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Wildlife of Uganda

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Primate viewing safari with private guide

With its rich mix of wildlife and incredible ecosystem diversity, Uganda is not to be missed. Explore it all, including a multitude of primates—gorillas, chimpanzees, vervets, colobus monkeys and baboons. Kibale National Park, alone, contains 13 distinct species while the otherworldly Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is home to the iconic “gorillas in the mist.” Queen Elizabeth and Lake Mburo National Parks contain traditional safari sightings of elephants, lions, leopards and many others.

Enjoy meeting local Ugandans on community village walks, traditional lunches and while making bean-to-bar chocolate. Take in the unique beauty of the best of Uganda’s wild places, accompanied by one of our expert Ugandan guides throughout your safari.

Tubasanvukidde Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time.*

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that, in turn support our safari business. *Your dollar makes change.*

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent.*

Primate viewing with Deeper Africa

Stand within feet of mountain gorillas as they accept you

into their community without a sideways glance. Trek with confidence, knowing you'll have success watching these gentle creatures. Hear chimpanzees bounce through the trees, rustling leaves, breaking branches and maybe even calling out to family members with their loud hooting.

IT STARTS WITH THESE SOUNDS AND THEN SUDDENLY....YOU ARE AMONG THEM.

Safari schedule at a glance

International flight #1

Departs: TBD

Arrives: TBD

International flight #2

Departs: TBD

Arrives: EBB

Day 1:

Arrival in Entebbe, Uganda

Overnight at Boma Guesthouse

Days 2 & 3:

Drive to Kibale National Park

Overnights at Primate Lodge

Days 4 & 5:

Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Overnights at Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Days 6 & 7:

Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Overnights at Mahogany Springs

Days 8 & 9:

Drive to Lake Mburo National Park

Overnight at Mhingo Lodge

Day 10:

Drive to Entebbe for international flights

DAY 1

Boma Guest House Entebbe

Upon clearing customs at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, your Deeper Africa guide awaits you holding a Deeper Africa sign with your name on it. He'll transport you to Boma Guest House.

Over the next several days, you'll explore a wide breadth of ecosystems starting with the evergreen rainforest of Kibale National Park. Cruise through the savannas and wetlands within Queen Elizabeth National Park and trek the high forests of Bwindi National Park.

Includes:
WiFi

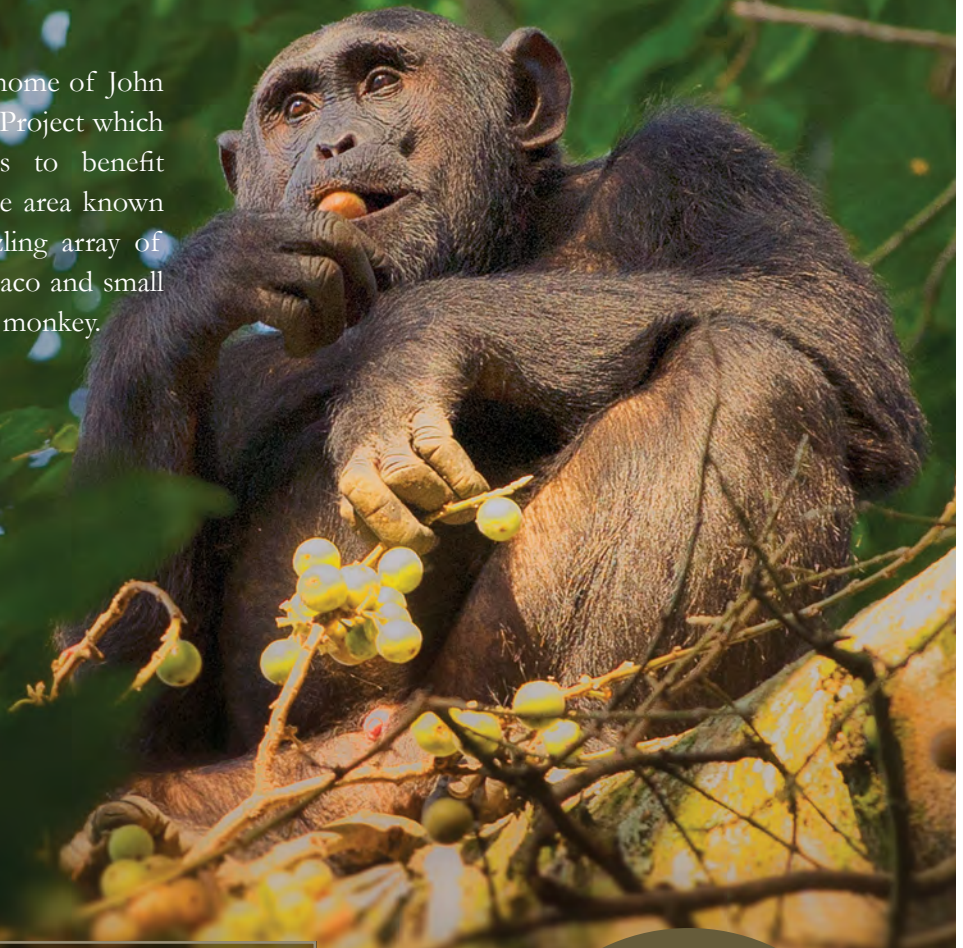
DAYS 2 & 3

Primate Lodge

Kibale National Park

Driving west, notice the rich, fertile farmlands terraced up the slopes, local children walking to and from school, cattle and goats being herded along the road to new pastures and the hustle and bustle of local markets. Snap a picture of the official sign at the equator.

Enjoy a traditional Ugandan lunch at the home of John Tinka, a leader of the Bigodi Community Project which creates sustainable tourism partnerships to benefit locals. Join a community guide to tour the area known as the Bigodi Wetlands, home to a dazzling array of birds including the striking great blue touraco and small primates such as vervets, colobus and blue monkey.



Wildlife viewing

Get your checklist ready

Chimpanzee, Black and white colobus monkey, Blue monkey, Grey cheeked mangabey, L'Hoest's monkey, Olive baboon, Red colobus monkey, Red-tailed monkey

Activities included

Keep your camera close

Chimpanzee trek
Bigodi Wetlands walk
Explore the Crater Lakes
Local lunch with village elder

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Laundry
WiFi

Uganda, home to over 5,000 chimpanzees, is one of the most important countries in Africa for conservation of these captivating creatures.

Kibale Forest is considered the premiere destination to view chimps in East Africa due to having the largest and most dense population in Uganda. Following close in numbers, Budongo Forest in Muchison Falls National Park also boasts large populations of chimps in Uganda, as well as East Africa's largest mahogany forest. In Queen Elizabeth National Park, Kyambura Gorge is a remote, hidden gem for chimpanzee trekking.

More than 1,500 chimps live in Kibale Forest—Uganda's highest concentration.

Chimp tracking begins early in Kibale Forest. Chimps move frequently, so prepare to move with them. Your ranger will lead you through the forest underbrush, listening for their telltale hoots and screeches. Take in the beautiful scenery and sounds of birds, insects and monkeys in the branches. It can take time to find the chimps. The thrill of seeing a face much like your own staring back at you couldn't be more worth it. Observe and follow them as they feed, play, groom and go about their daily activities.

DAYS 4 & 5

Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart Kibale for Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's best location for traditional wildlife viewing. Its diverse ecosystems include sprawling savannas, crater lakes, winding water channels and dense forest.

Cruise the Kazinga Channel, a 20 mile (32 km) waterway linking Lakes Edward and George and spot plentiful wildlife stopping by for a drink, including the largest concentration of hippo in the world. Look for famous tree-climbing lions in fig trees on the remote Ishasha plains and enjoy watching hippos near the Ishasha River.

After struggling with poaching, populations of kob, buffalo, bushbuck, waterbuck, elephant, giant forest hog and warthog are recovering here.

Wildlife viewing

Get your checklist ready

Buffalo, Bushbuck, Elephant, Flamingo, Giant forest hog, Hippo, Hyenas, Kob, Leopard, Lion, Ostriche, Pelican, Rhino, Shoebill stork, Waterbuck, Warthog, Wildebeest

Activities included

Keep your camera close

Wildlife viewing
Boat safari on Kazinga Channel

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Laundry
Swimming Pool
WiFi

DAYS 6 & 7

Mahogany Springs Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Head to otherworldly Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Shrouded in mist, Bwindi appears suspended in the clouds. This ancient rainforest and designated UNESCO World Heritage site is one of Africa's most biologically diverse areas.

In the morning, learn about gorilla trekking etiquette at park headquarters before Ugandan park guides lead you into the forest. Trekking lasts between one and five hours. Along the way, listen and look for Bwindi's more than 350 bird species and a variety of other primates before the excitement of seeing the first gorilla. Habituated by researchers, gorillas are accustomed to humans, but still curious. Watch them eat, groom and interact with one another just a few feet away.

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Alcohol & Beverages
Laundry
WiFi

Gorillas share at least 97% of our DNA.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is home to at least 90 mammal species, including 11 different primates and half of the world's mountain gorillas.

Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist ready

Mountain Gorilla,
Antelope,
Baboon,
L'Hoest's monkey

Activities included
Keep your camera close

Gorilla trekking
Bwindi Community Hospital
Ride 4 a Woman
Touring vegetable garden
Visit Bwindi Bar

Gorilla Doctors

Critically endangered mountain gorillas are the only great apes whose wild populations are increasing, largely due to the work of Gorilla Doctors and the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project.

Gorilla Doctors provides medical care to ill and injured gorillas in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Rwanda's Parc National des Volcans and the DRC's Virunga National Park. Veterinarians, rangers, guides and conservationists monitor each gorilla's health, note any developing problems and intervene in emergencies. Gorilla Doctors owns its own vet school.

This work has helped save the species from extinction and even contributed to a baby boom. We're happy to arrange a meeting with Gorilla Doctors for you after you trek, with the option to privately join the doctors on their rounds. This conservation success story demonstrates how your visit can change the future of an endangered species for the better.

480

mountain gorillas in
the Virunga Massif
2010

1,063

total mountain gorillas in the
wild NOW, largest
population recorded

604

mountain gorillas in the
Virunga Massif 2016

The world's only endangered animal to receive
regular vet care.

Follow a gorilla family online and learn more at
www.gorilladoctors.org



Gorilla Porter Program

Porters are available to carry your daypack, water, and lunch. You may not feel you need one, but we recommend hiring a porter anyway.

\$20 cost

\$5 Gratuity recommendation

Porters are typically young people without many opportunities. They need work. They only get the opportunity to porter once a month. Typically, their other days are spent working on the family subsistence farm. That's essential work, but it doesn't help them with the cash and the learning they get from helping international guests. A porter doesn't just carry your gear. Like any good caddy, the porter gives you pro tips and shares the kind of local lore that will enlighten your adventure. They are familiar with the trails, terrain, and the condition of the forests. Hiring a porter is so much more than just lightening your load. It's important that all community members benefit from gorilla conservation through work

and learning opportunities. They will make a hard trek possible by pulling and pushing you through; a much needed hand.

The porter program is one of the initiatives that the gorilla rangers developed to build community support for mountain gorilla protection. The survival of gorillas and the welfare of local communities are inextricably linked. Support the people, as well as the primates. The money porters earn is one of the direct benefits of tourism in communities.

Drive east through the beautiful agricultural countryside toward Lake Mburo National Park. Look for herds of Ankole cattle—famous for their long horns. They are raised by the Banyankore people.

Lake Mburo National Park contains savannas, acacia woodlands, swamplands and lakes and is the only reserve in Uganda with impalas. Hippos are abundant and there are at least 350 recorded bird species here. Mhingo Lodge is set in a series of rugged hills on the west side of the park with majestic views of Lake Mburo and the undulating grassy valleys that hold wonderful wildlife viewing opportunities.

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Swimming Pool
WiFi

Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist ready

Baboon, Buffalo, Bushbuck,
Eland, Hippos, Impala,
Mongoose, Reedbuck, Topi,
Warthog, Zebra,
350 species of birds

Activities included
Keep your camera close

Wildlife viewing
Guided walking safari
Mountain biking into
local farms and villages

DAYS 8 & 9

Mhingo Lodge

Lake Mburo National Park



DAY 10

Flights & International Travel

Go wildlife viewing or hiking in the morning before returning to Entebbe. A Deeper Africa driver will transport you to the Entebbe Airport for your international flight home.

Flight #1 (Day 10)

Departs | EBB

Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 11)

Departs | TBD

Arrives | TBD

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch