

Luxury Primate Safari



This 10-day private tour takes in the very best of Uganda. You'll spend time visiting the Chimpanzee sanctuaries in Kibale Forest and Kyambura Gorge, 4x4 safarising in Queen Elizabeth National Park, and Gorilla-tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The programme works as a great overview of Uganda or can be incorporated into a longer, tailor-made option – please ask us for suggestions.

Day 1: Arrive Entebbe

You will be met on arrival at Entebbe Airport and transferred to the Boma hotel for one night (B&B basis).

Boma Guesthouse

Converted from a 1940s home, the Boma is a relaxed guesthouse situated within easy driving distance of Entebbe International Airport. It offers fifteen en-suite rooms, all individually designed and furnished to modern standards. A quiet garden with swimming pool terrace make this a lovely spot to relax at the start or end of your stay in Uganda.



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For more information see our booking terms and conditions.

Day 2: Entebbe – Kibale Forest National Park (6-7 hours)

After breakfast at the Boma, depart Entebbe with your guide and driver and journey west to Fort Portal (approx. 6 hours), where you stop for a late lunch.

Fort Portal rests in the shadow of the Rwenzori mountains, the fabled “Mountains of the Moon”, and is famous for its picturesque countryside and tea plantations. Leaving Fort Portal after lunch, you continue the short distance to Kibale National Park.

Dinner and overnight at the deluxe safari tents of Primate Lodge Kibale (full-board basis)

Primate Lodge Kibale

Primate Lodge is an exclusive eco-lodge situated in the heart of Kibale Forest National Park, amid lush tropical forest that is home to 13 different species of primates, including chimpanzees.

Accommodation is in comfortable cottages scattered around the gardens. The rooms offer ample space and are furnished with queen-sized beds, armchairs, and beautiful Ugandan fabrics. Each is en-suite with shower.

The cottages open onto private verandahs with canvas chairs and a view of the forest.



NB. Primate Lodge also offers 7 luxury safari cottages, which offer additional space and plusher furnishings, as well as a unique Tree House positioned deep within the forest, for better wildlife sightings. Please ask us about the upgrade options.



Day 3: Kibale Forest & Bigodi Swamp

Venture into Kibale Forest for a sensational day of chimp tracking. The forest is home to the greatest variety and highest concentration of primates in East Africa, as you’ll soon to discover! Enjoy a guided nature walk in the tropical rainforest in search of wild chimpanzee, red tailed monkey, black and white colobus monkey, and many other species of primate.

After a hearty lunch, transfer to the Bigodi Swamp for another, very different nature walk, where the focus will be on both birds and primates.

Return to Primate Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Kibale Forest – Queen Elizabeth National Park (3 hours)

After a delicious breakfast, transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park, passing the Crater Lakes en route. On arrival, check-in at Mweya Safari Lodge for two nights.

Mweya Safari Lodge

Mweya Safari Lodge enjoys a stunning location in the north of Queen Elizabeth National Park, on a peninsula separating Lake Edward and the Kazinga Channel. Guests at Mweya are housed in private en-suite cottages with a view of the lake.

Facilities include a swimming pool, poolside bar, restaurant, and boardroom.



Mweya Safari Lodge offers standard rooms and suites as well as a selection of cottages: Presidential, Royal and Rwenzori. All rooms are beautifully decorated and have balconies overlooking the Kazinga Channel and Lake Edward, private bathrooms and electricity.

The Kazinga Restaurant serves local and international cuisine alongside a good selection of wines.

After lunch at the lodge, the afternoon is free for you to relax by the pool. Early evening, embark on a game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park in search of big game – with luck, you can hope to see warthog, buffalo, waterbuck, lion and elephant, among others.

Return to Mweya Safari Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Queen Elizabeth National Park

The day begins early with a morning game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park, before returning to the lodge for lunch.

In the afternoon, enjoy a shared boat cruise (drinks and canapés included!) along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. Owing to the abundant birdlife in the Channel, and the elephants, buffaloes and huge hippo pods that occupy the shores, this cruise is sure to be a highlight of your safari.

Dinner and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge.



Day 6: Queen Elizabeth NP – Bwindi National Park (4-5 hours)

After breakfast, continue your journey south, passing through the southern sector of the national park and into Ishasha, famous for its tree climbing lions. After a short game drive and picnic lunch stop in Ishasha, continue to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, driving through verdant countryside, small settlements, and the occasional tea or coffee plantation.

Expect to arrive in Bwindi, home of the endangered mountain gorillas, early evening. Check-in at Mahogany Springs for two nights.



Mahogany Springs

Mahogany Springs is one of the newest lodges in Bwindi National Park. Located just 2 minutes' drive from the park headquarters, it accommodates only a small number of guests in its 8 luxury bandas, each with en-suite bathroom and a private terrace overlooking the forest.

Located on the pristine waters of the Munyanga River and facing the Impenetrable forest, the natural setting of Mahogany Springs is superb.

Day 7: Gorilla Tracking

The highlight of your safari – a meeting with the gentle giants of Bwindi! Keen walkers will especially love the tracking in the beautiful ecosystem of the park. Expect to walk a long distance in steep and muddy conditions, sometimes with rain overhead, before you encounter the gorillas (the experience can last anywhere from 1-8 hours depending on the location of the gorillas). But whatever the travails en route, the experience of observing a gorilla family at close range as they eat, play and rest makes it all worthwhile.

Dinner and overnight at Mahogany Springs.



Day 8: Bwindi – Lake Mburo National Park (4-5 hours)

Depart Bwindi and journey to Lake Mburo National Park (6 hours). Arrive in time for a late lunch at Mihingo Lodge, before heading out for an early evening boat ride on the lake.

After supper at the lodge, embark on a night drive in an open 4x4 with spot light. This special game drive of 2-3 hours provides a good chance of seeing the elusive leopard as well as other predominantly nocturnal species.

Overnight at Mihingo Lodge.



Mihingo Lodge

Mihingo Lodge is a peaceful and exclusive retreat adjacent to Lake Mburo National Park. It offers ten tented rooms, raised on wooden platforms, and covered by a thatch roof. Each tent is en-suite, with hot and cold running water, shower, flush loo, and a stunning view!

The luxury tented rooms are spaced well apart so as to ensure privacy. Some of the rooms are situated on the edge of the forest, where colobus monkeys can often be seen swinging in the trees, while others enjoy a view of the lake.

Mihingo Lodge's main mess area is a large thatched structure built of roughly cut stone, wood and grass thatch – it houses the lounge, bar and dining area. Below the dining area, a swimming pool stretches out from the rocks.

The lounge opens onto a viewing deck with a view of the lake – the perfect spot for a sundowner!

Day 9: Lake Mburo – Kampala (5 hours)

Start the day with a guided walking safari in Lake Mburo.

Lake Mburo is the only national park in Uganda where you can explore on foot (accompanied, of course, by an experienced ranger). Big game encounters are a real possibility, though the walking safari is primarily a chance to explore those aspects of the African bush that are often overlooked on a 4x4 driven safari – the smaller creatures and plant life that are otherwise easy to miss. Following the walking safari, return to the lodge for breakfast.



Late morning, depart Lake Mburo and drive to Kampala, where you check-in at Le Petit Village for one night (B&B basis).

The rest of the day is free to relax at the pool. Dinner to own account.

Le Petit Village

Le Petit Village is located just 10 minutes' drive from the city centre. This intimate B&B offers twelve guestrooms, all of them self-contained and equipped with a TV, WiFi and minibar.

Le Petit has a comfortable lounge and bar area, and a small swimming pool. Meals are served at the adjacent restaurant Le Chateau (note that Le Petit Village is booked B&B basis).

Day 10: Departure

At leisure until your schedule transfer to Entebbe Airport to check-in for your international flight home.



Price Guide:

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£3,895 per person**, based on two travellers in shared twin/double accommodation. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

Includes:

- Transfer to/from Entebbe Airport
- Ground transport in private safari vehicle
- English-speaking driver/guide
- Accommodation as described in itinerary, based on a twin/double rooms
- Meals as described in itinerary
- Entrance fees for national parks
- Activities mentioned in the program
- Gorilla permit
- Chimp tracking permit
- AMREF insurance

Excludes:

- International flights
- Visa (USD \$50)
- Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips
- Christmas supplement
- Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote