

# Classic Uganda Wildlife Safari Adventure

13 Days Tailor-made safari | Departure: Any day

## Over view

The Classic Uganda Wildlife Safari is a safari like no other. Not only does it offer you the opportunity to view **Africa's big five**, but it also guarantees a fascinating gorilla trekking experience and an incredible chimpanzee trekking and habituation opportunity. Furthermore, you get to visit the few white rhinos left in the country at Ziwa rhino sanctuary and the lovely zebras of Lake Mburo National park. This safari gets you traversing through half the country's regions; by the time you are done, you will have almost seen it all!

**Book this safari today, and let us kick start your adventure to discover Uganda today!!**

## Duration

13 Days/12 Nights

[Detailed itinerary](#)

## DAY 01

### Arrival at the Entebbe International Airport

Upon arrival at *Entebbe International Airport* or your hotel in *Entebbe/Kampala*, you will be warmly welcomed by an English-speaking guide. For the former, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you will be briefed about the **Classic Uganda Wildlife Safari** by the guide. Our guide may also acquaint you with your new location with a visit to the town, local Zoo, Botanical gardens, and some places of convenience in case you are not too exhausted from your long flight.

Also, depending on the arrival time, you are advised to have your money changed to the local currency on this day to ease any monetary transactions you may need to make.

***Please note: accommodation on arrival is not inclusive but can be arranged upon request.***

## DAY 02

### Road Trip to Murchison Falls National Park via Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

With an early morning rise, we begin our Classic Uganda Wildlife Safari with a scenic and panoramic drive northwest through the famous Luwero Triangle. Our first stopover is at the *Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary* for a white Rhino tracking experience. After which, we then head out to drive to Masindi Town for lunch. (**Alternatively**, depending on time, we may have our lunch in Nakasongola before heading to the Sanctuary). After that, we drive off to Murchison Falls National Park.

If we have time on the travel day, we will visit the top of the falls before retreating to our accommodation for dinner and overnight, but if not, we will see the top of the falls in the subsequent days to come while on safari.

**Drive time:**  $\pm 7$  hours

**Budget accommodation:** *Red Chilli Camp.*

**Mid-Range Accommodation:** Fort Murchison, Heritage Safari Lodge

**Luxury accommodation:** *Paraa Safari Lodge, Kabalega Wilderness Lodge, Nile Safari Lodge, or Fort Murchison Lodge.*

## **DAY 02**

### **In Murchison Falls National Park**

As the saying goes, “the early bird catches the worm,” we rise early, embarking on a drive to the Northern bank of the Nile River, where we set off for an early morning game drive for wildlife viewing and search for **Africa’s Big 5**. On our game drive, we traverse beautiful scenery across Borassus Palm Forest and grassland savannah down to Lake Albert, where the Albert Nile heads north to Sudan.

On the game drive, you will likely see; ***Elephants, Lions, Cape buffalo, Rothchild’s Giraffe, Jackson’s Hartebeest, Waterbuck, Oribi, Bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, Spotted Hyena,*** and if lucky, the ***Leopard***. We will also stop at the hippo pool for a complimentary cup of coffee and snack before heading back to the lodge for lunch as we await the following activity for the day.

After lunch, we set off for a boat cruise that sails to the bottom of the cascading falls, **an experience not to be missed!!** While on the cruise on the River Nile, said to be the Longest River in the world, you will view the magnificent power of the waterfall gashing through a narrow 7-meter gorge and forming the breathtaking Murchison Falls. You may also see lots of Hippos, Crocodiles, Elephants, Waterbucks, and Uganda Kobs, among others, as well as various bird species such as Goliath Heron, Egyptian Geese, Pelicans, Bee-eaters, Kingfishers, Hornbill, Cormorant, and the **rare Shoebill stork if lucky.**

After the boat cruise, we return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 04**

### **To Kibale Forest National Park**

After early morning breakfast, we drive south via Hoima road to Fort Portal district through verdant countryside traversing traditional homesteads and farms. Fort Portal district rested in the shadow of the fabled Mountains of the Moon and was named after a British Special Commissioner to Uganda, Sir. Gerald Portal, whose statue graces the main street/road.

Kibale Forest National Park is one of East Africa’s primate-rich parks, with 13 species of primates, including chimpanzees and 375 species of birds, that stand out as a primate and birders paradise. Having an inside look into this forest is, therefore, a must; hence we continue our

journey by traversing through the traditional Villages; rest assured to catch a glimpse of the locals in their gardens nurturing traditional crops (Sorghum, millet, etc.). Along the way, please keep your eyes open for bird species such as Long-Crested Eagles, Double-Toothed Barbet, Black-headed Gonolek, Fan-tailed Widowbirds, sunbirds, and weavers.

We shall have a stopover in Fort portal town for late lunch, and after continuing to our accommodation, check-in and rest for the next day's activities.

**Drive time:** ± 8 hours.

**Budget accommodation:** *Rwenzori View Guest House or Chimpanzee Guest house*

**Luxury accommodation:** *Primate Lodge or Ndali Lodge*

## **DAY 05**

### **Chimpanzee Habituation Experience In Kibale Forest National Park**

After breakfast, we will visit *Kibale Forest National Park*, which has a solid reputation for having the most incredible variety and the highest concentration of primates in East Africa, the most widespread primate of the 13 primate species is the Chimpanzee (our closest relative). Kibale has got Uganda's largest Chimpanzee population, with about 1450 individuals. It is also home to the rare I'Hoest's monkey. Other primates include: the Black and white Colobus monkey, Blue monkey, Grey-cheeked mangabey, Red tailed monkey, and Olive baboon, to mention a few. With this much variety, you will enjoy a guided nature walk in the tropical rainforest searching for the wild Chimpanzees, Red-tailed monkeys, Black and white colobus monkeys, and many others.

After the Chimpanzee tracking/habituation experience, we head for lunch, after which we explore the Crater Lake region, which has many crater lakes.

## **DAY 06**

### **To Queen Elizabeth National Park**

After our morning breakfast, we again hit the road headed to *Queen Elizabeth National Park*, following the mystical *Rwenzori Mountain Range*. Queen Elizabeth is extensively covered by savannah vegetation and volcanic craters and is home to abundant wildlife. En route to the park headquarters, we will have a game drive. Watch out for animals such as the African Lion, Leopards, Giant forest hog, Cape buffalo, Elephants, Waterbuck, Uganda Kob, Bushbuck, and various birds, among other wildlife. After hotel checking-in and lunch, we could enjoy a unique 2-hour drive through a fishing village as we go to the biggest salt lake in the country (Lake Katwe).

We return to our lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight.

**Driving time:** ± 3 hours

**Budget Accommodation:** *Queen Elizabeth Bush Lodge or Simba Camp.*

**Luxury Accommodation:** *Mweya Safari Lodge or Jacana Safari Lodge*

## **DAY 07**

### **In Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Upon an early morning rise, we embark on an extensive early morning game drive in the park pursuing the most wildlife congested tracks, such as the Kasenyi Track. Expect to see; Elephants, Buffalos, Lions, Bush bucks, Kobs, the rare Giant forest hogs, Hyenas, and Waterbucks. After the game drive, we return to have breakfast at the lodge and relax a bit before the next activity.

For the afternoon, we'll take a launch cruise along the unique Kazinga channel, an experience not to miss!! Here you will also appreciate the scores of Hippos, Buffalos, and Crocodiles close to the waterside, but if lucky enough, you could catch sight of the rare Leopard prowling. Many bird species may be spotted while on the cruise, including Pelicans, Cormorants, egrets, herons, and Jacana.

We return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at the end of the launch cruise.

## **DAY 08**

### **To Ishasha sector Queen Elizabeth National Park.**

We drive through the southern sector of Queen Elizabeth known as Ishasha, famous for its tree-climbing lions. Ishasha is a remote and beautiful extension of Queen Elizabeth National Park. On the drive, there is an opportunity to view Buffaloes, Topi, Hippos, and many more Wildlife species. We then head to the lodge, check-in, have lunch and have some time to relax. After which, we will have an afternoon game drive which will provide opportunities to see Spotted Hyena, Buffalo, Uganda Kobs, Waterbucks, Elephant, Leopard (if lucky), antelopes, Lions, and several bird species.

**Driving time:** ±2 hours

**Budget Accommodation:** *Savannah Resort or Students dormitory/Bandas.*

**Luxury Accommodation:** *Ishasha Wildness camp or Savanna Resort.*

## **DAY 09**

### **To Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**

The second half of this exciting Classic Uganda Wildlife Safari begins with an early breakfast, followed by a second game drive before embarking on the journey to *Bwindi Impenetrable National Park*. We drive through lush savannah grasslands with scattered homesteads, large banana plantations, and sights of herds of Long-horned Ankole cattle. Afterward, we ascend into the Kigezi highlands, with terraced farming and mountain scenery into Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. On arrival, we check in to the lodge, rest, have dinner, and stay overnight.

**Driving time:** ±7 hours

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

**Luxury Accommodation:** *Silverback lodge, Buhoma lodge, or Lake Kitandara Tented camp*

## **DAY 10**

### **The Gorilla Trekking Adventure in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**

With an early rise and an early breakfast, we will head to the briefing point at the park headquarters, where you will be briefed about the dos' and don'ts while in the forest with the Gentle Giants. You will be provided with walking sticks and are also advised to carry your packed lunch and enough drinking water with you as you embark on this gorilla trekking experience. With a close to human DNA of 94%, getting close or staring into the pondering eyes of the endangered mountain Gorillas remains an unforgettable and an overwhelmingly incredible experience in one's life.

At the end of the Gorilla trekking experience, we drive back to the lodge, relax, dine, and stay overnight.

## **DAY 11**

### **To Lake Mbuoro National Park**

After breakfast, we embark on a drive headed to Lake Mbuoro National Park. We will likely spot some wildlife as we enter the park, so keep on the lookout. On arrival at the lodge, we will check in, after which we will go on an evening game drive. Expect to see Cape buffaloes, Impalas, Zebras, Elands, Bushbucks, Warthogs, and Hyenas, amongst others.

We return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at the end of the game drive.

**Driving time:** ± 4 hours

**Budget Accommodation:** *Rwonyo Camp, or UWA bandas,*

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

## **DAY 12**

### **In Lake Mbuoro National Park**

With an early rise, we will start our day with a morning Nature walk guided by a ranger from Uganda Wildlife Authority. Lake Mbuoro is the only national park where one can experience a walking safari. It is also rich in birds; bird lovers will enjoy this due to the park's rich bird diversity.

After the nature walk, we return to the lodge for breakfast and lunch, and in the afternoon go on a boat cruise on Lake Mbuoro to enjoy sightseeing of the rich bird life, crocodiles, and hippos cooling off. After which, we return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 13**

### **End of the Classic Uganda wildlife safari – to Kampala**

After breakfast, drive without rushing back to Kampala. We will have a stopover at the Equator and another at the Mpigi Royal Drum Makers. Here you get to watch the ceremonial drums being handcrafted using local methods passed down from previous generations.

After which, we again embark on our journey back to Kampala. Arrival in Kampala will be in the late afternoon.