Rwenzori Tour Cost:218$

The Rwenzoris – the fabled *Mountains of the Moon* – lie in western Uganda along the Uganda-Congo border. The equatorial snow peaks include the third highest point in Africa, while the lower slopes are blanketed in moorland, bamboo and rich, moist montane forest. [Huge tree-heathers and colorful mosses](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/rwenzori-mountains-national-park/wildlife-and-birding-summary) are draped across the mountainsidewith giant lobelias and “everlasting flowers”, creating an enchanting, fairytale scene.

Rwenzori Mountains National Park protects the highest parts of the 120km-long and 65km-wide Rwenzori mountain range. The national park hosts [70 mammals](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/rwenzori-mountains-national-park/wildlife-and-birding-summary) and [217 bird species](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/rwenzori-mountains-national-park/activities-in-rwenzori-mountains-national-park/item/88-birding-in-rmnp) including 19 Albertine Rift endemics, as well as some of the world’s rarest vegetation.

The Rwenzoris are a world-class [hiking](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/rwenzori-mountains-national-park/activities-in-rwenzori-mountains-national-park/item/86-hiking-and-nature-walks-in-rmnp) and [mountaineering](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/rwenzori-mountains-national-park/activities-in-rwenzori-mountains-national-park/item/87-mountain-volcano-climbing-in-rmnp) destination. A nine- to twelve-day trek will get skilled climbers to the summit of Margherita – the highest peak – though shorter, non-technical treks are possible to scale the surrounding peaks.

For those who prefer something a little less strenuous, neighboring [Bakonzo villages](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/rwenzori-mountains-national-park/activities-in-rwenzori-mountains-national-park/item/89-cultural-encounters-in-rmnp) offer nature walks, homestead visits home cultural performances and accommodation, including home-cooked local cuisine

Mount Stanley  
16,762

Mount Speke  
16,043

Mount Baker  
15,892

Mount Gessi  
15,469

