

12-day Ultimate Uganda Private Safari

Murchison Falls - Kibale Forest - Queen Elizabeth National Park - Bwindi

Impenetrable Forest

12 days/11 nights

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Enjoy a 12 day private safari exploring the very best highlights of Uganda - visiting Murchison Falls National Park on the mighty Nile river, chimpanzee trekking in the forests of Kibale, game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park and Mountain Gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

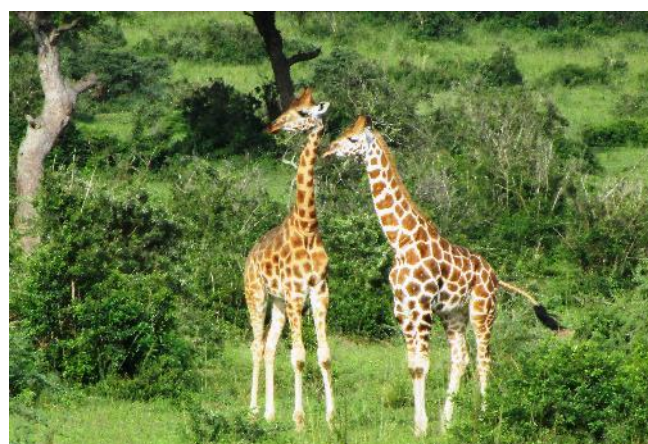
This trip can be tailored to suit your exact travel requirements.

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Accommodation	Destination	Meals	Duration
Hotel No.5	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Twiga Safari Lodge	Murchison Falls National Park	Full board	3 Nights
Primate Lodge Kibale	Kibale Forest National Park	Full board + local drinks*	2 Nights
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board + local drinks*	2 Nights
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Full board + local drinks*	3 Nights

Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Transfer Entebbe airport to Entebbe hotel.
Day 2	Drive to Murchison Falls National Park.
Days 3 /4	Murchison Falls. Game drives & boat cruises. Cruise to the foot of the Falls, and Nile Delta cruise for birding/game viewing included.
Day 5	To Kibale Forest.
Day 6	Chimp trekking in Kibale Forest.
Day 7	To Queen Elizabeth National Park. Game drives.
Day 8	Game drives, sundowners.
Day 9	Morning game drive, Ishasha Community visit, continue to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
Day 10	Gorilla trekking.
Day 11	Second gorilla trek option. Explore area and enjoy local activities.
Day 12	Fly from Kihikihi-Entebbe one way.



Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: Hotel No 5, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport, a friendly Wild Frontiers representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel.

Set on the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is a relaxed town that's easy to explore on foot or by local boda bodas (motorbike taxis). Browse colourful markets or take a leisurely boat cruise on Lake Victoria.

Overnight: Hotel No.5 [View iBrochure](#)

Tucked away in Entebbe's leafy suburbs, Hotel No.5 is a chic boutique escape where comfort meets style. From the moment you arrive, you're warmly welcomed and cared for. Luxurious rooms open onto lush gardens and a sparkling pool.

Lounge by the pool, indulge in a spa treatment, or hit the gym to stay energised. The restaurant delivers one of Entebbe's top dining experiences, with flavour-packed menus and a curated wine list served with flair. With exceptional attention to detail and warm, personalised service, Hotel No.5 is your go-to for a serene stay in this bustling town.

Day 2: Twiga Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls

After breakfast, transfer to Twiga Safari Lodge, with a picnic lunch on the way. The drive takes approximately 6–7 hours. En route, you have the option to visit Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary — the only place in Uganda to see rhinos in the wild. Look out for Uganda kob, oribi and the rare shoebill. Bird lovers can explore the sanctuary's woodlands, swamps and savannah, with the chance to spot some of the 300+ species recorded in the area.

Located at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley, Murchison Falls National Park is Uganda's largest and oldest conservation area. The park is bisected by the mighty Nile, which plunges 45 metres through a narrow gorge to form the dramatic Murchison Falls. Wildlife abounds here — expect elephants, giraffes, hippos, crocs, buffalo, and a good chance of spotting lions and leopards, particularly in the north.

Overnight x 3: Twiga Safari Lodge

Set on the banks of the Nile, Twiga Safari Lodge is a peaceful escape with just 8 elevated thatch-and-canvas cottages. Enjoy views over the river, a swimming pool and relaxed dining in the central lounge. Each cottage has a spacious verandah, perfect for taking in the sights and sounds of the bush. Located just minutes from the park entrance, it's ideally placed for game drives on the north bank.

Days 3/4: Twiga Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls

During your stay, enjoy game drives in the national park, a dramatic cruise to the base of Murchison Falls, and an early morning Delta Cruise for top-notch birding and wildlife viewing.

Bottom of the Falls Cruise

This 3-hour cruise takes you up the Nile to the base of Murchison Falls. The power of the falls and the view from below is spectacular. Watch hippos bob in the water, crocs bask on the banks, and herds of elephant and buffalo graze nearby. Keep an eye on the cliffs for colourful bee-eaters and other water birds.

Delta Cruise

An early morning cruise to the Victoria Nile Delta, a prime location for spotting the elusive shoebill and other papyrus-dwelling species. The vast delta is shaped by papyrus swamps, marshes and savannas, providing a rich habitat for a wide range of wildlife. This peaceful 4–5 hour trip offers excellent chances to see wetland birds, elephants, crocodiles and hippos along the way.



Day 5: Primate Lodge, Kibale Forest

Head to Kibale Forest, a drive of about 5 hours, with picnic lunch included.

Kibale Forest is a rich mosaic of tropical rainforest, montane woodland, and swampy grasslands. It's renowned for its incredible primate diversity — 13 species in total — including chimpanzees, olive baboons, red-tailed monkeys, diademed monkeys, and the striking black-and-white colobus. Bird enthusiasts will be delighted by the presence of nearly 300 bird species, along with over 140 butterfly species and a fascinating array of forest insects.

Overnight: Primate Lodge Kibale [View iBrochure](#)

Tucked next to the chimp trekking starting point, this eco-conscious lodge blends naturally into its lush surroundings. The main lodge houses a relaxed lounge with comfortable sofas and a small library, perfect for unwinding after a day in the forest. Guests can enjoy a mix of local and international dishes, grab a drink at the bar, or share stories around the campfire. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the public spaces.

The lodge's Luxury Forest Cottages are secluded and tranquil, offering forest views, a private sitting area, large verandas and en-suite bathrooms styled with natural stone and bamboo touches.

Day 6: Primate Lodge Kibale, Kibale Forest

Chimpanzee Trekking

Head out early on your chimp trek, into a forest alive with bird calls and primate chatter. Chimps may be on the move or resting close to the ground. Either way, it's an exciting walk through lush forest. While sightings aren't guaranteed, your expert guide will point out wildlife and forest highlights along the way. Once found, you'll spend an unforgettable hour with the chimps in their natural habitat.



Bigodi Swamp Walk (Optional Extra)

In the afternoon, enjoy a 2–3 hour guided walk through Bigodi Swamps, one of Uganda’s richest ecosystems with exceptional birding and primates like colobus monkeys.

Overnight Primate Lodge

Day 7: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart Kibale Forest this morning and travel to Ishasha in the remote southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park, a drive of 6-7 hours depending on the game viewing you encounter en-route.

Set within the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, Queen Elizabeth National Park boasts a rich tapestry of wildlife, including elephants, buffalo, hippos, leopards, Uganda kob, and over 600 bird species. The Ishasha sector, characterized by its unique blend of savannah and riverine forest, is renowned for its tree-climbing lions which often seek refuge in the branches of sycamore fig and acacia trees.

Tucked beside the Ntungwe River, the eco-sensitive **Ishasha Wilderness Camp** offers an idyllic blend of seclusion, comfort and outstanding service. The thatched lounge and dining area is cosy and relaxed, with meals often served al fresco by the river. Come evening, unwind by the fire with sundowners and stories under the stars.

Ten spacious, en-suite canvas tents are tucked along the riverbank, each with a private verandah—perfect for morning coffee as the surrounding bush stirs to life. Colobus and Vervet monkeys play nearby, and you might spot Henry, the resident hippo, lazing below the deck. Elephants often wander through camp, adding a wild touch to your stay.

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp[View iBrochure](#)

Day 8: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Spend a relaxed day enjoying game drives. As the day winds down, enjoy scenic bush sundowners — complete with chilled drinks and tasty snacks — while the sun dips below the horizon. There’s nothing quite like toasting the day with an ice-cold drink as the African sky turns golden.

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Day 9: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Continue your journey onto Bwindi, with a brief stop en route at a community project near Ishasha Village (drive +- 3 hours). The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in southwestern Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley. Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests, with almost 400 species of plants. This 'impenetrable' forest is also home to an estimated 460 mountain gorillas - including several habituated families.

Tucked at the edge of the forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges located inside the national park gate and offers the ultimate base for your once-in-a-lifetime Gorilla trek.

Built with sustainable materials and full of character, the lodge's elevated lounge, bar and dining area serve up hearty multi-course meals and stunning views over the forest canopy. A crackling fireplace sets the tone for cosy evenings.

Ten spacious, eco-friendly chalets offer privacy and comfort. Wake to birdsong and monkey chatter, sip coffee on your verandah and take in sweeping views of the forest. With the trek start point just steps away, even the gorillas occasionally drop by—while the resident L'Hoest's monkeys are regulars in the garden.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge [View iBrochure](#)



Day 10: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Gorilla Trekking

Coming face to face with mountain gorillas is a rare and exhilarating wildlife encounter that is hard to capture in words. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the steep mountain slopes. Gorilla trekking is strenuous, with treks ranging from 45 mins up to eight hours, at high altitudes in often hot conditions. We do recommend hiring a local porter to assist you on your trek. Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are over 95%.

Once you have located your gorilla family, spend an hour quietly observing them. The time passes so quickly; be sure to enjoy this experience fully and not just through your camera lens.



Head back to Buhoma Lodge for a complimentary post-trek massage or explore the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 11: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Today, you have the option to embark on another thrilling gorilla trek or indulge in a day of leisure exploring the captivating Bwindi area. Opt for a community village walk, or take a serene forest walk to enjoy the outstanding birdlife and tranquil surroundings. You could also visit [Ride for a Woman](#), a fascinating community project with local activities including basket weaving, traditional cooking and cycling tours on offer (additional cost).

Please note that additional permits must be pre-purchased, so inform us when booking if you wish to trek twice.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 12: Entebbe - End of itinerary

Transfer to the airstrip for your return flight Kihikihi to Entebbe International airport. **End of safari**

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Included:

- Meet & greet service with return airport transfers in Entebbe
- 1 night accommodation at Hotel No.5 including breakfast
- 3 nights at Twiga Safari Lodge including all meals
- 2 nights at Primates Lodge including all meals and local house drinks
- 2 nights at Ishasha Wilderness Camp including all meals and local house drinks
- 3 nights at Buhoma Lodge including all meals and local house drinks
- Services of private driver/guide
- Game drives in Murchison Falls & Queen Elizabeth National Park including park entry fees
- Bottom of the Falls Cruise & Nile Delta Cruise
- Sundowner Drinks
- Ishasha Community Visit
- Community fees and contribution to the [Future Generations Trust](#)
- Flight Kihikihi - Entebbe

Excluded:

- **Gorilla Permit Bwindi \$800 per person (International) / \$500 (African Citizens)**
- **Chimpanzee trekking permit Kibale \$250**
- All international flights and airport taxes
- Health requirements including Yellow Fever vaccine
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals not included above

Should gorilla permits be booked at Ruhija, there is an additional shared vehicle transfer fee of USD 250 /vehicle return.

Permit prices subject to change without notice, as per UWA updates.

We offer 8, 9 and 10 day small group, set departures as well as combination Uganda/Rwanda private trips. We are also experts at designing your own private tailor-made trip to meet your exact personal interests.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Yellow fever inoculation is compulsory & malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses. Should you opt to spend time participating in any UWEC Wildlife Integration programme, you may require additional inoculations and health clearances.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Your passport must have a minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months from the date of entry into Uganda. Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US\$55). Visas cannot be obtained on arrival. You must apply and pay for them online at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> at least two weeks before your arrival.

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