



8 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.



Regions to discover

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

Day 1: Entebbe Airport - Entebbe

Day 2: Entebbe - Lake Mburo N. P

Day 3: Lake Mburo N. P - Bwindi N.P - Buhoma

[Day 4: Bwindi N.P - Buhoma](#)

Day 5: Bwindi N.P - Ishasha Sector - Queen Elizabeth N.P

Day 6: Queen Elizabeth N.P

Day 7: Queen Elizabeth N.P - Kibale N.P

[Day 8: Kibale N.P - Entebbe](#)

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- Lake Mburo N. P

Your Ugandan safari adventure begins in earnest with a trip to [Lake Mburo National Park](#). You will head west on a scenic drive towards the heartland of the [Ankole Kingdom](#). The drive is one of the most scenic in Uganda as you transition out of the suburbs of the city and into open marsh and the grasslands, where the famous long horned Ankole cattle graze.

Your journey will be approx; 270km. 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 3: Lake Mburo N. P- Bwindi N.P- Buhoma

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.

Saying goodbye to Lake Mburo National Park is never easy. It has an uncanny ability to charm visitors with its peaceful and tranquil atmosphere, stunning landscapes and great wildlife viewing. The safari will continue westwards leaving the Ankole Kingdom, heading towards [Bwindi](#) and the Kigezi Kingdom, home of the remarkable mountain gorillas.

Lunch en-route

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge | Luxury Banda



Day 4: 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 5: Bwindi N.P- Ishasha Sector- Queen Elizabeth N.P

With your Gorilla Trekking experience still fresh in your memory it will be time to head north to [Queen Elizabeth National Park](#). The landscape changes as you move away from the thick forest into the open savannah lands. You will begin to notice the traditional home steds and farms that characterise this area. Entry to the Park will be via its southern sector also known as the Ishasha sector. Queen Elizabeth National Park is one of the most famous National Parks in Uganda and for good reason. There diverse landscape houses a wide range of animals, birds and plants which enables any visitor to partake in games drives in different locations of the park, a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel where animals and birds line the banks of this waterway that stretches between two lakes and Chimpanzee Trek in Kyambura Gorge.



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

Lunch en-route

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 Parkview Safari Lodge | Standard room

Day 6: Queen Elizabeth N.P

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.

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.

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.

Overnight at Parkview Safari Lodge | Standard room



Day 7: Queen Elizabeth N.P- Kibale N.P

With the anticipation of your Chimpanzee Trek, the safari will head further north into the Kibale Forest region. You leave the Rwenzuru Kingdom and journey into the heart of the [Tooro Kingdom](#) towards the principal city Fort Portal. Look out for the King of Tooro's grand palace on top of the largest hill in the area.

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 8: Kibale N.P- Entebbe

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.

After an exhilarating experience with the chimpanzees you will begin your return trip to Entebbe. The journey will see you leave the Kibale Forest National Park in the Tooro Kingdom and head eastwards back to the [Buganda Kingdom](#). The relaxing ride back to Entebbe will allow you to reminisce about the amazing time you have spent in Uganda and all the wonderful experiences you have had.

Lunch en-route

As your time in Uganda as 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



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





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 coming 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



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





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



Ground Handling - Rates per person in double room

from 2 to 10 persons: **2 221 \$us** per person

in double room

Sup. single room: 391 \$us

Trekking Permits - Rates per person in double room

from 2 to 10 persons: **750 \$us** per person

in double room

Total - Rates per person in double room

from 2 to 10 : **2971 \$us** per person

in double room

Sup. single room: 391 \$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