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UGANDA WILDLIFE TOUR – BIG GAME AND PRIMATES SAFARI

Summary of tour plan

DAY	LOCATION / SITE	ACCOMMODATION FACILITY	MEAL PLAN	DAY'S ACTIVITY
1	EBB Botanical Gardens	Entebbe Travelers Inn	LDB	Nature Walk
2	Lake Mburo NP	Arcadia Cottages	LDB	Game Drive
3	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Silverback Lodge	D	Boat ride, Travelling
4	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Silverback Lodge	BLD	Gorilla Tracking
5	Queen Elizabeth NP	Mweya Safari Lodge	D	Travelling
6	Queen Elizabeth NP	Mweya Safari Lodge	BLD	Launch Cruise, Game Drive
7	Kibale Forest	Pimate Lodge	D	Traveling, Nature Walk
8	Kibale Forest	Primate Lodge	BLD	Chimp Tracking
9	Murchison Falls NP	Paara Safari Lodge	D	Travelling
10	Murchison Fall NP	Paraa Safari Lodge	BLD	Game drive, Boat ride
11	Kampala	Kampala Serena Hotel	B	Travelling, Afro Jazz night
12	End of Tour	En Route	-;-	Flight Back Home

L-Lunch, D-Dinner, B-Breakfast, NP-National Park, EBB-Entebbe

Detailed day-by-day Itinerary

Day 1 Entebbe Airport and Entebbe Botanical Gardens

Our driver guide will warmly meet you on arrival at Entebbe International Airport, or at your hotel in Kampala or Entebbe; brief you on the rest of the safari programme, then drive for short distance to Entebbe Botanical Gardens (EBG) for a welcome nature walk.

Situated on the northern shores of Lake Victoria, virtually on the Equator, EBG covers an area of 40.7ha. The gardens house a collection of species of plants of the tropical, sub-tropical and temperate zones besides several shrubs and other plants which regenerated naturally over the years. The habitat has attracted a diverse array of birds – 206 species (both forest and shorebirds) and monkeys; Black and White Colubus and Vervet Monkeys. We will spend the rest of our afternoon here.

Day 2 Lake Mbuoro National Park

We will today travel to L. Mbuoro National Park arriving there in time for lunch at our hotel; we have short siesta, and finally the moment is here; this afternoon we depart for our first game viewing drive.

Lake Mbuoro National Park is a combination of open water with an extensive marsh and wooded grassland comprising of flooded plains bordered with pockets of tropical lowland forests giving the park an oasis setting that greatly draws wildlife in big numbers. The fresh water body attracts big congregations of hippos, crocodiles and shoreline birds. On our observation deck of our boat, we shall, most likely have a good view of the rare African Finfoot, White-backed Night Heron, etc. The wooded grassland section of the park is endowed with large herds of elephants, buffalo and a large numbers of antelopes like zebra, eland, impala, waterbuck, bushbuck, and many others. This Park is the best place to find several rare northern Tanzania bird species like the Tabora Cisticola, and the red-faced barbet. The entire Lake Mbuoro Park is a place of breathtaking and magical beauty; a place where the vision of a deep red sunset silhouetting the thorny acacia scrub along the extensive marshy area, brings the perfect end to a day on safari.

“At your luxurious tented camp and cottage, as the sun sinks in the horizon, displaying her glory and splendour by her beautiful rays, you enjoy a glass of wine or beer; listening to the melodious songs of birds as they bid the day farewell, as the sound of crickets come to life, watching trees swing in the cool breeze - an experience one can only have in Africa”.

Day 3 Lake Mburo and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Still in Lake Mburo NP, we shall wake up this day and enjoy our sumptuous breakfast, then aboard a boat along the shoreline of the lake till early afternoon. After this activity, we shall drive towards the southwestern part of the country to Bwindi, stopping over in Mbarara town for lunch. We check in our luxury intimate Silverback Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

After breakfast we assemble at the park headquarters for briefing for our day's activity; gorilla tracking. For those who have done this activity before, it is by far rated as number one wilderness experience in the whole world. The Bwindi forest alone hosts more than half of the total world population of the mountain gorillas; the rest being shared among Rwanda and the DR Congo. We shall be guided by the trackers who are very knowledgeable at finding these apes. There are several other primate species in the forest including the beautiful l'Hoest monkey, blue, black and white colobus, etc. If we are successful early enough, we shall take a walk around the nearby Buhoma village where we shall have a chance to meet the marginalized Batwa (Pygmies) people, the traditional healer and visit the local brewing site.

Day 5 Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National park

Today we shall start early, carry packed lunch for a rather long journey on a rough road to Queen Elizabeth National Park, passing through the Ishasha sector of the park, famed for the tree climbing lions. We shall stopover at some strategic points to stretch legs, have lunch while enjoying wildlife around us. Arrival at our lodge at Mweya peninsula will be late this evening. *"Enjoy the enchanting welcome with great smile, freshen up and some cold soft welcome drink at the hotel lobby"!*

Day 6 Game drive in the morning and afternoon Launch Cruise along the Kazinga Channel

This morning, after our breakfast, we will jump on our open-roof hatched van and follow one of the game viewing trails for our game drive.

The park prides itself as being the most diverse national reserve in the entire Africa due to the rich habitats and the associated wildlife. We are likely to meet herds of elephant, buffalo, warthog, Uganda kob, bushbuck, waterbuck and many more. For centuries, Queen Elizabeth National Reserve has stumped her authority as the '**hotspot**' of wildlife.

We shall return in the afternoon at our lodge for lunch, have a short siesta and go for a Launch Cruise along the Kazinga Channel. This is a natural narrow neck of water connecting lakes George and Edward. It is one of the migratory stopovers in the region attracting both resident and Palearctic visitors like spoonbills, waders, gulls and terns and sometimes flamingos. Along the banks of the channel, we are likely to find giant crocodiles basking in the sun alongside other big herds of elephant, buffalo, giant forest hog, and hippos. This activity takes about two hours.

Day 7 Travel to Kibale Forest National park

This park is also famous for hosting the highest number primates in Uganda (13 primate species) including Chimps, the Beautiful l' Hoest Monkey, black and white colobus monkeys, blue monkey etc.

Day 8 Chimpanzee Tracking in the Forest

We assemble in the morning after our breakfast, for briefing as we prepare for chimp tracking. The movement of the chimps depends upon the availability of food and hopefully they won't be too far away!

As we tour one of the chimps groups, we shall witness the behavioral characteristics of these living closest cousins to human beings demonstrating a distrustful fleeting look at our sudden interruptive visit into their private world, which is comforted by the chuckling made by the knowledgeable tracker guides. The noisy giant male uses loud vocalizations and drumming on large tree buttresses as a means of communicating with the other members of their group, since chimpanzees have a fission-fusion community structure, which means that they are not in constant contact with one another and often forage in small parties or even alone.

Day 9 Travel to Murchison falls National Park.

This is a very long and teeth-jarring journey that will probably take us the whole day. We will carry packed lunch, arrive at our hotel late this evening for refreshments dinner and overnight stay.

Murchison Falls National Conservation Area is one of the best places in Uganda to relax, and enjoy nature's beauty. The park was named after the stunning Murchison Falls which were discovered by Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, who was a Scottish geologist who visited the area in the 18th century. The scenery is breath-taking; a sight of the virgin expansive open savannah plains, grassland dotted with standing borassus palm trees, tropical rain forest, traversed by the majestic River Nile; is far much re-assuring. Interesting activities here include a boat ride along the Nile up to the bottom of the falls, a game drive to the delta, and a game drive to the top of the falls. Game viewing in the park is so fascinating with encounters like the lion, Cape buffalo, waterbucks, warthogs, oribi, giraffes, Jackson's Hartebeest, Patas monkeys etc

Day 10 Game drive and boat ride on the Nile

The boat ride along the Nile River is very rewarding experience. There are several congregations of buffalo, elephant, hippo and the gigantic Nile crocodiles that throng the banks. Several waterfowls both migratory and resident are abundant here.

Day 11 Transfer to Kampala

We bid farewell to Uganda at Ndere Center. We will enjoy a mouth-watering farewell dinner at the centre as we are being entertained by Ndere's versatile artists in the Afro Jazz style. There is quite a variety of soft delicacies to sample. During this time we can exchange pleasantries, reflect on the safari experience - moments that carried us away in laughter, joy & amazement. Back home, with your photographs – a capture of the special moments we have had on this tour to immortalize the experience, your memories should last a lifetime and tell all those who have not known about Uganda!

Day 12 Flight back home – End of our Tour

Accommodation Information

Note that accommodation is subject to change with regard to the clients' budgetary requirements

Entebbe Travelers Inn - Entebbe

This is an oasis of serenity situated adjacent to the fresh water beaches and the evergreen Entebbe Golf Course. The hotel offers individually decorated, luxurious rooms each boasting its own balcony with breathtaking Lake Victoria views. Nestled in the heart of “green town”, Entebbe, as is commonly known, and close to the water front, Entebbe travelers Inn has an intimate charm that no larger hotel can match. Each room has been exquisitely designed combining contemporary décor and fabrics with antique furniture to create a warm, stylish and comfortable ambiance.

Arcadia cottages - Lake Mburo

This luxurious tented camp is majestically set on a rocky hillside in extensive gardens stretching over 14 acre area. The camp is designed to provide the client with uniquely tranquil and serene atmosphere. It provides amazing vistas, service with a smile, and a warm welcome. All the rooms are en suite. They also provide a fully-stocked bar and a restaurant whose aim is to tantalize your taste buds. They serve both local and international dishes.

Silverback Lodge - Bwindi

This small eco-styled lodge is perched on high, atop the valley overlooking Bwindi forest with a stunning view, providing you with a possibility of bird watching and primate viewing right from the front door of your room. The architectural design and the materials used rhyme with the surrounding, thus giving the lodge a simple and natural manifestation. All the rooms are secluded with hot water, in house wines, showers and a porch that provides a good view of the forest. The restaurant has unique and creative menus that are prepared by a professional Chef. The dishes vary from local to international menus, set in cozy surroundings. You will have a chance to relax after a long day's hike in the attractive gardens of the lodge; complimented by the Summit Bar which is well stocked.

Mweya Safari Lodge – Queen Elizabeth National Park

Located on the peninsula within the heart of Queen Elizabeth National Park, Mweya Safari Lodge offers visitors splendid accommodation and breathtaking views on the balcony from every room overlooking the Kazinga Channel. One may have a chance to see the occasional Leopard that normally visits the hotel premises in at dusk. This is the palace where the Queen of England lodged in 1954. There is a swimming pool purposefully located for maximum relaxation, the poolside bar, Tembo safari bar and the Kazinga restaurant serving global cuisine; all set to offer a panoramic view of the park and the Rwenzori Mountain Ranges. There is a fully equipped gymnasium, sauna and massage parlour to offer maximum relaxation after long game drives in the park. There is also an open fire place in the compound of the lodge that will give you memorable experiences to gather around in the chilly evenings to watch the local dance groups wriggle their waists portraying the ancient traditions of hunting and the recent call for conservation.

“In the evenings, admire the myriad brilliance of Rwenzori crystal clear mountain sky”

Serena Kampala Hotel

Kampala Serena Hotel is an inspirational blend of 5-star polish, pan-African flamboyance, social style and tourism. It is one of the world class hotels in Uganda; set on 72 acres of landscaped grounds and water gardens in the heart of Kampala city. The hotel has been created around a central water theme, which manifests itself both in the extensive water gardens and in the hand-carved devises and shimmering mosaics with which it is decorated. A haven of cool and green environment where one can have an introduction of Uganda natural habitats and cultural amenities. This hotel has an unlimited wide range of facilities ranging from the personalized selection of all-inclusive rooms, extensive swimming pool, cocktail bars, Pearl of Africa Restaurant, Bambara Residents Lounge, Maisha Mind Body and Spirit Spa, to a garden auditorium and the roof-top terrace for private cocktails.

The Primate Lodge - Kibale

Accommodation is in tents and cottages. Here you will be fascinated as you enter the lobby of this eco-lodge with a fine touch of African panache; there are local drums, several other traditional music instruments and other beautifications. The fire place in the

compound of the lodge gives memorable experiences to gather around in the chilly evenings to listen to each other's stories. The interesting part of this lodge is that the only thing that separates you from nature is the tarpaulin of your tent or a wall of your cottage; while on your bed, you will hear buzzes of nocturnal birds, small insects and elephants too, somewhere in the forest, laughing out loud.

Paraa Safari Lodge – Murchison Falls

Located on the northern banks of the mighty Nile River with great views of the calm stretches of the Murchison falls, stepping inside Paraa Safari Lodge, you are instantly swept back to the early explorer era. The maps, pictures and equipment of those bygone times adorn the walls and tables of the lodge, lending it the feel of an old hunting lodge. Formally under the management of Uganda hotels, the newly refurbished Paraa Lodge gives its clients an inspirational unification of comfort and leisure. All the rooms come secluded with balconies overlooking the River Nile, purposefully positioned restaurant serving mouth-watering local and continental dishes prepared by East African celebrity chefs, an extensive swimming pool and a bar; all set with good panoramic view of River Nile banks where one can easily see hippos snort in the watery home, and giant Nile crocodiles basking in the sandy beaches.

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