

Primates & Wildlife Safari - 14 Days/13 Nights (Uganda)

No of Person	Rate Per Sharing	Person	(USD)
2	\$ 5,955		

Introduction

This 14 days safari takes you to the magnificent Murchison Falls for a spectacular scenic view full of birds and water animals, takes you to Kibale National park to see the Chimpanzees and various species of monkeys and to Queen Elizabeth National Park known for its diversity of wildlife, birdlife, and picturesque geographical features. This Safari also takes you to the unforgettably scenic Lake Bunyonyi dotted with 25 small islands and encircled by steep terraced hills. You will also encounter with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi impenetrable forest. You will crown your safari with Lake Mburo National Park for a game drive, wild nature walk and a boat launch before finishing with a visit to the Equator.

Tour Highlights

- Rhino Tracking
- Boat ride on the Nile
- Hike to the top of Murchison falls
- Game drive in Murchison Falls National Park
- Chimpanzee tracking in Kibale National Park
- Nature walk in the Bigodi swamp
- Game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Boat ride on Kazinga channel
- Canoe ride on Lake Bunyonyi/ Hike in the surrounding hills
- Village walk & Boat ride around Lake Bunyonyi
- Gorilla tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
- Cultural visit
- Nature walk and Game drive in Lake Mburo National Park
- Boat ride on Lake Mburo



• Equator experience

Brief itinerary:

- Day 1: Arrival in Uganda
- Day 2: Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park
- Day 3: Game drive and Boat cruise
- Day 4: Transfer to Kibale Forest National Park
- **Day 5:** Chimpanzee tracking and nature walk in Kibale Forest
- Day 6: Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Day 7: Game drive in Queen Elizabeth and Boat launch on Kazinga channel
- **Day 8:** Game drive in the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park& transfer to Bwindi National Park
- Day 9: Gorilla tracking in Bwindi
- **Day 10:** Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi Canoe ride / Hiking to the view point / Swimming
- Day 11: Village walk & Boat ride around Lake Bunyonyi
- Day 12: Transfer to Lake Mburo National Park via Igongo Cultural Centre
- **Day 13**: Nature walk, Game drive in the park and Boat cruise on Lake Mburo
- **Day 14:** Travel to Kampala/ Entebbe International Airport

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Uganda

You will be met at the airport by our tour guide/driver who will transfer you to your hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in preparation for your safari the next day.

Accommodation: Rosemary Courts http://rosemarycourtsuganda.com/

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Day 2: Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park

Having had your early morning breakfast, StarMount Safaris tour guide/driver will pick you up from your hotel by 7:00 am so that you commence on your 5 hour journey to the Northern Uganda. The drive passes through Luwero to Masindi. On your way to



Masindi from Kampala, you will branch off in Nakitoma – Nakasongola for a visit to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for a guided walk while tracking the rhinos and this will be followed by lunch in Masindi town. You will continue the drive to the Northern bank of the Murchison Falls National Park arriving late in the afternoon. You will have dinner and overnight at your lodge.

Accommodation: Murchison River Lodge https://murchisonriverlodge.com/ Meal Plan: Lunch en-route, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 3: Game drive and Boat cruise

You will have breakfast and set off for a game drive to see the Cape buffaloes, Rothschild's giraffes, Uganda kob, hartebeest and waterbucks. You may also spot oribi, bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, warthogs plus large carnivores including lions, leopards and spotted hyenas. You will return to the lodge for lunch and later go for a boat cruise on the Victoria Nile upstream, to the base of the falls. The stretch of this river bisects the park into two sections. While on the boat ride, you will view wildlife such as elephants, crocodiles, hippopotamus, buffalo and countless antelopes and birds can be observed. You will then hike to the "top of the thunderous Murchison falls, where you will observe the falls squeezing in a 7 meter gorge before tumbling 40 meters down in a thunderous explosion and then flows down into a very peaceful river. You will have dinner and overnight at your lodge.

Accommodation: Murchison River Lodge https://murchisonriverlodge.com/ Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 4: Transfer to Kibale Forest National Park

You will after your breakfast set off on a 9-10 hour journey to Kibale Forest National Park. The drive is through a beautiful countryside dotted with traditional homesteads, crop gardens and plantations as well as trading centers and towns. You will have lunch en-route and arrive in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Kibale Forest Camp http://www.naturelodges.biz/kibale-forest-camp/

Meal Plan: Lunch en-route, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 5: Chimpanzee tracking and nature walk in Kibale Forest After breakfast you will report at the Kanyanchu at 08.00 am for a briefing on the rules of chimpanzee tracking. Kibale Forest National Park has the greatest variety and



highest concentration of primates in East Africa. The trek takes 2-3 hours and it will provide you with the opportunity to see a variety of other primates and animals as well as birds and a variety of butterflies. You will return to the lodge for lunch and in the afternoon go for a nature walk in the Bigodi Wetland to see a variety of rare birds and more monkey species.

Accommodation: Kibale Forest Camp http://www.naturelodges.biz/kibale-forest-camp/

Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 6: Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After your breakfast, you will transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park arrive in the afternoon just in time for your lunch at the lodge. You will spend your entire evening resting in preparation for the next day's activities.

Accommodation: Marafiki Safari Lodge http://www.marafikisafaris.com/ Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 7: Game drive in Queen Elizabeth and Boat launch on Kazinga channel

After breakfast go for a game drive in the northern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park through the Kasenyi track in search for lions, hyenas, buffaloes, leopard, water buck, bush bucks, Uganda Kob plus many bird species including ibis, fish eagles and vultures etc.

You will return to the lodge for lunch and later in the afternoon go for a 2-hour boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. This is a channel that joins Lake Edward and Lake George. This trip passes through possibly the highest concentration of hippos and offers an excellent opportunity for photography, bird watching and game viewing. Dinner and overnight at your lodge.

Accommodation: Marafiki Safari Lodge http://www.marafikisafaris.com/ Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 8: Game drive in the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park & Transfer to Bwindi

After breakfast, you are driven to the Ishasha sector of the Queen Elizabeth National Park that is famous for the tree climbing lions lounging in the tree branches while keeping a close eye on herds of Uganda kob, their favourite prey. It is also home to many buffaloes, elephants as well as the rare shoebill. You will spend the morning



game driving in this part of the park and then later you will transfer to Bwindi National Park where you will spend your night and be there by late evening.

Accommodation: Nkuringo Gorilla Lodge https://www.nkuringosafaris.com/

Meal Plan: Lunch en-route, Dinner

Day 9: Gorilla tracking in Bwindi

You will have an early morning breakfast and with your packed Lunch, move to the Park headquarters to join other trackers at 7:45 am for a briefing about the gorilla tracking rules. You will trek through thick creepers and undergrowth with your guides to find the Gorillas, which can take you 2-8 hours depending on the location of the gorillas as they range freely in the impenetrable forest. You will have one hour to stay with these intelligent and gentle giants that share over 90% of their genetic material with humans. You will then return to your lodge to rest. You will have dinner and overnight at your lodge.

Accommodation: Nkuringo Gorilla Lodge https://www.nkuringosafaris.com/ Meal Plan: Breakfast, Packed lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi - Canoe ride / Hiking to the view point / Swimming

After breakfast you will travel to Lake Bunyonyi. This lake is one of the most beautiful places in western Uganda. It is the second deepest lake in Africa [900 meters deep] and also one of the few places in the country where it is considered safe to swim as it is bilharzia free. The journey takes 2-3 hours and you will have your lunch on arrival at your lodge. The landscape around the lake is made up of terraced hills protruding from the water's edge. The word Bunyonyi means "place of little birds" and as the name suggests, there is plenty of birdlife around the lake. You will in the afternoon choose either to go for a canoe ride, swim in the lake or hike to the view point on the hills to see the exceedingly beautiful scenery of this part of the country. Dinner and overnight will be at your lodge.

Accommodation: Arcadia Lodge https://www.arcadialodges.com/ Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Village walk & Boat ride around Lake Bunyonyi

This morning you take a 2-3 hour walk along Lake Bunyonyi [14 Kms] to enjoy different viewpoints of this beautiful place. You will go through the villages of the local



people to have an experience of how they go about their daily routine activities and be amazed by the way they skillfully cultivate the hill sides and how they care for their animals (cows) that are a prime source of pride. You will after the walk transfer back to your hotel for lunch. After lunch you will head out for a boat ride on Lake Bunyonyi for sightseeing of some of the 25 islands and the opportunity to see the Punishment Island where non-virgin girls were abandoned. Later return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Acadia Lodge https://www.arcadialodges.com/

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12: Travel to Lake Mburo National Park via Igongo Cultural Centre

You will have breakfast and travel to Lake Mburo National Park centered on a series of swamp-fringed lakes rich in bird life while its green acacia woodland harbors wildlife like the Zebra, Warthog, Elands, Impala among others. En-route, you will visit the Igongo Cultural Centre for lunch and to learn about the unique history and culture of the Ankole people who pride in keeping cattle. You will be treated to some traditional dances at this centre after which you will continue to Lake Mburo National Park and check/in to your lodge. Dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Rwoboko Rock

Meal Plan: Lunch en-route, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 13: Nature walk, Game drive in the park and Boat cruise on Lake Mburo

After breakfast you will go for a tour around the park on foot with an experienced game ranger who will explain to you which animals have left behind footprints and droppings and how long ago. This park is one of the two parks in Uganda where it is permitted to go for animal viewing on foot. You will after go for a game drive and return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon you will go for a boat cruise where you will view the water animals that include; crocodiles, hippos and a variety of birds. You will return to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Rwoboko Rock https://www.rwakoborock.com/ Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast

Day 14: Transfer to Kampala/ Entebbe International Airport

After breakfast you will set off for Kampala/Entebbe. You will have a stopover at the Equator where you will have an opportunity to stand in two hemispheres at the same



time and take some photos. The entire stretch of this journey will take 6-7 hours arriving in Kampala in the late afternoon. Depending on the timing of your departure flight you will either be transferred to the Airport for your scheduled flight back home or to your hotel for dinner and overnight (not included in cost).

Tour Includes:

- Ground Transportation
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Park entrance fees
- Chimpanzee permits
- Bigodi walk
- Game drives
- En-route lunches
- Gorilla permits
- Boat rides

Tour Excludes:

- The expenses of personal nature like: Luxury drinks, laundry, telephone, personal shopping bills and cigarettes and any other item not mentioned above.
- Air fare,
- Uganda Visa, (50 USD)
- Tips to local guides, and porter fee while trekking,
- Personal insurance,

Courtesy reminder

- The above rates are based on contract rates of the current period. A final quote will be provided upon confirmation
- The rates quoted are noncommissionable
- The above is a tentative quote, confirmation of rooms are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Reservation request on hold will be considered as a confirmed booking
- Quotes may change without prior notice, whether there is any fluctuation in prices.
- Transfers and tours will be according to the itinerary provided at the time of booking.



- Permits Run out fast, the earlier you decide on the tracking the sooner we can secure the permits for you
- We accept payment by Bank Wire Transfer, Visa, MasterCard and American Express, Cash, EFT.
- Credit Card payments attract a 3.5% banking fees surcharge (please include it in your payment to us).
- If paying by EFT, bank wire transfer, please note that there will be additional bank charges that will be communicated as and when required.