

18 Days, 5 National Parks, Jinja Safari Experience

Overview

On this 21 days experience, you will visit 5 exciting National Parks which include Bwindi Impenetrable, Queen Elizabeth, Kibale, Murchison and National Parks. Then head to Jinja the source of the Nile for an experience in the world's longest River and then finish up by doing the Kampala City known as a city of seven hills' tour.

Highlight of the Safari

Day 1 Arrival at Entebbe/Kampala

Day 2 Transfer to Bwindi NP

Day 3 Gorilla trekking and community walk

Day 4 Transfer to Queen Elizabeth NP

Day 5 Game Drive and Boat Cruise at Kazinga Channel

Day 6 Chimpanzee Trekking and community Visit

Day 7 Transfer to Kibale & rest and wait till the next day's activities

Day 8 chimpanzee Trekking & Nature walks

Day 9 transfer to Murchison Falls

Day 10 Game Drive & a launch cruise at the bottom of the falls

Day 11 Chimpanzee trekking at Budongo Forest & Community visit

Day 12 Transfer to Mt. Elgon NP

Day 13 Explore Sipi Falls

Day 14 Explore Mt Elgon NP

Day 15 Transfer to Jinja

Day 16 white water Rafting & Quad Biking or Canoeing

Day 17 Bungee Jump & Cruise on the Nile

Day 18 transfer to Kampala and fly back home

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival at Entebbe AirPort

Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, our representative driver (guide) will receive and welcome you to Uganda – the Pearl of Africa. Thereafter, you will transfer to the booked accommodation in Entebbe.

In case you've had an early landing in Uganda, you can proceed to visit the Entebbe Botanical garden. The garden is one of the places around Entebbe where you can see many species of birds and a few primates such as the black and white colobus monkeys and vervet monkeys. It is also a place of tranquility and peace. A feast for the eyes with the notable absence of people. Here, you simply immerse in nature with the sounds of birds breaking the stillness of the moment.

Accommodation

Admass Grand Hotel Entebbe

A mid-range hotel in Entebbe

Meals & Drinks

Dinner (lunch and breakfast not included)

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 2 Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

After an early morning breakfast, meet with your guide and set off to Bwindi impenetrable National Park. We can then have a stop at the Equator for stretch refreshments and then you can have a look at the traditional drums and crafts being made at this place. Jump into the car and proceed to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest famously known for the rare Mountain Gorillas and primate life in this forest is quite fantastic, and there is an incredible variety of flora and fauna too. This forest also holds 348 bird species thus known for being a bird watchers haven. You will have a lunch stop in Mbarara City and then head on straight to the destination,

Main Destination

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Accommodation

Crested Crane Hotel

A mid-range Hotel located around Bwindi

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 3 Gorilla trekking and cultural encounters

Have breakfast and continue to the rangers' post. You will receive briefing from the ranger guide on the dos and don'ts during the trekking. Thereafter, you will enter the gorilla sanctuary for your adventure. The beauty of this rain forest is spectacular. The area offers a dramatic, steep forested landscape and is incredibly dense. It is crisscrossed by numerous animal trails, allowing access to tourists. The time it takes and the terrain vary with the movements of these great primates. Once you have located a gorilla group, you will be allowed an hour in their presence. The thrill of spending time observing these gentle but endangered giants is unforgettable.

Thereafter, you will return for lunch and then after have an afternoon rest, before you can head out for cultural encounters with the Batwa people and also do the Buhoma community walks before you come back for an evening rest, dinner and overnight stay.

Main Destination

Bwindi impenetrable National Park

Accommodation

Crested Crane Hotel

A mid-range in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 4 Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After an early morning delicious breakfast treat, drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park that's blessed with a lot of beauty like the lakes, forest, savannah grassland as well as wetlands. We will enter through the Ishasha sector famed for its rare tree-climbing lions and if lucky we will see these rare species then head on to the northern side of the park where we will rest the night. Have dinner.

Main Destination

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation

Tembo Safari Lodge

A budget safari lodge in Queen Elizabeth National Park

Meals and Drinks

Lunch and Dinner

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 5 Morning game drive and boat launch on the Kazinga Channel

Be up early and have breakfast after which you will proceed for a morning game drive to the Kasenyi plains and be on the lookout for cape buffalos, herd of elephants plus the big cats like lions and leopards(though hard to spot), among others. Return to the accommodation for some rest time and lunch.

After lunch, you will go for a 2- hour boat trip on the Kazinga Channel that connects Lakes George and Edward. During the trip, the sight of wildlife including giant hippos, elephants and crocodiles among others will fascinate you. You will also see varieties of birds on the waters shores. You will return to your accommodation for dinner and an overnight stay.

Main Destination

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation

Tembo Safari Lodge

Budget lodge located around Queen Elizabeth National Park

Meals and Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 6 Chimpanzee Trekking and Community Visit/Lake Katwe Tour

After breakfast, you to Kyambura Wildlife Reserve. As you traverse a grassland area, a sudden and breathtaking sight unfolds—a stunning gorge enveloped by a tropical rainforest. Embark on a hike into the depths of the Kyambura River gorge in pursuit of encounters with wild chimpanzees, after return for lunch at the lodge.

In the afternoon or later in the evening, venture to the Katwe Crater Lake, where you'll meet Ugandans engaged in salt mining. Located just north of the impressive Mweya peninsula, this lake's saline levels are too high to support wildlife. Nevertheless, since the 16th century, it has been a lifeline for the Katwe residents, who toil under the equatorial sun, extracting salt from its milky waters. Enjoy the scenic drive to Katwe, keeping an eye out for wildlife such as buffaloes and elephants. Look for Lake Kitagata, fed by salty hot springs, offering spectacular views despite the absence of wildlife.

Upon reaching the salt mines, marvel at the intricate network of paths and huts constructed across the lake to support hundreds of workers. The salt extracted is sold to traders from Uganda, Congo, and Rwanda. This tour not only provides a unique insight into the challenging process of salt mining but also serves as an alternative source of income for the Katwe community. During the lake tour, observe community members at work and navigate the mud walkways. After head to the lodge for an evening rest, dinner and overnight stay as prepare to setoff to next National Park.

Main Destination

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation

Tembo Safari Lodge

Budget lodge located around Queen Elizabeth National Park

Meals and Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 7 Transfer to Kibale National Park

After an early morning breakfast, you will prepare to head for Kibale National park for primates trekking which is about 2.5 hours journey, you will check in, in your lodge relax and have enough rest as you wait to embark on the next day's activities.

Main Destination

Kibale National Park

Accommodation

Kibale Guest Cottages

Mid-range cottages located in Kibale National Park

Meals & Drinks

Lunch and Dinner (breakfast not included)

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 8 Chimpanzee Trekking and Nature Walk

After breakfast, your driver guide will pick you up and transfer you to the park headquarters. You will be allocated to chimpanzee community to trek lead by park ranger guide. This is also a perfect chance for bird watchers since the park has over 370 bird species which makes this place an exciting bird heaven for Birders, head back to the lodge for lunch and a little rest.

Later in the afternoon, go to explore the Bigodi swamp walk a good place to view abundant of beautiful butterflies, animals, plants and spotting of unique bird species like Great Blue Turaco among other. After swamp walk, you will take a village walk lead you to coffee experience, banana beer making among others. Head back to the lodge for dinner and an overnight stay.

Main Destination

Kibale National Park

Accommodation

Kibale Guest Cottages

Mid-range cottages located in Kibale National Park

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 9 transfer to Murchison Falls

After a very early morning breakfast, you drive North through beautiful and varied landscape to Murchison Falls, a journey that will take about 4 hours to the most beautiful falls in the pearl of African. Have lunch, check in at your lodge, rest and get ready for the next day's activities.

Main Destination

Murchison Falls National Park

Accommodation

Bamboo Village Safari Lodge

Luxury cottages located in Murchison Falls

Meals & Drinks

Lunch & Dinner

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 10 Game Drive & a launch cruise at the bottom of the falls

Have your breakfast, and then depart for an early morning game drive across the rolling plains of Uganda's largest national park. Be on the lookout for wildlife including lions and leopards (though hard to spot) among others. For any birder, there are quite a number of birds to sight during the drive. Return to the accommodation for some rest time and lunch. If interested you may opt for an optional hot-air balloon safari at an extra cost.

After lunch, you will head out for the boat trip to the base of Murchison Falls where you will also be able to catch sight of more animals including hippos, crocodiles and several water birds. Continue with a hike (if you like) to the top of the falls. The hike may be a strenuous one but the thrill of reaching the top is unforgettable one. Miss it only if you must. Return to your accommodation and dinner and a relaxed evening.

Main Destination

Murchison Falls National Park

Accommodation

Bamboo Village Safari Lodge

Luxury cottages located in Murchison Falls

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 11 Chimpanzee trekking at Budongo Forest & Community visit

After seeing most of the park mammals and the beautiful Murchison Falls, it's now time to focus on the primates. Wake up early, take breakfast and prepare for the journey to Budongo forest. As already noted earlier, Budongo forest is part of the Murchison Falls national park. It is one of the best places to spot chimpanzees in Uganda. Before taking part in Chimpanzee, you need to have light hiking shoes, long trousers and long shorts. There will be a briefing before you head out for a

guided walk to find the chimps. Budongo is one of the best places to spot birds while in Murchison falls national park. You need to carry a binocular so that you can spot the chimps and other primates on top of the trees. After head back to the lodge for lunch, relaxation, dinner and an overnight stay as you prepare to head east to Mountain Elgon National Park.

Main Destination

Murchison Falls National Park

Accommodation

Bamboo Village Safari Lodge

Luxury lodge located in Murchison Falls

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 12 Transfer to Mt. Elgon NP

After a very early morning breakfast, you head East to mount Elgon National Park, a 8 hours journey via Mbale, Soroti road. You will have a stopover in Soroti for lunch before you can proceed. You first visit the Sipi falls which is northeast of Mbale, sironko.

Main Destination

Mount Elgon National Park

Accommodation

Mise Cave Lodge Sipi

Meals & Drinks

Dinner (other meals not included)

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 13 Explore Sipi Falls

After an early morning breakfast, you will embark on hiking the 3 falls that make up the Sipi falls. After which you head to the lodge for lunch the after take a rest till evening where after you will visit

the community where you interact with the locals and also visit coffee plantations and learn about coffee growing, processing and consumption.

Main Destination

Mount Elgon National Park

Accommodation

Mise Cave Lodge Sipi

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 14 Explore Mt Elgon National park

After an early morning breakfast, at around 7 am, we head back to Mbale City and then straight to Mount Elgon National Park headquarters and take a short drive to Kapkway Exploration center with you packed lunch and trekking gears. Meet your ranger guides and porters to lead you through the trail. Hike through montane and bamboo forest with sights of different species of birds, Animals you may find include the black and white colobus monkeys, elephants, Chebonet falls, Kapkwai caves and this hike has short trails of 3 km and 11 km. Return from the hike in the evening where your guide will be waiting for you to connect to Mbale city. After which you will head to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination

Mount Elgon National Park

Accommodation

Wash & Willis Hotel

A mid-range hotel in Mbale city

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 15 Transfer to Jinja

After an early morning breakfast, will that our journey to Jinja City the sauce of the Nile, about 140Km the sauce of Nile. You will have lunch and settle in at your lodge, have dinner and overnight stay at the hotel as prepare for the following activities.

Main destination

Jinja

Accommodation

Nile Front Cottages

Luxury cottages in Jinja

Meals & Drinks

Lunch & Dinner

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 16 white water Rafting & Quad Biking or Canoeing

After breakfast, you will head to the starting point for your half day white water rafting. This is a half day activity of the most exciting, heart-pounding white water rafting experience. After the rafting head back to the lodge for lunch and then in the afternoon after resting, you will choose between Quad biking, canoeing or Horseback Riding. After which you head back to the lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

Main destination

Jinja

Accommodation

Nile Front Cottages

Luxury cottages in Jinja

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 17 Bungee Jump, Cruise on the Nile, sport fishing, jet boating and bird watching

After an early morning breakfast, on this we offer different activities that you will have to choose from. On your choice of activity, you have one activity in the morning and the other in the afternoon. You also free to choose the third activity at an extra cost. After all the activities are done you will head back to the lodge for dinner and overnight stay as we prepare to head back to Kampala.

Main destination

Jinja

Accommodation

Nile Front Cottages

Luxury cottages in Jinja

Meals & Drinks

All meals included

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

Day 18 transfer to Kampala

On day 18 of your safari, you will head back to Kampala after the Jinja Tour , rest the whole afternoon as you wait for your flight back home later or next day according to the clients preference.

Accommodation

Admass Grand Hotel

A mid-range hotel in Entebbe

Meals & Drinks

Dinner (lunch and breakfast not included)

Drinking water (other drinks not included)

End of the 18 days 5 National Parks and Jinja City Source of the Nile Tour.