Uganda Gorilla Trekking & Savanna Wildlife Safari

9 Days Tailor-made safari | Departure: Any day

Overview

This spectacular *Wildlife Adventure Safari* provides nine days of diverse experiences and adventure. It guarantees you stunning adventure-filled visits to 3 tourist destinations in the country. While on this adventure safari, you will enjoy Lake Mburo National Park's peaceful beauty and game, take part in adventure-filled game drives through *Queen Elizabeth National Park, and* marvel at the remarkable tree-climbing lions of the *Ishasha sector*. *After which, you will* finally descend into the jungles of Bwindi Impenetrable forest for a fascinating gorilla trekking experience. Also, each handpicked lodge on this safari ensures that the beautiful wild landscapes, scenery, and game linger around you for the ultimate experience of your lifetime. While at the lodge, watch for "who knows what will be wandering past you" as you enjoy your lunch/dinner.

This Wildlife Adventure Safari is the safari for you!!!

Duration

9 Days/8 Nights

Detailed itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival and pick up from 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 we will brief you about the safari. 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

To Lake Mburo National Park

With an early rise and breakfast, we will hit the road on an adventurous road trip towards western Uganda to *Lake Mburo National Park*. Along the way, we will have our first stop-over at the *Uganda Equator* and the crafts village at Mpambire, where there are various crafts for souvenirs. Watch out for the famous indigenous long-horned Ankole cattle and the beautiful western green plains along the way on our western road trip.

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 Mburo National Park

In Lake Mburo, we will have a morning game drive. The park has a unique characteristic of acacia woodland, and it is the only national park in Uganda where you can see the beautiful gigantic eland. Surrounding Lake Mburo are swamps that inhabit cryptic papyrus specialists such as the Sitatunga and Black and yellow Papyrus Gonoleks.

After the morning game drive, we return to the camp/lodge for lunch and go on a boat cruise on Lake Mburo to enjoy sightseeing of the rich bird life, crocodiles, and hippos cooling off in the afternoon. After which, we return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 04

To Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

After an early breakfast, we kick-start this day's wildlife safari journey with a beautiful road trip 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. After that, 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: ± 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: meeting the gentle giants of Bwindi!

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. Hikers will love this gorilla trekking experience, but even for those that don't hike, this activity will be unforgettable and worthwhile when you eventually meet the gentle giants. Those who choose not to participate in the gorilla tracking/trekking experience can go for a nature-guided forest walk or explore the surroundings with the Buhoma Village Walk.

Upon completing the trekking experience and awarding certificates, we return to the lodge for lunch/dinner and overnight.

DAY 06

To Queen Elizabeth National Park (Ishasha sector)

After breakfast, we embark on our road trip headed north, passing the southern sector of *Queen Elizabeth National Park*. This part is called Ishasha and is famous for the tree-climbing lions. After a short game drive in this area, we proceed to the lodge for dinner, relaxation, and overnight.

Driving time: ± 5 hours

Budget Accommodation: Students dormitory and Bandas or Savanna Resort.

Luxury Accommodation: Ishasha Wildness camp or Savanna Resort.

DAY 07

In Queen Elizabeth National Park

Upon an early morning rise at 6:00 am, we embark on an extensive early morning game drive in the park. After the game drive, we will return to have breakfast at the lodge and relax a bit.

After lunch, we proceed to *Queen Elizabeth National Park* through the *Ishasha sector*. Keep on the lookout for tree-climbing Lions while on the game drive!

DAY 08

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 09

End of Wildlife Safari – Travel back to Kampala/Entebbe

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