

Chimpanzee Tracking & Wildlife Safari

7 Days Tailor-made safari | Departure: Any day

Highlights

- Chimpanzee Habituation Experience in Kibale Forest National Park.
- Chimpanzee tracking experience and wildlife game viewing adventure in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Game viewing experience in Lake Mburo National Park.

Overview

Seven days Chimpanzee tracking in Kibale Forest National Park: Uganda's biggest tourist draw is, of course, the **mountain Gorillas**; however, these aren't the country's only great Apes.

Humankind's closest relative, the Chimpanzee, is found in many areas of Uganda. Some of these groups have been habituated to human contact, similarly to the gorillas. Although their more energetic lifestyle and unpredictable nature make them slightly less approachable, there's no doubt that hanging out with chimps is one of life's great experiences.

Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival at 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 you will be briefed about your *chimpanzee/wildlife safari* by the guide. Depending on the time of arrival, you are advised to exchange your money for the local currency on this day, and you may also have the chance to visit *Kampala city*, about an hour's drive from Entebbe.

DAY 02

To Kibale National Park

After an early breakfast, we depart towards western Uganda to *Kibale Forest National Park*, where our main chimpanzee safari activity, chimpanzee habituation, will take place. *Kibale Forest* is one of Africa's most remarkable tropical rain forests, with a scenic drive of the fabulous "*Mountains of the Moon*" and an expanse of tea plantations at their foothills. Please keep your eyes open for bird species along the roads, such as Long-Crested Eagles, Double-Toothed Barbet, Black-headed Gonolek, Fan-tailed Widowbird, sunbirds, and weavers as we travel. We shall have a stopover in Fort portal town for lunch, and after continuing to our accommodation, check-in and have an afternoon of relaxing.

Driving time: ±7 hours

Budget Accommodation: Kibale Forest Camp (self-contained tents) or Chimpanzee Guesthouse/Bandas (self-contained Banda).

Luxury Accommodation: Ndali Lodge or Primate Lodge in Luxury Tents

DAY 03

In Kibale National Park: Chimp tracking/Chimpanzee Habituation Experience.

After early morning breakfast, we start the height of our *Chimpanzee tracking safari*, traveling to the Kanyanchu Tourist center for a briefing, after which we track the chimpanzees beginning at 08.00 am. Chimpanzee Tracking is done on foot, and this *walking safari* will allow you to see a wide range of flora and fauna.

Kibale forest is home to the most significant number of endangered chimpanzees in Uganda, the threatened red colobus monkey, and the rare L'Hoest's monkey. The forest boasts over 13 species of primates, the highest diversity and density in Africa, over 325 species of birds, and a variety of mammals, insects, and reptiles.

In the afternoon, enjoy a nature walk in the Bigodi Wetland, where a variety of birds and monkey species exist. After which we return to our accommodation for dinner and overnight.

DAY 04

Kibale to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Have breakfast, then drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park via Fort portal, check in at our accommodation, have lunch, and proceed for an evening game drive.

Driving time: ± 3 hours

Budget Accommodation: Queen Elizabeth Bush Lodge or Simba Camp.

Luxury Accommodation: Mweya Safari Lodge or Jacana safari Lodge

DAY 05

In Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Have an early morning game drive around the Kasenyei Kob mating ground. In QENP, you may spot animals like Elephants, Uganda kobs, Leopards, waterbucks, and Lions, among others. Return to the lodge for late breakfast, and in the afternoon, go for a launch cruise along the Kazinga Channel, where you will have an opportunity of seeing various water animals like Hippos and crocodiles and several water bird species. After that, have dinner and overnight at our accommodation.

DAY 06

To Lake Mburo National Park: Wildlife Viewing Safari

Have a morning game drive, and afterward, set off to L. Mbuho National Park. With its unique vegetation dominated by acacia woodland, L. Mbuho is the only National Park where you can see the beautiful gigantic Eland. Surrounding Lake Mbuho is swamping, where you may be able to see cryptic papyrus specialists such as the Sitatunga and the Papyrus Gonolek. Return to the camp for lunch and take a boat ride on Lake Mbuho for a closer view of the hippos, crocodiles, and other wildlife in the evening.

Driving time: \pm 4 hours

Budget Accommodation: *Rwonyo Camp or UWA bandas.*

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

DAY 07

End of Chimpanzee Safari: Return to Kampala

An early start of the day as we go for a nature walk guided by a ranger. Lake Mbuho is the only national park where you can experience a *wildlife safari* on foot. Return for breakfast at our accommodation, and with a game drive on our way out, we depart the protected area driving back to Kampala/Entebbe. We arrive in the afternoon and have leisure time visiting shops or relaxing at the lodge.

Driving time: \pm 3 hours

Budget Accommodation: Namirembe Guest House, Sophies Motel, Red chili Kampala or Airport Guest House (Entebbe).

Luxury Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel, Serena Hotel, or Hotel Africana.