched cottages and one Safari House, allowing a total of 16 guests, contributing to a quiet and intimate retreat. The cottages are interlinked with an elevated wooden walkway.

Information:

Info: Enjojo Lodge is located outside Queen Elizabeth National Park Ishasha sector

Number of rooms: 3 Cottage, 1 Safari House and 3 Traditional Huts

Swimming pool: No

Wi-Fi: Yes but at the Lounge



Mahogany Springs Lodge

Bwindi N.P

Category: Hotel 5*

<http://www.mahoganysprings.com>

Mahogany Springs Lodge offers privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. With some of the most luxurious accommodation in East Africa the feeling that you will experience when staying here is beyond compare.

This is the perfect base from which to begin your Gorilla Tracking or Bird watching adventures. The Gorillas have been known to visit the lodge and come face to face with one of these peaceful creatures is an indescribable experience.

Information:

Info: Mahogany Springs Lodge is located outside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Number of rooms: 10 Bandas, 1 Presidential Suite

Swimming pool: No

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





Rwakobo Rock

Lake Mburo N. P

Category: Hotel 3*

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

Rwakobo Rock, an eco-friendly, family run hotel nestled on a scenic outcrop at the edge of Lake Mburo National Park. It is a peaceful and secluded retreat where you can breathe in the essence of wild Uganda and immerse yourself in the beauty the Park has to offer.

Information:

Info: Rwakobo Rock is located outside of Lake Mburo National Park
Number of rooms: 9 Cottages 1 Family Cottage 5 Standard Rooms
in a block

Swimming pool: Yes

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



Ground Handling - Rates per person in double room

from 2 to 14 persons: **3 190 \$us** per person

in double room

Sup. single room: 519 \$us

Trekking Permits - Rates per person in double room

from 2 to 14 persons: **750 \$us** per person

in double room

Total - Rates per person in double room

from 2 to 14 : **3940 \$us** per person

in double room

Sup. single room: 519 \$us

Package Includes:

Transfers and transportation in a 4x4 Safari Vehicle with an English-speaking driver guide (Land cruiser)

Park entrance fees

1 x Chimpanzee tracking Kibale forest (USD 150 per person)

1 x Gorilla Trekking Bwindi Forest (USD 600 per person)

Game drives

Boat cruise on Kazinga Channel

Bigodi swamp walk

Accommodation as stated above or similar depending on availability at the time of booking Meals as stated above

1 liter of drinking water per person per day in the vehicle.

Package Excludes:

Optional activities and activities not mentioned in above Tips

Personal expenses

Drinks

International Airfare

Visas to Uganda

Travel insurance