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15-Day Uganda Adventure Safari and Gorilla Encounter

15 Days | Uganda | Entebbe, Murchison Falls National Park, Kibale National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park

From \$14,100 per person sharing

Package Overview

The 15 Day Uganda Adventure Safari and Gorilla Encounter is an unforgettable journey through the Pearl of Africa, combining breathtaking wildlife experiences, spectacular landscapes, rich cultural encounters, and the once in a lifetime opportunity to come face to face with endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. This safari takes you through Uganda's most iconic destinations, including lush rainforests, vast savannah plains, scenic lakes, and powerful waterfalls, offering opportunities to spot the Big Five, chimpanzees, diverse birdlife, and other remarkable wildlife. From thrilling game drives and boat safaris to immersive cultural experiences and unforgettable gorilla trekking adventures in the misty forests of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, this carefully crafted itinerary showcases the very best of Uganda's natural beauty, wildlife, and hospitality.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival and Pickup from Entebbe International Airport to Your Hotel, City tour if time Allows

Upon your arrival at the airport, you will receive a warm welcome from a representative of Likana Safaris, who will assist you with your transfer to your hotel in Kampala.

Optional activities include:

- o Kampala City Tour: Depending on your arrival time, you may choose to explore the vibrant and energetic city of Kampala. The tour offers an opportunity to discover some of the city's most important historical, cultural, and political landmarks. Highlights include the Kasubi Tombs, the final resting place of the Kings of Buganda, as well as the beautiful Bahai Temple, one of the most significant religious sites in Uganda.

- o Dining Experience: Kampala is well known for its diverse culinary scene. You may venture beyond your hotel to sample a variety of local and international dishes. The city is particularly famous for its excellent Indian cuisine, alongside many other dining options that reflect Uganda's rich cultural diversity.

The transfer from Entebbe International Airport to Kampala takes approximately one hour, depending on traffic conditions. Entebbe serves as the main international gateway to Uganda and is situated on the scenic northern shores of Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world. Located about one hour south of Kampala by road, Entebbe is a peaceful and relaxed city characterized by its low rise buildings, lush greenery, and tranquil atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy a selection of lakeside restaurants, beautiful natural surroundings, and some of the finest urban bird watching opportunities anywhere in Africa.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Destination: Entebbe

Day 2: Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park via Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

After an early breakfast, your driver guide will pick you up from your hotel in Kampala and begin the journey to Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda's largest and most famous national park. Along the way, you will stop at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for an exciting guided rhino tracking experience, offering the rare opportunity to observe Uganda's only wild rhinos in their natural environment. Afterward, you will continue to the park and arrive in time for lunch at your lodge. In the afternoon, you will visit the top of the magnificent Murchison Falls, where the mighty River Nile is forced through a narrow seven metre gorge before plunging dramatically into the valley below. The viewpoint offers spectacular scenery, powerful views of the falls, and excellent photography opportunities. Later, return to your lodge for dinner and an overnight stay surrounded by the beauty and wilderness of Murchison Falls National Park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Murchison Falls National Park

Day 3: Early Morning Game Drive and Boat Trip on the Nile

After breakfast, embark on an exciting morning game drive across the northern plains of Murchison Falls National Park, an area renowned for its rich wildlife and stunning savannah landscapes. Keep your camera ready as you search for elephants, lions, giraffes, buffaloes, antelopes, and, if fortunate, the elusive leopard. Following the game drive, return to the lodge for lunch and some time to relax while enjoying the beautiful surroundings. In the afternoon, set out on a memorable boat safari along the Victoria Nile to the base of the spectacular Murchison Falls. The cruise offers excellent opportunities to observe large pods of hippos, Nile crocodiles, elephants along the riverbanks, and a variety of colourful bird species. As you approach the falls, witness the impressive sight of the Nile's powerful waters crashing through the narrow gorge before plunging into the river below. After this unforgettable experience, return to Pakuba Safari Lodge for dinner and an overnight stay within the heart of Murchison Falls National Park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Murchison Falls National Park

Day 4: Transfer to Kibale National Park the Primates Capital of the World

After an early breakfast, depart Murchison Falls National Park and journey south to the beautiful Kibale National Park, a drive of approximately five hours through some of Uganda's most picturesque countryside. Along the way, enjoy views of rolling hills, traditional villages, lush forests, and expansive tea plantations that characterize this fertile region. Known as the primate capital of East Africa, Kibale National Park is home to around one thousand chimpanzees as well as several other primate species, including the rare Uganda mangabey, which is found only in Uganda. Upon arrival, check in to your lodge and take time to relax while enjoying the tranquil forest surroundings and stunning views. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure as you prepare for the exciting chimpanzee tracking adventure awaiting you the following day. Dinner and overnight will be at your lodge in Kibale National Park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Kibale National Park

Day 5: Day for Chimpanzee Trekking and Bigodi Swamp Walk

After an early breakfast, proceed to the park headquarters for a briefing before setting out on an unforgettable chimpanzee tracking adventure in Kibale National Park. Famous for its exceptional primate diversity, the park is home to approximately five thousand wild chimpanzees, offering one of the best opportunities in Africa to observe these fascinating creatures in their natural habitat. Accompanied by an experienced ranger guide, venture into the lush rainforest in search of chimpanzees while also keeping an eye out for other primates, including colobus monkeys, red tailed monkeys, and grey cheeked mangabeys. Once the chimpanzees are located, spend an incredible hour observing their behavior as they feed, play, and interact within the forest. Following lunch, enjoy a guided swamp walk through the beautiful Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, a rich ecosystem known for its abundant birdlife, diverse wildlife, scenic landscapes, and welcoming local communities. After this rewarding day of exploration, return to Turaco Treetops Lodge for dinner and another overnight stay on the edge of Kibale National Park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Kibale National Park

Day 6: Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park and Evening Game drive

After breakfast, check out from your lodge and embark on a scenic journey to Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's second largest national park and one of the country's most celebrated wildlife destinations. The drive takes you through picturesque landscapes characterized by rolling hills, lush tea plantations, traditional villages, and vibrant local markets, offering a fascinating glimpse into rural life in western Uganda. Upon arrival, proceed to your lodge for check in and enjoy lunch while taking in the beautiful surroundings. Later in the afternoon, set out on an exciting evening game drive across the park's vast savannah plains. As wildlife becomes more active during the cooler hours of the day, look out for elephants, buffaloes, warthogs, waterbucks, Uganda kobs, and, with some luck, lions and leopards. The warm glow of the setting sun creates spectacular scenery and excellent photography opportunities. After the game drive, return to your lodge for dinner and a relaxing overnight stay surrounded by the wilderness of Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day 7: Early Morning Game Drive and Afternoon Boat Excursion on Kazinga Channel

Rise early for an exciting morning game drive through the renowned Kasenye Plains of Queen Elizabeth National Park, one of Uganda's premier wildlife viewing areas. As the golden rays of sunrise illuminate the savannah, explore the park in search of elephants, buffaloes, lions, leopards, Uganda kobs, warthogs, and a variety of antelope species. The cool morning hours provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife at its most active, including predators returning from a night of hunting. After the game drive, return to the lodge for breakfast or lunch and enjoy some leisure time. In the afternoon, embark on a memorable boat safari along the famous Kazinga Channel, a natural waterway connecting Lake Edward and Lake George. This spectacular cruise offers close up views of large concentrations of hippos, Nile crocodiles, elephants, and numerous other animals gathering along the shoreline. The channel is also a paradise for bird lovers, with an abundance of species including African fish eagles, kingfishers, pelicans, herons, and cormorants. Following this remarkable wildlife experience, return to your lodge for dinner and an overnight stay surrounded by the sights and sounds of the African wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Kazinga Channel

Day 8: Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Begin the day with a delicious breakfast before setting out for a final morning game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Accompanied by your experienced guide, explore the park's diverse habitats once more as you search for wildlife and enjoy the stunning scenery of Uganda's wilderness. After the game drive, depart for Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, travelling through beautiful landscapes of rolling hills, terraced farmlands, and rural communities. Upon arrival, check in to Four Gorillas Lodge, a comfortable retreat located near the famous Bwindi forest. Renowned for its breathtaking scenery and extraordinary biodiversity, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park protects a pristine rainforest along the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo and is home to nearly half of the world's remaining mountain gorillas. Visiting these gentle giants in their natural habitat is considered one of Africa's most remarkable wildlife experiences. Spend the remainder of the day relaxing at the lodge, enjoying the peaceful forest atmosphere while preparing for the unforgettable gorilla trekking adventure that awaits. Dinner and overnight will be at Four Gorillas Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day 9: Gorilla Trekking at Bwindi and Batwa Cultural Experience

After an early breakfast, proceed to the park headquarters for a briefing before embarking on one of the most extraordinary wildlife experiences in the world, mountain gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Accompanied by experienced ranger guides, venture deep into the ancient rainforest in search of a habituated gorilla family. The trek can take anywhere from a few hours to most of the day, depending on the movements of the gorillas, but every step through the dense forest is rewarded with stunning scenery and remarkable biodiversity. Bwindi is home to nearly half of the world's remaining mountain gorillas, as well as numerous other primates, mammals, butterflies, and bird species. Once the gorillas are located, you will spend up to one unforgettable hour observing them as they feed, interact, and care for their young in their natural habitat. Standing just a few metres away from these gentle giants is a truly emotional and life changing encounter that ranks among Africa's greatest wildlife experiences. After the trek, return to Four Gorillas Lodge to relax, reflect on the day's incredible adventure, and enjoy dinner and another overnight stay surrounded by the beauty of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Day 10: Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi For Relaxation Experience

After breakfast, depart Bwindi and journey to the breathtaking Lake Bunyonyi, one of Uganda's most scenic and tranquil destinations. Surrounded by rolling terraced hills and dotted with numerous picturesque islands, Lake Bunyonyi offers a peaceful retreat and a perfect opportunity to relax after your gorilla trekking adventure. Known as the "Place of Little Birds," the lake is renowned for its rich birdlife, stunning landscapes, and calm waters. It is also one of the few lakes in Uganda that is safe for swimming due to the absence of hippos and crocodiles. Upon arrival, check in to your accommodation and take time to enjoy the serene surroundings. Later in the afternoon, choose between a relaxing sundowner experience overlooking the lake or a scenic boat excursion to explore the fascinating islands scattered across what is considered the second deepest lake in Africa. Return to your lodge in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay in the peaceful atmosphere of Lake Bunyonyi.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Lake Bunyonyi

Day 11: Relaxing and Enjoying Lake Bunyonyi - with a Second Sundowner

After a leisurely breakfast, set out for another memorable exploration of the beautiful Lake Bunyonyi. Enjoy a peaceful canoeing experience across the calm, crystal clear waters as you discover more of the lake's fascinating islands and breathtaking scenery. Surrounded by lush green hills, terraced farmlands, and abundant birdlife, Lake Bunyonyi provides an ideal setting to connect with nature and appreciate the tranquility of this remarkable region. As you paddle across one of Africa's most scenic lakes, take in the stunning views and learn about the history and culture associated with the various islands. After the excursion, return to BirdNest Resort for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure, relaxing by the lakeshore or simply enjoying the serene atmosphere. As evening approaches, you may choose to unwind with a refreshing drink while watching the sun set over the lake, creating a spectacular display of colours across the water. Dinner and overnight will be at BirdNest Resort, beautifully situated on a secluded bay along the shores of Lake Bunyonyi.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Lake Bunyonyi

Day 12: Transfer to Lake Mburo National Park - Evening Game Drive

After breakfast, depart Lake Bunyonyi and travel to the unique and picturesque Lake Mburo National Park, a conservation area distinguished by its rolling acacia woodlands, open grasslands, and scenic lakes. The park's landscape closely resembles the savannahs of Kenya and Tanzania and supports an impressive variety of wildlife. Upon arrival, check in to Kigarama Wilderness Lodge and enjoy lunch while taking in the beautiful surroundings. After some time to relax, head out for an afternoon game drive in search of zebras, impalas, buffaloes, warthogs, elands, and the rare Rothschild's giraffes that roam freely across the park. As the day cools, enjoy a guided walking safari, one of the park's most unique experiences, allowing you to observe wildlife such as giraffes and zebras on foot while learning about the area's flora, fauna, and ecosystems from an experienced guide. Lake Mburo National Park is also home to hippos, leopards, and a rich diversity of birdlife, making it a paradise for nature lovers. After this rewarding wildlife experience, return to Kigarama Wilderness Lodge for dinner and an overnight stay surrounded by the beauty of the Ugandan wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Lake Mburo National Park

Day 13: Morning Game Drive, Boat Trip, and Walking Safari at Lake Mburo National Park

Start your day with an early breakfast before heading out for a morning game drive through the rolling savannahs and acacia woodlands of Lake Mburo National Park. The cool morning hours provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife, including zebras, impalas, elands, buffaloes, warthogs, and, with some luck, the elusive leopard. As you explore the park's diverse landscapes, enjoy spectacular views and the peaceful atmosphere of one of Uganda's most scenic wildlife areas. Later in the morning, embark on a relaxing boat safari on Lake Mburo, where you can observe hippos, crocodiles, and an impressive variety of bird species, including African fish eagles, kingfishers, herons, and the rare African finfoot. The cruise offers wonderful photographic opportunities and a unique perspective of the park's aquatic ecosystem. After returning to the lodge for lunch and some time to relax, set out on a guided walking safari accompanied by an experienced ranger. This exciting activity allows you to experience the wilderness on foot while observing wildlife such as zebras, bushbucks, and warthogs from a different perspective and learning about animal tracks, plants, and the park's ecosystems. As the day comes to an end, return to the lodge for dinner and another peaceful overnight stay surrounded by the sights and sounds of the African wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Lake Mburo National Park

Day 14: Transfer to Entebbe for Relaxing and Enjoying the cool breeze.

After an early breakfast, check out from your lodge and begin the journey to Entebbe. Along the way, stop at the famous Equator crossing point, where you will enjoy lunch and have the opportunity to take memorable photographs at one of the world's most iconic geographical landmarks. Continue to Entebbe and arrive in the afternoon, where you will check in at Admas Grand Hotel and spend the remainder of the day relaxing in the comfort of your room or by the swimming pool. Situated on the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is one of Uganda's most attractive and peaceful towns, known for its lush greenery, tropical atmosphere, abundant birdlife, and beautiful lakeside scenery. As Uganda's main international gateway, the town offers a relaxing environment, charming restaurants, and excellent opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of the region. Dinner and overnight will be at Admas Grand Hotel, providing a comfortable and restful stay as your unforgettable Ugandan adventure draws to a close.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Entebbe

Day 15: Mabamba Shoebill Excursion and Transfer to Entebbe International Airport

After an early breakfast, set out for an unforgettable excursion to Mabamba Swamp, one of Uganda's premier birdwatching destinations located along the shores of Lake Victoria. This remarkable wetland is internationally renowned as one of the best places in Africa to observe the rare and prehistoric looking Shoebill Stork in its natural habitat. Accompanied by an experienced local guide, glide quietly through the narrow papyrus channels in a traditional canoe while searching for this extraordinary bird. The swamp is also home to a rich variety of wetland species, including African jacanas, malachite kingfishers, purple herons, egrets, and numerous other birds, making it a paradise for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike. Following the excursion, return to the mainland and enjoy lunch before transferring to Entebbe International Airport for your onward flight. As your remarkable journey through Uganda comes to an end, depart with unforgettable memories of spectacular wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, vibrant cultures, and extraordinary encounters that will remain with you long after your adventure has ended.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch | Destination: Entebbe

Costing

Group Size	Price Per Person (USD)
1 Person (Solo Traveler)	\$7,050
2 People (Per Person)	\$14,100
4 People (Per Person)	\$28,200
5 People (Per Person)	\$35,250
6+ People (Per Person)	\$423,000

Prices are per person and may vary based on season, availability, accommodation level, and final customisation.

Inclusives

- + All accommodations
- + All activities unless indicated as optional
- + All transportation unless labeled as optional
- + Meals as specified in the day-by-day section
- + Taxes / VAT
- + Drinking water on all days
- + Park fees
- + Professional guide

Exclusives

- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour
- International flights
- Personal items such as souvenirs, travel insurance and visa fees
- Tips
- Domestic flights unless specifically included
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

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