

Uganda-Rwanda Primates & Wildlife Safari

11 Days tailor-made safari Departure; Any day

Highlights

- Primates & Chimpanzee Tracking in Kibale forest
- Excellent gorilla tracking in both Bwindi & Volcanoes in Rwanda
- Game drive & Boat Trip in QENP.
- Excellent birdwatching adventure.
- Pristine rainforest Exploration.

Overview

See mountain gorillas, chimpanzees, golden monkeys, and tree-climbing lions, take a boat cruise and visit Rwanda's genocide memorial.

This journey is for you if you are interested in East Africa's primates, birds, and culture. See the endangered *mountain gorillas* in Rwanda's *Volcanoes National Park* and Uganda's *Bwindi Impenetrable Forest*, and spend time with the chimpanzees in *Kibale National Park*. Additionally, track golden monkeys in *Mgahinga*, track game in *Queen Elizabeth National Park*, the tree-climbing lions of the *Ishasha plains*, enjoy a boat cruise on the *Kazinga channel*, and experience the *genocide memorial* in Kigali.

DAY 01

Arrival and pick up from the Entebbe International Airport.

Our guide will warmly welcome you on arrival at the Airport or at your hotel in Entebbe/Kampala. For the former, you will be transferred to your hotel, where we will brief you about the next day's wildlife safari. Depending on the time of arrival, you are advised to have your money changed on this day, and you may also have the chance to visit *Kampala city*, about an hour's drive from Entebbe.

DAY 02

To Lake Mbuo National Park.

The long-awaited wildlife safari begins this morning; we will embark on an adventurous road trip towards western Uganda to *Lake Mbuo National Park*. Along the way, we shall have a stop-over at the *Uganda Equator* and the crafts village at Mpambire, where there are various crafts for souvenirs. Along the way, we shall have a chance to see the famous indigenous long-horned Ankole cattle and the beautiful western green plains.

Driving time: ± 4.5 hours

Budget Accommodation: *Rwonyo Camp or UWA bandas.*

Luxury Lodging: *Mihingo Lodge, Skyblue Motel, or Mantana Luxury Tented camp.*

DAY 03

In Lake Mbuo National Park

Our wildlife safari continues with a morning game drive in the Lake Mbuo National park. With its unique characteristic of acacia woodland, it is the only national park where you can see the beautiful gigantic eland. Surrounding Lake Mbuo is swamping where cryptic papyrus specialists such as the Sitatunga, antelope, and red, black, and yellow Papyrus Gonoleks may be seen.

Return to camp for lunch, and in the evening, take a boat ride on Lake Mbuo for a closer view of the hippos, crocodiles, and other wildlife. Return to the lodge and have dinner.

DAY 04

To Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

After an early breakfast, we start this day's wildlife safari journey with a beautiful road trip to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. We shall drive through grasslands seeing banana plantations and herds of Ankole cattle with their incredibly long curving horns. We ascend into the Kigezi highlands, famously known as the "Switzerland of Africa," with terraced farming and mountain scenery. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Driving time: ± 6 hours

Budget Accommodation: Buhoma community Rest camp or Wagtail Eco-safari camp.

Luxury Accommodation: Silver back lodge, Buhoma lodge, or Lake Kitandara Tented camp

DAY 05

In Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – Gorilla tracking.

This may be the highlight of your wildlife safari: a meeting with the gentle giants of Bwindi! Especially hikers will love the tracking in the beautiful ecosystem of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. Depending on where the Gorillas may be located, expect to walk a relatively long distance in steep and muddy conditions, sometimes with rain overhead, before encountering any gorillas. Gorilla Trekking is worthwhile as you observe the gorillas closely while they eat, play, and rest. A unique and unforgettable experience!

Those who prefer not to participate in the gorilla tracking can go for a guided forest walk or explore the surroundings with the Buhoma Village Walk.

Dinner and overnight in Buhoma

DAY 06

To Ishasha sector – Queen Elizabeth National Park.

After breakfast, we head towards the north, passing the southern sector of *Queen Elizabeth National Park* (if road conditions allow). This part is called Ishasha and is famous for the tree-climbing lions. After a short game drive in this area, we continue to our lodge for overnight accommodation, dinner, and relaxation.

Driving time: ± 5-6 hours

Budget Accommodation: Students dormitory and Bandas or Savanna Resort.

Luxury Accommodation: Ishasha Wilderness camp or Savanna Resort.

DAY 07

In Queen Elizabeth National Park.

The wildlife safari adventure resumes at about 6:00 am. We leave for the early morning game drive that will take until approximately 10.00 am and then return for breakfast.

After lunch, we proceed to *Queen Elizabeth National Park* through the *Ishasha sector*. Keep watching out for tree-climbing Lions!

DAY 08

In Queen Elizabeth National Park.

The wildlife safari begins early when we start with a morning wildlife game drive and head to the mating ground of the *Uganda Kobs*. We search for some of the big five game – lions, elephants, buffaloes, and other wild animals in their natural habitat before returning for lunch and resting off the afternoon heat.

In the afternoon, we take a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. This cruise will be superb thanks to the abundant birdlife that is sighted and the elephants, buffaloes, and hundreds of hippos that are cooling off at the shores. Expect to see a lot of aquatic birds, hippos, and crocodiles. We then retire back to our accommodation for dinner and overnight.

DAY 09

End of Wildlife Safari – Travel back to Kampala/Entebbe

After breakfast, we will depart for Kampala, arriving in the early evening.