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UGANDA WILDLIFE DISCOVERY

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris

Africa, Uganda

11 days from AU$25,835 pp

Private

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Witness the incredible power of Murchison Falls and head out in search of Africa's iconic wildlife including lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo, hippo and giraffe
- Venture out on a forest trek to view habituated chimpanzees at Kibale National Park
- Choose your activities in Queen Elizabeth National Park, from game drives and boat cruises to forest and crater walks
- Track the endangered mountain gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park
- Visit A&K Philanthropy's inspiring community projects at Bwindi

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Entebbe

On arrival, transfer to your stylish new boutique hotel nestled in the leafy suburbs.

Hotel No 5

Day 2: Entebbe – Murchison Falls National Park

Depart Entebbe and fly to Murchison Falls National Park, one of the most scenic spots along the Nile and the location of the classic Humphrey Bogart film, *The African Queen*. After settling into your lodge on the banks of the Victoria Nile, join your guide for a visit to Murchison Falls, where invigorating spray — the collective force of the majestic Nile — showers a narrow ravine.

Nile Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Murchison Falls National Park

Today, set out on a game drive along the northern banks of the Nile in the heart of Murchison Falls National Park. You may see giraffe, buffalo, elephant, warthog, leopard, lion and antelope. This afternoon, embark on a boat cruise to the base of the falls, watching for hippo, crocodile, elephant and birds on the river’s banks.

Nile Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Murchison Falls National Park – Kibale National Park

After breakfast, board a flight to Kibale. Set against the backdrop of Lake Kyaninga and the mystical Rwenzori Mountains, Kibale has one of the highest diversities and concentration of primates of any park in Africa. It is home to a large number of endangered chimpanzees, as well as the red colobus monkey and the rare L’Hoest’s monkey.

You will be met on arrival and transferred to Primate Lodge. Nestled right in the heart of Kibale Forest National Park, Primate Lodge features just 10 beautifully decorated, spacious luxury cottages with large verandah offering excellent views of the forest.

Primate Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Kibale National Park

Kibale is one of Africa's premier destinations for chimpanzee tracking. Today you will head out with your tracker in search of these engaging creatures. The forest is also home to over 300 species of bird, with six endemic to the park, and other mammals including leopard, rare forest elephants, buffalo, giant forest hog and half a dozen species of antelope.

Primate Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Kibale National Park – Queen Elizabeth National Park

Drive south to Queen Elizabeth National Park. The game density here is high and it supports some of the largest herds of elephant in Uganda. There is prolific plains game and a good number of predators.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Queen Elizabeth National Park

At Ishasha, game drives through the park by day and night are included. Resident wildlife includes Spotted hyena, leopard, hippo, elephant, buffalo, waterbuck and a population of tree climbing lions.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp | BLD

Day 8: Queen Elizabeth National – Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

This morning continue south by road to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Arrive at your luxurious Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp, with ten elegant tents situated uniquely inside the national park, meaning you are only minutes away from the start of your gorilla tracking adventure.

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | Meals: BLD

Days 9-10: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Bwindi is home to many primates including colobus monkeys and chimpanzees but is most notable for its population of the critically endangered mountain gorilla. Spend the next two days trekking through the forest to locate one of the habituated gorilla families. The walk is demanding, up and down steep forested slopes and through thick jungle vegetation, however sighting the gorillas in the undergrowth is an inspiring moment! Spend time observing the family as they interact with each other, play and forage.

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – Depart Entebbe

Transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Entebbe and onward connections.

Meals: B

Map

Murchison Falls
National Park
UGANDA
Kibale Forest
National Park
Entebbe
Queen Elizabeth
National Park
LAKE
VICTORIA
Bwindi Impenetrable
National Park
ARRIVE/DEPART
AIR
ROAD

Accommodation

Hotel No 5, Entebbe

A quaint suburban retreat within the bustling city of Entebbe, the boutique Hotel No.5 makes for an elegant base to relax at the start or end of a trip to Uganda. Tucked away on a quiet path, the hotel is home to just 10 luxurious rooms and five apartments.

Each feature calming décor and light airy spaces. Large patio doors flood the bedrooms with natural light, opening onto private balconies which overlook the charming gardens and pool area: a great spot to sit back and enjoy the sunshine in peace and quiet.

Relax in the lounge and dining area or sample so delicious local fare from the restaurant, with a carefully planned menu and paired with an international wine list. Take a dip in the swimming pool, unwind in the gardens or indulge in the spa treatments on offer.

Located just ten minutes from Entebbe airport, consider a stay at the beginning of your safari adventure.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an exclusive tented camp that offers quality accommodation in the unspoilt remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Each of the ten East African meru styled tents are situated in the wooded area besides the Ntungwe River. They are comfortably furnished with each with its own dressing area and private en suite bathroom providing hot water "bush" showers and an eco-friendly toilet. The central dining area which is under thatch is a relaxed area to enjoy meals and relax after a full day safari. There are excellent game viewing opportunities, with buffalo, elephants, kob, topi and other species of antelope all common.

Why we like it

Due to the remoteness of the lodge on game drives, you are unlikely to encounter other vehicle Birdlife is abundant especially with the arrival of the migrant birds are during the months of October through NovemberVisit the ongoing community projects which work tirelessly in reducing the threats to the eco systems through increased economic opportunities for the local community

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Located deep in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in western Uganda, this intimate lodge offers luxury in the midst of one of Africa's most amazing natural environments. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Bwindi is one of the most biologically diverse areas on earth including 113 species of mammals (including a herd of the rare forest elephant), 200 species of butterfly and over 360 species of birds. In addition, Bwindi is home to seven species of primates of which the most endangered is the elusive mountain gorilla. Only 700 of these magnificent animals remain worldwide and Bwindi is home to just over half of them.

Gorilla Forest Camp has a bar and dining cottage as well as a natural raised platform for open-air dining. At night, a traditional African campfire is lit where the gorilla briefings take place. Cuisine and service has been described as the best in Uganda. Experienced guides will accompany you on your gorilla trekking where a maximum of eight visitors are allowed to each gorilla family group. Tracking can take anything between half an hour and up to nine hours dependent on the family you are visiting. You will also be trekking at altitudes of 5200 feet so a good level of fitness is required.

Why we like it

- Perfect luxury base to go gorilla tracking
- Other activities on offer include bird watching, forest tracking and visits to the local market and villages
- Eight spacious tents on raised wooden platforms with en suite bathrooms
- A superb mini spa offering various treatments and massages
- Children are welcome at the camp but only children aged 15 and above are able to track the gorillas

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