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AGASARO SAFARIS - TOURIST ACTIVITIES

ENTEBBE CITY TOURS

Entebbe is a town on a peninsula in Lake Victoria, in Central Uganda. Area beaches include busy Lido Beach, near Entebbe International Airport. The lakeside Uganda Wildlife Education Centre protects native animals in wetland, forest and savannah habitats. Nearby, Entebbe Botanical Garden has diverse plants, birds and monkeys. Also close by is the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, which protects orphaned chimps.

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary

Leaving from Entebbe, travel by speed boat or traditional motorized canoe to Ngamba Chimpanzee Sanctuary located on beautiful Lake Victoria.

Officially opened in 1999, Ngamba Island was created to offer permanent sanctuary to orphaned chimpanzees, victims of illegal trade and habitat destruction. Now home to more than 45 chimps, the island serves as a tourist destination for local and international travellers offering an opportunity to learn about the species and the importance of conserving their fragile forest habitat. Enjoy a guided tour of the sanctuary and a close up experience with the chimpanzees as they come into camp for their morning or afternoon feeding. Cold drinks, tea and coffee are available at Ngamba and the island has a unique gift shop with a wide range of local crafts and sanctuary related t-shirts and products. Your visit and purchases directly support the project with proceeds going towards operating costs of the sanctuary, ensuring the well-being of the chimpanzees.

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Integration Program*(Not operational at the moment due to Covid 19)*

Visitors to Ngamba can participate in the integration program of the chimpanzees by participating in the outside enclosure integration or the forest walk program. By being part of the team going out in the enclosure with the infants, you will be able to give them support by holding them, as there may be need, as they are introduced to the older individuals and also they are showed different parts of the forest to get them to learn that it is safe and a better place for them to be. You will be in the company of several chimpanzees ranging in age from 5 years to 9 years of age and you will have direct contact as we orient them to life in the forest and possible future release program back to the wild.

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary – Caregiver for a Day*(Not operational at the moment due to Covid 19)*

This unique experience offers guests the once in a lifetime opportunity to be a chimpanzee caregiver for a day. Leaving from Entebbe, travel by speed boat or traditional motorized canoe to Ngamba Chimpanzee Sanctuary located on beautiful Lake Victoria. Officially opened in 1999, Ngamba Island was created to offer permanent sanctuary to orphaned chimpanzees, victims of illegal trade and habitat destruction. Now home to more than 45 chimps, the island serves as a tourist destination for local and international travellers offering an opportunity to learn about the species and the importance of conserving their fragile forest habitat.



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Upon arrival, you will join the sanctuary's caregiving team who will introduce you to the island and the chimpanzees. During your stay you will have the opportunity to assist staff in feeding, observing, and interacting with the chimps, learning all that is involved in their care. Following your overnight stay in the tented camp where you will experience the sights and sounds of the forest as the sun sets over Lake Victoria, you will awaken to the calls of the chimpanzees. Join the staff for the highlight of the trip on a very special walk with the sanctuary's young chimpanzees, where you will have intimate one on one interaction with these energetic young orphans as they explore the forest, have their morning meal or enjoy special play time with their caregivers.

Please be aware that participation in caregiver activities requires special vaccinations and precautions designed to protect your health as well as the health of the chimpanzees. Please refer to information sheet (provided) for more detailed information on Chimpanzee Caregiver requirements, conditions, and considerations.

Wine and Cheese Cruise – Lake Victoria, Entebbe

Embark on this 1 ½ hour Sunset cruise on the lake accompanied by cheese platter and your choice of wine on the boat Watching the fishermen cast their nets, view of rare bird species and get a chance to even cross the equator line to view the sun over the horizon.

Lake Victoria Sunset Cruise – Lake Victoria, Entebbe

Enjoy a sunset cruise in the waters of beautiful Lake Victoria. Depart late afternoon and travel out towards the equator and the lake's many local islands as fishermen cast their nets. Share a glass of soft drinks or beer and light hors d'ouvres with your party as you watch the sun set over the horizon. Overnight at

Mabamba Swamp - Lake Victoria, Entebbe

If you are an avid bird watcher, and have a bit more time you can also incorporate a visit to the Mabamba papyrus swamp area – home to several pairs of the rare Shoebill Stork. As well as the possibility of seeing these elusive birds, there is an abundance of other water birds, wildlife such as otters and much more to view amongst the tranquil waters of this area.

Meeting point & Timings: In Entebbe, Banga Beach in Nakiwogo or Lugard Avenue outside UWEC (Zoo) where safe parking is available and departure from the pier a short walk away.

Fishing Excursion – Lake Victoria, Entebbe

Enjoy a fishing excursion on the waters of Lake Victoria, home to one of the world's largest freshwater fish, the Nile perch. Accompanied by highly skilled guides and professional equipment, troll for the perch using a catch and release method. Patience, along with a cooler of beverages and light refreshments, are all you'll need to enjoy this angling adventure. Fishing boats are well maintained with safety equipment, raingear and all necessary supplies on board at all times.

Chimp Close up- Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, Entebbe (UWEC)*(Not operational at the moment due to Covid 19)*



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Getting up close offers you the chance to embark on a highly moving and unique experience whereby you will have the privilege to have direct contact with these amazing younger chimpanzees' playful, cling and climb all over you. This will be an experience of life time.

During the interaction, the caregivers and the visitor will be in the direct contact of chimpanzee which is a good opportunity of learning about their behaviours, threats and what can be done to save the species.

Please be aware that the participation in one on one encounters with wildlife at the centre requires special vaccinations and precautions designed to protect your health as well as the health of the chimpanzees.

Behind the Scenes Tour – Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, Entebbe

Join the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre's (UWEC) professional staff as they guide you through the daily activities required in caring for the centre's many animals

Experience the thrill by going beyond just watching the animals. With the behind the scenes programme, one gets to visit the holding facilities or exhibits, food preparation areas, the pharmacy, quarantine facility, workshops, taking part in rescues etc. Behind the scenes program will give you an inside view of what actually takes place in areas out of reach to the public including the animal holding facility, animal hospital and rescue centre (upon advice of the veterinarian) and within depth information from an animal keeper, veterinarian or educators.

There is no health requirement for this activity as we will ensure that there is no direct contact with animals.

Keeper for a Day – Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, Entebbe

Join UWEC's keepers in preparing the animals' food, then jump on the tractor to move from one exhibit to another while you help feed an amazing array of exotic and endangered animals from giraffes to lions to chimpanzees. Get a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes of a rescue centre as you attend keeper briefings, participate in recording the animals' behaviours or observe keepers perform daily health checks. This full day's adventure will leave you with the memory of a lifetime.

Orphanage Volunteer – Entebbe

Following breakfast, travel to the suburb of Bunono, where you will spend the day volunteering at The Purpose Uganda Babies Home. This home for abandoned, orphaned and neglected children between the ages of 1 to 4 years provides love, nutrition and shelter for children who have lost their parents to AIDS or other fatal diseases.

JINJA

Jinja is a town in southern Uganda, on the shore of Lake Victoria. The source of the Nile, at Coronation Park, is marked by a garden and a monument honoring British explorer John Hanning Speke. Owen Falls Dam and Bujagali Dam both span the Nile. Farther north on the river, Itanda Falls is known for its white-water rapids. East of Jinja, on Lake Victoria, Samuka Island is home to birdlife, including little egrets.



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White Water Rafting – Nile River, Jinja

Following breakfast, travel to the starting point for your thrilling white water rafting adventure. This half or full day activity will put you in the midst of the wild Nile where you and your crew will pass through class 4 and 5 rapids. Jinja's high grade rapids and the river's consistently high volume of water make this one of the world's most exciting rafting destinations. Following your trip on the Nile, your party will enjoy a full barbecue lunch or dinner and cold drinks while you share stories of the day.

Bungee Jumping - Jinja

Travel to Bujagali just outside Jinja for this adrenaline pumping adventure. Uganda is one of the few countries in Africa where visitors can enjoy this daring sport. After being briefed, you will stand above the mighty Nile River preparing for a jump from a 44 meter cliff. With a single rope tied around both legs, your jump will find you free falling before smoothly feeling the bounce of the bungee catch you as you fly down to touch the Victoria Nile water.

Horse Back Ride - Jinja

Set out for the beautiful Nile Valley in Jinja where you will be matched with your horse for the day. Horseback riding in the valley is an adventurous activity with scenic views and the opportunity to visit local communities along the way. All groups will be accompanied by professional guides with riders of different levels given the opportunity to ride at a slower or faster pace dependent upon skill.

Kayaking Lessons - Jinja

Schedule a class with White Nile Kayaking in Bujagali to learn how to kayak the Nile. Professional instructors will lead you through the skills needed to paddle a straight line, carve turns, read rapids, and understand the river. This class will get you off to a great start as a real river kayaker.

Sezibwa Falls Visit - Jinja

While in Jinja, visit beautiful Sezibwa Falls, a cultural site for the Buganda Kingdom, one of Uganda's local tribes. Thought to be the dwelling for some of the tribe's spirits, visitors can enjoy watching the clear blue water as it falls down the steep cliff and quietly flows into the forest. Follow your trip to the falls with a guided forest walk to the local snake cave where cultural rituals are performed.

Quad Biking - Jinja

Travel to Bujagali in Jinja for a half or full day quad biking adventure. You and your guides will travel off the beaten track, riding along the area's many scenic trails, manoeuvring through forests, farms and villages, and exploring the banks of the Nile River.

Kampala City Tour – Kampala



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Kampala is Uganda's national and commercial capital bordering Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake. Hills covered with red-tile villas and trees surround an urban centre of contemporary skyscrapers. In this downtown area, the Uganda Museum explores the country's tribal heritage through an extensive collection of art-facts. On nearby Mengo Hill is Lubiri Palace, the former seat of the Buganda Kingdom.

Following breakfast, travel from Entebbe to the nearby city of "Crazy Kampala". The tour may include the following sites (dependant on time of day and traffic):

Kabaka's Lake and Mengo Palace which is Buganda Kingdom's main administrative palace.

Uganda's famous Makerere University which is one of the prestigious African Universities that has groomed several African presidents.

The Uganda Museum where a lot of Uganda's historical artifacts are displayed. Namugongo Uganda Martyr's Shrine where over 22 young men lost their lives after denouncing the autonomy of the reigning Kabaka Mwanga (King).

Kampala's Baha'i Temple which is the only one of its kind in the entire Africa.

Namirembe cathedral which is the main Anglican cathedral in Uganda set up in the old missionary days.

The Roman Catholics' Rubaga Cathedral which was also first constructed in the missionary era. Owino market which is the main down-town market for selling second hand commodities

While travelling from one place to another, you will experience the unmatched chaos and vibrancy of this bustling city. Time permitting, a visit to the local craft market can also be arranged.

MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Base of the Falls Boat Cruise – Nile River, Murchison Falls National Park

Embark on a three hour cruise from the boats Jetty to the head of Fajao Gorge at the base of Murchison Falls. The park's most popular attraction since the 1950s, here is where the force of the mighty Nile River narrows to flow through a seven meter gap, cascading down a forty meter cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from their base are breath taking. Large resident populations of hippos float in the water along the way, groups of crocodiles bask on the shore, and herds of elephant, buffalos and other antelope can be seen moving along the riverbanks searching for food. The river offers a spectacular opportunity for bird watchers, with a wide range of water birds and vibrant bee eaters nesting in the cliffs along the river's banks.

Game Drive - Murchison Falls National Park

Depart with your guide to the northern sector of Murchison Falls National Park, an area rich in wildlife including lions, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, oribi, hartebeest, and countless reptiles and birds, including one of the park's more difficult species to spot, the rare shoebill stork. Crocodiles are also plentiful in this park.



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Water Falls and Sundowners Cruise

Embark on a four hour waterfalls and sundowner cruise from the boats jetty to the head of Fajao Gorge at the base of Murchison Falls.

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Drift along the Nile while the sun sets with a cold beverage and light snacks.

Delta Cruise – Nile River, Murchison Falls National Park

Embark on a half day boat trip into the Victoria Nile Delta, a 20 km cruise downstream from the park's headquarters. Home to a wide variety of wetland and papyrus endemic bird species, including the elusive shoebill stork, this two to four hour cruise offers a unique opportunity to spot rarely found birds and animals such as hippo, elephants and large crocodiles. Travelling through the centre of Murchison Falls National Park, guests can experience the constantly changing scenery of the Nile River as it winds its way to Lake Albert.

Sunrise Cruise – Nile River, Murchison Falls National Park

Awake before daylight to depart on your sunrise cruise. This one hour trip takes you along the Nile River for spectacular views of the sun rising to start a new day. Watch hippos play in the water and the wildlife awoken on the shores. Enjoy an optional full breakfast on board as you watch the sun rise over the Nile.

Sunset Cruise – Nile River, Murchison Falls National Park

Embark on this 1 ½ hour sunset cruise that takes you along the Nile River while you watch the sun slowly disappear behind the escarpments. Enjoy the river's many animals and birds while they retreat to their overnight hideaways and listen to the many sounds of the African bush as the animals of the night come to life.

Sundowner Cruise – Nile River, Murchison Falls National Park

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Wine and Cheese Cruise – Nile River, Murchison Falls National Park

Embark on this 1 ½ hour sunset cruise that takes you along the Nile River while you watch the sun slowly disappear behind the escarpments. Enjoy the river's many animals and birds while they retreat to their overnight hideaways and listen to the many sounds of the African bush as the animals of the night come to life. Drift along the Nile while the sun sets with a glass of delicious wine and a selection of gourmet cheeses.

Chimpanzee Habituation – Budongo Forest Reserve

Following breakfast at the lodge, set out into Budongo Forest Reserve to join your team and begin your chimpanzee habituation experience. This semi deciduous rain forest, which lies within Murchison Falls National Park, boasts the largest mahogany forest in East Africa. You will assist Budongo's trackers in their daily habituation research and activities including "de-nesting" the chimps, following them through the forest, and recording their behaviours and movements throughout the day. Finish the day off at sundown when the chimpanzees retire to their new nests for the night. This lifetime experience will allow you within metres of these amusing and very social apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Chimpanzees, our closest cousins, are extremely endangered with only an estimated 5000 remaining in Uganda. You will also have the opportunity to observe the many other animal species living in Budongo's diverse habitat including black and white colobus monkeys, baboons and hundreds of native bird species.

Please note: tracking chimpanzees may be fairly strenuous as the chimpanzees are highly mobile during the day. Also, chimpanzees are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Top of the Falls Hike - Murchison Falls National Park

Embark on a short hike to the top of Murchison Falls where the force of the mighty Nile River narrows to flow through a seven meter gap, cascading down a forty meter cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from the top are breath taking. Walk along the top of the falls and feel the spray of the water and bask in the cool mist around you.

Bird Watching - Budongo Forest Reserve

Set out for Budongo Forest Reserve's Royal Mile, one of Uganda's most popular birding sites. Skilled guides will accompany you as you search for hundreds of bird species inhabiting the area. This three to four hour walk can be tailored to your individual schedule and interests.

Half Day Forest Walk - Budongo Forest Reserve

Embark on a half day walk through tropical rainforest with experienced wildlife guides. Enjoy scenic views, the sights and sounds of the rain forest, ample opportunities for bird watching and glimpses of the many monkey species living in the reserve as they move through the forest canopy.



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Full Day Forest Walk - Budongo Forest Reserve

Embark on a full day walk through tropical rainforest with experienced wildlife guides. Enjoy scenic views, the sights and sounds of the rain forest, ample opportunities for bird watching and glimpses of the many monkey species living in the reserve as they move through the forest canopy.

Rhino Tracking – Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

Depart for Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for a close up encounter with the only rhinos in Uganda. The sanctuary provides trained rangers who will ably guide you to observe the rhinos at a very close and safe distance. Following their extinction in 1983, local wildlife authorities and international conservationists worked hard to bring the rhino back to Uganda. In 2005, Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary welcomed its first four rhinos from Kenya. Through an extremely successful breeding program, Ziwa's rhino population has since grown to fifteen southern white rhinos with two babies born within just the past two years. The success of Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary will ultimately lead to a comprehensive reintroduction program allowing rhinos to once again roam wild in Uganda.

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Game Drive – Ishasha, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Set out for the Ishasha area of Queen Elizabeth National Park, rich with wildlife including warthog, water buck, bush buck, leopard, Ugandan kob, elephants, countless bird species and even the rare giant forest hog. The Ishasha sector of the park is known for its famous tree climbing lions sometimes found lying about in the branches of the native fig trees.

Game Drive – Mweya, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Set out for the Mweya area of Queen Elizabeth National Park, rich with wildlife including warthog, water buck, bush buck, leopard, Ugandan kob, elephants, countless bird species and even the rare giant forest hog. In the Mweya sector of the park, visitors will find vast numbers of Uganda's unique and strange Euphorbia, or "candelabra" tree. The many nearby crater lakes and mountain ranges provide a beautiful backdrop for your journey.

Boat Cruise - Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the spectacular Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park. You may encounter herds of elephant, buffalos and antelopes, families of warthogs, large groups of hippos, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Kazinga's shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a remarkable view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks.

Salt Mine Visit - Queen Elizabeth National Park



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Travel to the salt mines of Katwe Lake just outside Queen Elizabeth National Park, one of over 50 crater lakes found in the area. The lake, formed as a result of volcanic eruption approximately 10,000 years ago, spans 9 km. Getting its name from the local tribe known as “aha Katwe”, Katwe provides most of Uganda’s salt used in cooking, preserving food and hides, and dyeing clothes. Katwe is also a source of black mud, called Trona, which can be turned into fertilizer and used in making glass. Watch salt miners carry out their daily activities and listen to the many stories of their work and lives in the mine. This salt mine visit is the perfect opportunity to take the time to learn about Uganda’s land, history and culture as well.

Bat Caves and Nature Walk - Maramagambo Forest, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart for Maramagambo Forest, an expansive jungle habitat in the southern area of Queen Elizabeth National Park. This unique forest is home to thousands of fruit bats inhabiting hidden caves deep within the dense trees and plants. A guided walk will take you into Bat Cave and Hunter Cave where you will have the opportunity to view the bats in their natural environment and the many other animals found here, maybe even catching a glimpse of the elusive python.

Chimpanzee Tracking - Queen Elizabeth National Park

Travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park’s Kyambura Gorge to meet your guides for the day and begin your chimpanzee tracking experience. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the forest to view wild chimpanzees as well as several other species of primates in their natural habitat. You will have an opportunity to be within metres of these amusing and very social apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Chimpanzees, our closest cousins, are extremely endangered with only an estimated 5000 remaining in Uganda.

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BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK

Gorilla Tracking - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Following breakfast at the lodge, travel to National Park Headquarters to meet your guides for the day and begin your gorilla tracking experience.

Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the mountain slopes. The journey, through dense foliage and up steep climbs, is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience of viewing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. You will have an opportunity to be within metres of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Mountain gorillas are extremely rare with only an estimated 1,000 remaining in the wild. This is an experience you won’t soon forget!

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(provided) for more detailed information on Gorilla Tracking requirements, conditions, and considerations.

Batwa Cultural Experience – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Embark on a three to four hour hike to a Batwa village in the midst of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. This amazing encounter will allow you the opportunity to meet Batwa elders and their families and learn about their daily lives. Through the assistance of a skilled interpreter you will discover the unique traditions and practices the Batwa people including their deep attachment to the forest, the cuisine they enjoy, how they harvest their food, the style of their homes, and their burial rites. Visitors are even given the chance to learn how to light a fire with just a stick and how to shoot a target with traditional weapons.

Walking Safari – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Embark on a guided nature walk between Nkuringo in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to Buhoma on the opposite side of the park. This three to four hour guided hike provides a leisurely opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the forest, view the native wildlife, and learn about the many animal and plant species present in the park. You may meet the gorillas on your way through the forest, as well as other primates in habiting Bwindi.

Village Community Walk - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Embark on a community walk through the local villages surrounding Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Optional activities include visits to a traditional home, local orphanage or school, banana brewing demonstrations and even meeting traditional medicinal healers. This three to four hour walk is easily tailored to your individual schedule and interests.

KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

Chimpanzee Tracking - Kibale National Park

Travel to National Park Headquarters to meet your guides for the day and begin your chimpanzee tracking experience.

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Chimpanzee Habituation – Kibale National Park



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Following an early morning breakfast at the lodge, travel to Kibale National Park to join your team and begin your chimpanzee habituation experience. You will assist Kibale's trackers in their daily habituation research and activities including "de-nesting" the chimps, following them through the forest, and recording their behaviours and movements throughout the day. Finish the day off at sundown when the chimpanzees retire to their new nests for the night. This lifetime experience will allow you within metres of these amusing and very social apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Chimpanzees, our closest cousins, are extremely endangered with only an estimated 5000 remaining in Uganda. You will also have the opportunity to observe the many other animal species living in Kibale's diverse habitat including black and white colobus monkeys, baboons and hundreds of native bird species.

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Half Day Nature Walk – Kibale or Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Parks

Embark on a half day walk through tropical rainforest with experienced wildlife guides. Enjoy scenic views, the sights and sounds of the rain forest, ample opportunities for bird watching and glimpses of the many monkey species living in the park as they move through the forest canopy.

Full Day Nature Walk – Kibale or Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Parks

Embark on a half day walk through tropical rainforest with experienced wildlife guides. Enjoy scenic views, the sights and sounds of the rain forest, ample opportunities for bird watching and glimpses of the many monkey species living in the park as they move through the forest canopy.

Night Forest Walk - Kibale National Park

At nightfall, set out on foot into the park with your guides as the nocturnal world of the forest comes to life. Using spot lights allowing visitors to see the many creatures who move about the forest at night, your guide will help you spot pottos, owls, bushbabys, genets, and, on rare occasions, small jungle cats.

Swamp Walk- Bigodi, Kibale National Park

Depart for Bigodi Swamp, considered one of Uganda's best bird watching locations. Bigodi's rich ecosystem makes it a spectacular venue for viewing numerous primate and bird species in their natural habitats. This two to three hour walk can be tailored to your individual schedule and interests.

LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK

Game Drive - Lake Mburo National Park

Depart for Lake Mburo National Park, home to elands, Burchell's zebras, impalas and a wide variety of bird species. Lake Mburo provides a unique opportunity to see the park on foot and the chance to view vast numbers of diverse hoofed animals. Lake Mburo National Park works with local communities to create an environment in which domestic livestock peacefully coexist with the park's native wildlife.



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Night game drives are also an option in Lake Mburo and are a chance for unique wildlife viewing. You will be equipped with a spotlight to try sighting the more nocturnal animals such as leopard, hyena and perhaps even a bush baby if you are lucky!

Boat Trip - Lake Mburo National Park

Enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on beautiful Lake Mburo. The lake, in the center of the park, provides an opportunity to see vast numbers of birds, large groups of hippos, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Cruise through the lake's swamps, perfect hiding places for elusive species of birds, including the rare shoebill stork, one of the world's most endangered bird species.

Day Nature Walk in Lake Mburo

In the company of a ranger guide, embark on a nature walk in Lake Mburo where you may have the chance of viewing the grazers like the Zebras, bush bucks, elands, Impalas, grazing local cattle and a vast number of birds. Visit the salt lick area where a number of animals gather to enjoy the salty taste of soil.

Horseback Safari – Lake Mburo National Park

Horse safaris are an awesome way to see the wildlife around Mihingo Lodge. Without the noise of an engine you can hear so much more and you really feel part of nature. Riding a horse means you often get the chance to see the more timid animals. If you are very lucky you may see eland and buffalo. You will nearly always see a mixture of warthog, topi, impala, duiker, bushbuck, waterbuck and zebra. Watching animals from a horse is so peaceful and a totally different experience from being on a game drive; zebras come towards you to check out the strange relative without stripes. Even the eland that are usually very shy, look curiously at the horses without running away, but keep their distance.

MGAHINGA NATIONAL PARK

Gorilla Tracking - Mgahinga National Park

Following breakfast at the lodge, travel to the Park Headquarters to meet your guides for the day and begin your gorilla tracking experience.

Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the mountain slopes. The journey, through dense foliage and up steep climbs, is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience of viewing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. You will have an opportunity to be within metres of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Mountain gorillas are extremely rare with only an estimated 1000 remaining in the wild. This is an experience you won't soon forget!



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Following the trek, return to your accommodation and, if time allows, take a guided afternoon forest or community walk.

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Mgahinga National Park - Volcano Climb

Following an early breakfast, depart for Mgahinga National Park Headquarters where you will meet your experienced guides and porters and begin your climb up one of the Virunga's majestic volcanoes. This small park, covering just 38 sq. km, is set on the northern slopes of the Virungas, providing visitors with spectacular views and the chance to stand simultaneously on the borders of Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Batwa Trail Experience - Mgahinga National Park

Depart for Mgahinga National Park's Batwa Forest to learn about the lives of the Batwa Pygmy tribe. These native people depended entirely upon the forest for survival until 1991, when they were forced by Uganda's government to relocate based on concerns about the negative impact their activities were having on the park. Meet tribe members and experience the traditions and practices of these unique people, including a visit to the home of the Batwa King and cultural dances performed in local caves.

SEMLIKI NATIONAL PARK

Bird Watching - Semliki National Park

Set out for Semliki National Park, the eastern most tract of Congo's Great Ituri Forest. This diverse habitat provides an exceptionally exciting destination for bird watchers with the opportunity to sight even West African bird species in their farthest east habitat. The 440 recorded bird species include over 200 forest birds and 80 central African species found in very few forests on the continent. In addition, visit Semliki's hot springs with bubbling water, hot enough to cook an egg.

MT ELGON NATIONAL PARK

Mountain Hike - Mount Elgon National Park

Depart for Mount Elgon National Park, an ideal location for hikes of all levels. Short hikes on the park's lower trails offer beautiful scenery and a chance to see numerous bird species and small mammals. Longer treks vary in length with the longest taking hikers to Mount Elgon's summit along the mountain's challenging trails.



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Hikers choosing shorter hikes will overnight in the park's campsite with all meals included. Hikers choosing extended hikes will overnight in the park's huts or campsites with all meals included.

RWANDA ACTIVITIES

Gorilla Tracking - Parc National des Volcans

Following breakfast at the lodge, travel to National Park Headquarters to meet your guides for the day and begin your gorilla tracking experience.

Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek up the volcanoes to the forest above. The journey, through the forest and up steep climbs, is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience of viewing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. You will have an opportunity to be within metres of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Mountain gorillas are extremely rare with only an estimated 1000 remaining in the wild. This is an experience you won't soon forget!

Following the trek, return to your accommodation to relax and reflect on your experience with the amazing mountain gorillas.

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Golden Monkey trek

The golden Monkey is endemic specie of blue Monkeys that live in the high altitude forests of the Volcanoes National Park. This endemic specie of monkeys is commonly known to exist in the Volcanoes forest and Mgahinga forest in Uganda. After taking the Gorilla Trekking Trip, You will start the trek from the park headquarters at Kinigi and continue into the forest as you search for the endangered apes. Though viewing is kept to a maximum of one hour, travellers can get an up-close look at the golden monkey in its natural habitat. Take pictures of the monkeys as they play from the tree branches.

Cultural activities

On this day, you will take a cultural walk to the Iby'iwacu cultural village where you may have the chance of interacting with the local people. The people who live mainly in this area were once poachers but after acquiring more knowledge about the importance of conserving nature, they have turned into site performers. You may get the chance of preparing local food, visit the traditional doctors, prepare the bows and arrows for hunting, listen to the African drums from the group, and visit the traditional home for the king and so much more.



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Bird watching

With your Birding guide, move into the Volcanoes National Park to begin searching for some of the birds that live in the forest. This Park is famous for being home to some of the Albertine endemics. On the way, you may have the chance of listening or seeing; Shoe bill stork, Bennett's Woodpecker, White-winged Warbler, the Purple-breasted Sunbird, the Rwenzori Turaco, the Red-faced Barbet, the Little Bee Eater, and the Rockefeller's Sunbird, Collared Apalis, Fraser's Eagle Owl and so much more. There is more entertainment from the monkeys that swing from one branch to another.

Intore Dance

You will go for some entertainment from the Intore dancers. This is a traditional Rwanda ballet dance that was initially presented by the victorious Rwandan warriors to the King celebrating their success after war. The performers wear grass wigs, carry shields and spears and wear beads on their forehead. Presently, this dance is performed at functions and it is very entertaining. The performers keep dancing back and forth and later stretch out their arms with a raw aggression. There is a lot more to watch as the dancers keep moving their bodies. This can be done in the addition to the Rwanda Gorilla Trekking experience.

Kwita Izina.

On this day you will be part of the gorilla naming ceremony. This ceremony was launched in 2005 by H.E Paul Kagame and his wife when they named twin Mountain Gorillas. Since that day, many visitors both international and nationals look forward to this activity. This event is one of the ways used to conserve the mountain gorillas in Rwanda.

Chimpanzee Tracking (Nyungwe National Park)

Drive to Nyungwe National Park to meet your guides for the day and begin chimpanzee tracking. An experienced guides and trackers will lead you into the thick moist forest to begin searching for the wild chimpanzees. On the way, you may as well get entertained by several other species of primates that keep running back and forth in their habitat. You may have an opportunity to be within metres of these amusing and very social apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Chimpanzees, our closest cousins and are extremely endangered. Following the trek, you may enjoy a boat ride, take an afternoon drive or relax as you reflect on your time with the chimpanzees.

Please note: tracking may be fairly strenuous as the chimpanzees are highly mobile as they search for food throughout the forest. Also, chimpanzees are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed. However viewing success rates are over 90%.

Kinigi Village Walk

This walk takes you through the ancient kingship of Rwanda and the traditional behaviour of the Rwandese. You may visit the King's palace where you will listen to the historical tells of how the former kingship of Rwanda operated. While at the place, you may get the chance of going through In case there is chance, you may participate or be entertained by the singing and dancing group. Carry on to the close by villages where you may interact with local people and have a look at their gardens.



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Kigali city Tour

Drive to Gisozi and Kigali genocide memorials where remains of the victims who suffered the 1994 Rwanda genocide are preserved. Carry on driving through the Kigali central which is the major business and commercial center for the country. Later, visit the Kigali Museum and get to know more about the historical facts of Rwanda. If you still have ample time, visit the homes of the survivors of the genocide who reside in the suburbs of the city.