

RUBONDO ISLAND | *Seasonality and Wildlife Viewing*

Asilia camp: Rubondo Island Camp

❄ Minimum average temperature ☀ Maximum average temperature ☁ Average rainfall

■ High Season ■ Low Season ■ Camp Closed



JANUARY

Late December to January, chimpanzee migrate from the island's center (Kamea and Masekela) to its northern edge (Kasenye). The short rains taper off by late January. For birders, December to March is ideal, as migrant flocks arrive.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 27°C / 81°F ☁ 159mm / 6.3in

FEBRUARY

Chimpanzee move unpredictably while foraging for leaves, termites, and locusts. Known for their restlessness, they require visitors to bring a spirit of adventure and good fitness.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 122mm / 4.8in

MARCH

The heavy rains are on their way making the experience slightly more difficult as when it is raining the chimpanzee can be silent and isolated. The more challenging conditions can make for an exciting and rewarding chimpanzee habituation experience.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 190mm / 7.5in

APRIL - MAY

Long rains — camp closed

A ❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 27°C / 80°F ☁ 203mm / 8in

M ❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 93mm / 3.7in

JUNE

Moving into June, the long rains have ended. This is the best time to visit Rubondo Island for the habituation experience. The dry season is from June to October. This is also the best time for walking, as the trails are easier to navigate when they are dry.

❄ 17°C / 62°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 34mm / 1.3in

JULY

The dry season ensures there is enough food for chimpanzee. 80 Percent of a chimpanzees' diet consists of fruits. Most fruits ripen during this period and it's these fruit trees that keep larger groups of chimpanzee in a location for longer periods, making it easier to find and stay with them.

❄ 16°C / 60°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 12mm / 0.5in

AUGUST

August brings great chimpanzee sightings as they spend lots of time grazing and socialising. This means less movement and a better chance of you seeing the chimpanzee together as a group.

❄ 17°C / 62°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 0mm / 0in

SEPTEMBER

Light rains start to show and as we move into mid-September the availability of fruits will be shorter, thus causing the chimpanzee to move from one place to another to look for food.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 106mm / 4.2in

OCTOBER

The chimpanzee will stay in high food supply areas for a few days and then move on to find further Saba comorensis and Phoenix reclinata fruits. They can also attempt to hunt for sitatunga, bushbuck, vervet monkey and occasionally bushpig.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 218mm / 8.6in

NOVEMBER

Rubondo's short rainy season runs from November to December, making walking trails more challenging due to runoff. By mid-November, the landscape bursts with vibrant colours, featuring tall grasses, wild jasmine, 40 orchid species, and other stunning flowers.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 27°C / 80°F ☁ 267mm / 10.5in

DECEMBER

In December while the flowers are blooming, the migratory birds arrive and usually remain in the park until March. You may see martial eagle, sacred ibis, bee-eaters, coucal, hornbill, sunbirds and many other feathered fauna foraging, hunting and breeding within the park.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 27°C / 80°F ☁ 0mm / 0in

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