

## UGANDA - WILDLIFE WALKING & SIGHTSEEING

9-days / 8-nights to see Mountain Gorillas & Chimpanzees & search for the 'Big Five'



Known as the 'pearl of Africa', Uganda offers a wildlife paradise, amazing scenery and a vibrant culture. Join us tracking chimpanzees and hiking through the rainforest to see mountain gorillas. See volcanic crater lakes and search for the major game species.

The tour begins in the Kibale Forest National Park, Uganda's primate paradise, looking for chimpanzees and other primates including red colobus and L'Hoest's monkeys. At the Queen Elizabeth National Park we have a game drive with the chance to see hippos, elephants, leopards and lions. We travel through the Kigezi Highlands with its terraced slopes, blue lakes and stunning panoramic views and in the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park for our first humbling experience with the famous mountain gorillas. Stand just metres from man's distant cousins as they eat, rest and play – a truly magical experience!

- Visit the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary with its more than 138 species of bird and several species of primates, mongoose, otters and bush bucks.
- Join the Kibale researchers and chimpanzee team as they study and habituate the chimpanzees.
- Take a game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park at the foothills of Mt Rwenzori, in search of elephants, leopards and lions.
- Drive through the picturesque Kigezi Highlands, known as the "Switzerland of Africa".
- Trek to within metres of mountain gorilla in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

**Cost:** From \$8,965 per person (twin share) with a minimum of 2 people. Seasonal surcharges apply.

**Departs:** Daily on demand

**Includes:** Meet & greet on arrival, private airport transfers with exclusive use of 4WD vehicle, economy class flight in Uganda, 8-nights in African-style hotels and lodges (3 – 4-star), 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners, English-speaking locally based driver / guide and professional trackers while trekking. Entrance fees to all national parks (including the Chimpanzee habituation permit & Gorilla tracking permit).

**Sightseeing includes:** A visit to the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, a community based conservation project. Join Kibale researchers and Chimpanzee habituation team to study and habituate the chimpanzees. Visit Amabere nga nyina mwiru at Fort Portal to learn of the history of the first Baganda people. See Crater Lakes, formed from ancient volcanic activity between 8 – 10-thousand years ago. Take a game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park, see Mt Rwenzori and Lake Bunyonyi and the Kigezi Highlands. Gorilla tracking in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

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## **Suggested itinerary:**

### **Day 1 Arrive Kampala**

Welcome to Equatorial Uganda. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel to relax and acclimatise. [D]

### **Day 2 Kampala - Kibale National Park**

We travel from Kampala to Kibale National Park, a beautiful tropical forest habitat that is home to an abundance of wildlife including species of primate. It's one of the best destinations in the world for chimpanzee tracking. Spend the afternoon in the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, a paradise of biodiversity. [B,L,D]

### **Day 3 Kibale National Park**

An early start to join the Kibale researchers and chimpanzee team at the Kibale Chimpanzee Project. Established in 1987, it's a long-term field study of the behavior, ecology, and physiology of wild chimpanzees. Researchers and field staff conduct daily behavioral observations on a group of approximately 60 chimpanzees in the Kanyawara region of Kibale National Park, southwestern Uganda. [B,L,D]

### **Day 4 Kibale National Park - Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Drive to Fort Portal to see the stunning waterfalls and stalactite caves of Amabere ga Nyina Mwiru. Later we travel along the foothills of Mt Rwenzori and explore the Katwe Explosion Craters, a series of extinct volcanoes, which were the site of particularly violent eruptions in the past. Now the volcanoes form breathtaking crater lakes. [B,L,D]

### **Day 5 Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Experience our first game drive in Uganda's most popular savannah this morning. Later we visit the Lake Edward floodplains where we might spot the occasional leopard and tree-climbing lion. [B,L,D]

### **Day 6 Queen Elizabeth National Park - Lake Bunyonyi**

Head south to beautiful Lake Bunyonyi between Kisoro and Kabale in south-western Uganda and close to the border with Rwanda. The name means "place of many little birds". [B,L,D]

### **Day 7 Lake Bunyonyi - Mutanda Lake**

We venture through the spectacular Kigezi Highlands to tranquil Mutanda Lake. This afternoon we explore the village of Mukozi, visiting the nursery school, a craft maker and a traditional healer. [B,L,D]

### **Day 8 Mutanda Lake**

A magical and truly memorable encounter with the mountain gorillas today in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park! We trek through the forest with the help of a professional tracker to find them in their natural habitat and watch as they feed, play and bond with their young. [B,L,D]

### **Day 9 Mutanda Lake - Kampala**

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport in time for your flight to Kampala and your onward journey. [B]

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