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8-Day Uganda Luxury Safari , Big Five Wildlife Adventure

8 Days | Uganda | Entebbe, Kibale National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Kazinga Channel, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

From \$11,800 per person sharing

Package Overview

The 8 Day Uganda Luxury Safari Big Five Wildlife Adventure is a premium journey through some of Uganda's most iconic national parks, designed to deliver exceptional wildlife encounters, breathtaking scenery, and luxurious comfort throughout. This carefully crafted itinerary takes you from the savannahs of Murchison Falls National Park, where you can witness the mighty Nile River plunging through a dramatic gorge and enjoy game drives in search of elephants, lions, giraffes, buffaloes, and leopards, to the diverse landscapes of Queen Elizabeth National Park, famous for its tree climbing lions in Ishasha and the abundant wildlife along the Kazinga Channel. You will experience thrilling boat safaris, immersive game drives, and guided nature activities that reveal Uganda's remarkable biodiversity, including hippos, crocodiles, antelopes, and over six hundred bird species. The journey is complemented by stays in handpicked luxury lodges that offer comfort, fine dining, and stunning views of the wilderness. Blending adventure and relaxation, this safari provides an unforgettable opportunity to explore Uganda's top wildlife destinations while enjoying world class hospitality and the beauty of Africa's untamed landscapes.

Day by Day Itinerary

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

You will be warmly welcomed at Entebbe International Airport by a representative from Likana Safaris who will assist you and transfer you to your hotel in Entebbe. Depending on your arrival time, you may also choose to explore the vibrant city of Kampala, known for its lively atmosphere and rich cultural and historical landmarks. Highlights include the Kasubi Tombs, the burial place of the Kings of Buganda, and the Bahai Temple, among other notable sites that reflect the city's heritage. Kampala also offers a diverse culinary scene where you can enjoy a variety of local and international cuisine, including its well known Indian food restaurants. The transfer from Entebbe to Kampala takes approximately one hour. During your stay, you will be based at Best Western Premier Garden Hotel, a comfortable and convenient accommodation in Entebbe, ideal for relaxing and returning to after your day's activities.

Meals: Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Entebbe

Day 2: Transfer to Kibale National Park - The World Primates Capital

Kibale National Park is best known for its population of around one thousand chimpanzees, which are among man's closest genetic relatives. The park is also home to a remarkable diversity of primates, including a dozen other species such as the Uganda mangabey, a monkey unique to Uganda and rarely seen outside Kibale. In addition, it boasts an extraordinary birdlife with over three hundred and seventy recorded species, ranging from the brightly colored great blue turaco to the elusive green breasted pitta. After an early breakfast, your driver guide will arrive at your hotel for a briefing before transferring you to Kibale National Park. The journey takes approximately five hours and is highly scenic, passing through rural villages, lush green forests, rolling hills, and expansive tea plantations. Upon arrival, you will check in at a comfortable lodge offering spacious rooms and beautiful views, where you can relax and prepare for your primate tracking adventures in Kibale National Park.

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

Day 3: Chimpanzee Trekking and Bigodi Swamp Walk - Kibale National Park

After an early breakfast, proceed to the park headquarters for a briefing before setting out on an exciting chimpanzee tracking experience in Kibale Forest National Park. Renowned for its exceptional primate diversity, Kibale is home to one of the largest populations of chimpanzees in Uganda, offering an outstanding opportunity to observe them in their natural rainforest habitat. Accompanied by an experienced ranger guide, you will venture into the forest in search of a chimpanzee group, with the possibility of encountering other primate species along the way. Once located, you will spend a memorable hour observing their behavior, interactions, and movements, although sightings are not guaranteed as they remain wild animals. After lunch, enjoy a guided swamp walk that takes you through scenic grasslands, local communities, and beautiful natural surroundings, where you may experience warm cultural interactions with the locals. Later, return to Chimpundu Lodge, a peaceful retreat bordering Kibale National Park without fences, for dinner and an overnight stay surrounded by forest views and abundant birdlife.

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

Day 4: Crater Lakes Exploration and Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After breakfast, set out to explore the scenic crater lakes region near Kibale Forest, a stunning landscape of ancient volcanic lakes surrounded by rolling hills and lush greenery. This area offers breathtaking views, peaceful nature walks, and excellent opportunities for birdwatching in a serene natural setting. After the morning exploration, continue your journey to Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's second largest and most diverse wildlife reserve. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Rwenzori Mountains and bordered by Lakes Edward and George, the park is home to elephants, buffaloes, warthogs, Uganda kobs, waterbucks, hippos, and the famous tree climbing lions of the Ishasha sector, with occasional sightings of leopards resting on tree branches. Bird lovers will also be delighted by the presence of over six hundred species, including African spoonbills, pied kingfishers, fish eagles, pelicans, and vultures. In the afternoon, arrive at Buffalo Safari Lodge, beautifully situated within the park, where you can relax and enjoy the panoramic views of the surrounding wilderness. Dinner and overnight will be at Buffalo Safari Lodge.

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

Day 5: Tracking Lions and Leopards and Afternoon Boat Excursion on Kazinga Channel

The day begins with an early morning game drive across the vast landscapes of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Accompanied by skilled guides and trackers, you will set out on an exciting search for lions and leopards in their natural habitat. Queen Elizabeth National Park is well known for its thriving populations of these majestic big cats, and your guides will share detailed insights into their behavior, movements, habitats, and conservation efforts as you explore the park's rich ecosystems. In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing boat safari along the Kazinga Channel, a forty kilometer natural waterway connecting Lake George and Lake Edward. This scenic cruise offers exceptional opportunities to observe hippos, crocodiles, elephants, buffaloes, and a wide variety of bird species along the shoreline, providing a unique perspective of the park's abundant wildlife. After the boat safari, return to Buffalo Safari Lodge, located just outside Queen Elizabeth National Park, for dinner and an overnight stay in a peaceful and comfortable setting.

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

Day 6: Morning Game Drive Excursion to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Your day begins with a freshly prepared breakfast before heading out for a guided game drive across the vast savannah plains, where your expert guide will introduce you to the park's diverse ecosystems and rich wildlife. As you explore this remarkable landscape, you will have opportunities to spot elephants, giraffes, antelopes, buffaloes, and other fascinating species moving freely across the open plains, while bird lovers can enjoy the vibrant variety of species that thrive in the park's different habitats. After the game drive, you will continue your journey toward Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, traveling through scenic countryside and rolling hills. Upon arrival, check in at Four Gorillas Lodge, a peaceful retreat nestled within the lush greenery of the forest. The lodge offers a perfect balance of comfort and nature, with warm hospitality and well appointed facilities designed to provide a relaxing and refreshing stay as you prepare for your gorilla trekking experience in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

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

Day 7: Gorilla Trekking at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Batwa Cultural Experience

After an early breakfast, proceed to the Bwindi park headquarters for a detailed briefing before setting out on an unforgettable gorilla tracking experience. Accompanied by experienced guides and trackers, you will trek through the dense rainforest in search of one of Bwindi's habituated mountain gorilla families. The journey can take between two and seven hours depending on the movement of the gorillas, involving hikes through steep and thick forest terrain. Once the gorillas are located, you will be granted one precious hour in their presence, observing their behavior, interactions, and family dynamics in their natural habitat. This rare and deeply moving encounter is widely regarded as one of the most powerful wildlife experiences in Africa. After returning from the forest and taking time to rest, the afternoon is dedicated to the Batwa Cultural Experience. The Batwa, the original forest inhabitants of Bwindi, share their traditional way of life through storytelling, demonstrations of hunting techniques, herbal medicine practices, fire making skills, and cultural performances. This meaningful interaction offers a deeper understanding of the forest from the perspective of its earliest human custodians, enriching your appreciation of both the cultural and natural heritage of the region.

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

Day 8: Transfer Back to Entebbe for Departure via Lake Mburo National Park

After breakfast at the lodge, begin your scenic drive back to Entebbe, enjoying the changing landscapes of Uganda along the way. Your journey includes a detour through Lake Mburo National Park, a compact yet wildlife rich reserve known for its rolling acacia woodlands and abundant wildlife such as zebras, impalas, giraffes, elands, and various bird species. Here, you will enjoy a short guided walking safari, offering a final intimate encounter with Uganda's wildlife in their natural environment. Continue your drive with a memorable stop at the Equator, where you can capture iconic photographs and browse local craft shops for souvenirs and handmade gifts. After this enriching experience, proceed to Entebbe International Airport in time for your onward flight, carrying with you unforgettable memories of Uganda's landscapes, wildlife, and cultural encounters. As your safari comes to an end, we wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you again on another African adventure.

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

Costing

Group Size	Price Per Person (USD)
1 Person (Solo Traveler)	\$5,900
2 People (Per Person)	\$11,800
4 People (Per Person)	\$23,600
5 People (Per Person)	\$29,500
6+ People (Per Person)	\$35,400

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

Ready to customise this safari?

Contact Urban Jay Safaris at info@urbanjaysafaris.com or +254720524693 to confirm availability and tailor the trip to your travel dates.