12 DAYS GORILLAS &BIG FIVE (QUEEN ELIZABERTH, MURCHISION FALLS NATIONAL PARKS AND ZIWA RHINO SANTUARY)

A safari in Uganda is not complete without without Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Murchison Falls National Park and Kidepo Valley National Park are most visited in Uganda by tourist among other destinations. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park is known for Mountain Gorillas. Queen Elizabeth National Park has a diverse ecosystem which include a sprawling savanna, sparkling lakes, humid forests, fertile wetlands which makes it a suitable home for over 600 species of birds, outstanding wildlife attractions like tree climbing lions, chimpanzees among others. The Park is set against the beautiful sceneries of the Rwenzori Mountains, the panoramic view of kazinga channel, Murchison Falls National Park is the largest protected area in Uganda with a lot of animals and magnificent Water Falls in the World and Kidepo Valley is with its welcoming savanna vegetation a Game drive in this park very rewarding with assured Cheetah.

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

You will be welcomed by a representative of FRIENDS NATURE SAFARIS If you arrived at the airport early we may just drive to Lake Mburo National Park its about 4 hour drive from Kampala-Masaka main road we shall have a stopover at the Equator for lunch and photo shots then continue with our journey to Lake Mburo.Upon arrival we check in at our lodge, then we do a boat cruise on Lake Mburo when back have evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at Mihingo Safari Lodge (Any Equivalent)



**DAY 2: KAMPALA – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning we shall do safari walk around the park to see animals like Giraffes, Kobs, Zebras and many more, breakfast then leave for Bwind Impenetrable National Park .We shall drive via a scenic route, savanna vegetation and Ankole cattle and precede our drive through the green growth countryside, we shall have lunch on the way and final we arrive in Bwindi and check in at our Lodge for dinner and overnight at Silver Back Lodge Luxury (Any Equivalent).

[DAY 3: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK](http://www.friendsnaturesafaris.net)

In the morning we take our breakfast and assemble for briefing according to the group which we are going to trek/track about the does and donots.This activity is one of highlight of our safari, meeting with the gentle giants of Bwindi, Especially hikers will love the gorilla trekking in the beautiful ecosystem of the park. It is difficult to foresee how many hours you will hike, it may take two to eight hours. Expect to walk a long distance in steep and muddy conditions, sometimes with rain overhead, before you encounter any gorillas. But we found these creatures it is very rewarding and interesting as you observe them closely while they eat, play and rest. A unique and unforgettable experience! For conservation purposes, time spent with the gorillas is limited to one hour. The ranger guide always briefs you on how to behave with these giant apes. After the trek we return back to lodge for lunch and evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Silver Back Lodge Luxury (Any Equivalent).

**DAY 4: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast you can choose to have a guided village walk for a closer meeting with the local community. Learn about their way of living as you walk through coffee, tea and banana plantations. Afterwards we depart to Queen Elizabeth National Park. We will pass the southern sector of the park, called Ishasha and known for the tree-climbing lions and here we expect to see some of the lions resting on the branches of trees. While we continue to our accommodation in the middle of the national park be alert to spot some wildlife like kobs, waterbucks and warthogs while grazing. Dinner and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge Luxury (Any Equivalent)



**DAY 5: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK. (GAME DRIVE AND BOAT CRUISE**

At the park, early morning, wake up take a cup of tea and head for the thrilling game drive at 6:00am. Game to view Lion, Elephant, Leopard, Buffalo, Hyena and a variety of Antelope species. After lunch enjoy the unique 2-hour boat ride on the Kazinga Channel. You will have a chance to view Hippos on close range, have a boat cruise at kazinga channel, watch other bird species and there after transfer back to the lodge for Dinner and overnight at

• Accommodation: Enganzi Lodge in Queen Elizabeth National park

**DAY 6: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK.**

Depart for Murchison Falls National Park in the north western part of Uganda and is the largest park with an area of 3840sqKM. It will take approximately 9-10 hours on road having a stopover at Lake Albert to view the Albertine Rift Valley from there we continue to Bugungu Gate we enter the pay may see animals on our way to the lodge like Buffalos, Lions, Giraffes,Kobs and many more. We check in at the lodge, dinner and overnight stay.

Accommodation: Pakuba Safari Lodge

**DAY 7: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK (GAME DRIVE AND NILE CRUISE)**

Early morning wakeup calls with packed breakfast we, go for the interesting game drive where you may see many animals such as Elephants, Buffalo, Giraffe, Lions, Uganda Kobs and many others if we lucky we can get chance of spotting world‘s rarest shoebill stork at down side of the stream during our game drive after that we break off for lunch. After lunch we go for the amazing enjoyable Nile cruise to the bottom of the mighty falls may spot animals like Hippo, Crocodiles populations/schools, and other animals alongside the river drinking water, the boat will spot at the actual point where you can clearly see the mighty Nile squeezes into 7-meter gorge for photo shorts. Thereafter, we retire at the lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

Accommodation: Pakuba Safari Lodge

**DAY 8: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK TO KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**

After morning breakfast we visit top of the Falls to see the mighty Nile being squeezed into a small gorge which creates thunder storm and Raining in this place, After that we drive towards the Northern part of the Country, Finally we arrive in Kidepo Valley National Park through LOKOMOTI gate.



**DAY 9: KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**

After a morning breakfast, Embark on our safari van and go for a Game Drive on the following trucks/Trails Boma, Kakeine,Buffalo,Nogosokopire, and expect to see animals like Cheetah,White Eared Kobs,Common Ostrich, Elands. In afternoon we visit LOLUKULO community to know more about their Social life, Economic life who are known for Cattle keeping. And after that we do a GAME DRIVE then go back to our lodge.

**DAY 10: KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK TO ZIWA RHINO SANCTUARY**

After morning breakfast we leave Kidepo Valley National to slope down towards central to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary to track the White Rhinos in their Natural Habitat.

**DAY 11: ZIWA RHINO SANTUARY TO KAMPALA/ENTEBBE**

After morning breakfast we do Rhino Tracking at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, Game viewing and Birding around the place, then after lunch we transfer Kampala or Entebbe for overnight stay.



**DAY 12: KAMPALA/ENTEBBE TO AIRPORT**

After breakfast depending on the time of your flight if its in the evening or at night we can do an Excursion during the day before going to the Airport back home.