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**Discover unparalleled wildlife experiences in the “Pearl of Africa.”**

Uganda, in the heart of Africa, is your chance to have an opportunity away from the more developed and commercialized African adventure destinations. Uganda is really diverse, with jungles, grasslands, big rivers and mountains, including Africa’s last glacier. One of the best ways to connected to these places and their local people is overnight walking with a local guide. Uganda’s guides are known to be passionate, well informed and love to share stories about the countries landscapes and their inhabitants.

Jazz Africa Adventures is a boutique travel service based in Uganda. We strive to meet the expectations of the most demanding special interest travelers. We are proud of our ability to offer authentic, responsible travel experiences. We use local transport, sleep in local accommodation and eat local food.

**What’s truly special about Uganda**

Uganda’s mountainous terrain, soaring waterfalls, and amazing wildlife encounters set it apart from the rest of the continent. Although Uganda claims to have the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, African elephant, and Cape buffalo), the country could easily stake its claim as having the “Big Six” since it is also home to the world’s largest population of mountain gorillas. Aside from countless opportunities for spotting wildlife while on safari, consider: trekking the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest for the chance to observe the mountain gorillas and elusive silverback trekking for chimpanzees in the Budongo Forest and Kabale National Park trekking into the Rwenzori Mountains, the highest mountain range in Africa and the continent’s last glacier taking it easy with a boat ride to Murchison Falls and the source of the Nile River.

**About us**

**Jazz Africa Adventures welcomes you to Africa**

Are you coming for a safari in Africa? Jazz Africa Adventures welcomes you to beautiful Africa. We are a leading tour company based in Uganda with over eight years’ experience running wildlife safaris in East Africa. We help design itineraries for activities like mountain hiking, trekking safaris, Uganda wildlife safaris, birding trips, cultural tours, camping and honeymoon trips. Whether you are seeking a budget or luxury experience, we will do our best to make it a memorable adventure in Africa. We love customizing each adventure to reflect each person’s needs, desires and dreams. We also have global knowledge expertise to assist with short and long tourist visas. We want to make your East African travel an unforgettable experience.

**Vision**

To Create life changing experiences of East Africa that make a positive difference to the destination and its local people .

**Mission**

To serve our clients by operating memorable safari tours while emphasizing quality, professionalism and a personal touch.

Through our dedicated office staff and field guides, we help put together exciting and wonderful vacations for our clients. We help you acquire the necessary permits, book accommodations, arrange transport and guidance throughout your tour.

Why book with us

**Security**

We are a Ugandan owned business operating since January 2015 and are committed to providing honest advice, competent service and value for money.

Furthermore we are able to provide you with a personalized service before during and after your travel arrangements. So if problems occur whilst you are away, such as late or cancelled flights, transfers not turning up or hotels being overbooked, you can call us or our reputable local ground partners. We believe in old fashioned service and regardless of where you live in the world we are only a phone call away.

**Exceptional Destinations**

Our destinations have been chosen either for their exceptional natural beauty, special wildlife experiences or cultural authenticity, or all three of these. Whether it’s the unmatched wildlife viewing of the African game parks, Mountain climbing, experiencing the historic and cultural riches of East Africa, wild life safaris, birding trips, cultural tours, camping and honeymoon trips with global knowledge for both tourist on short and long our programs cover most of the East African special places.

**Tailor-Made**

We are specialists in personalised, tailor-made travel and your holiday will be custom-designed to suit your requirements. We are all individuals, so why be tied to a set group tour or a set itinerary? Our experienced destination specialists can help you design your own individualised holiday. Explore at your own pace, choose your own style of accommodation, and include your own choice of sightseeing and activities. Whether you love the thrill of a safari or a walk through the rainforest, a quiet beach or vibrant city streets, our specialists can advise you on where and when to go and where the best places are to stay.

**Expert Knowledge**

We have been organising holidays and safaris since 1985 and have unrivalled knowledge and experience of our destinations. Our team of passionate, dedicated and professional destination specialists can offer you knowledgeable advice and excellent service to help you realise your dream holiday. They have up-to-date information on where and when to go, details such as seasonal game movements, the best wildlife areas, and even the hippest hotels or secret hide-aways. Whether you prefer canoeing down a river or a luxury riverboat, a tent in the wilderness or an exclusive lodge, they can advise you.

**Travel Services**

We can arrange all aspects of your holiday from the moment you leave home, including inland transfers, accommodation and touring.. We are 100% independent and you can choose from a wide selection of our recommended accommodation options from 5 star to heritage hotels, wildlife lodges, safari camps, even houseboats and homestays. Our local partners are experts in their field and are carefully chosen by us for their high standard of professionalism.

**Our team**

**Our guides: to be sent**

Cancellation policy: if you cancel 91 days or more before the start date of your trip, you will get a refund of the amount you paid for the trip less fee of 50 US$. If you cancel between 46 and 90 days before the start of your trip, you will get a refund less US$100. If you cancel in less than 30 days, you will get a refund less all money already paid on activities you booked. All fees are applicable on per person basis.

**Travel info**

**When to visit Uganda and Climbing Rwenzori Mountains**

For most people, it is July, August and September. The next tier of good months consists of October, January and February. These six months, plus December, are considered to be Ugandas and Rwenzor's high season. The shoulder season months are December, March and June. Lastly, the rains come in April, May and November. These three months are considered to be Rwenzori's low season, and we offer discounts during this time. The greatest advantage of making a trip at this time is that you can stay dry the entire time. Sure, you can always get rained on throughout the year, especially in the rain forest and moorlands, but typically the precipitation is low and infrequent. By staying dry, you stay comfortable and the overall trek will be more enjoyable. Removing the stress of being wet and cold also increases you chance of proper acclimatization. In the dry season, the views are better, with clear and sunny skies

**Best time to trek mountain Gorillas, chimps**

Gorilla and chimps trekking can be done throughout the whole year although dry months like June,July, August and September are more preferred to travel in and trek in Bwindi and Kibale and the forest becomes easier to trek in.

Although during dry season the permits are high compared to low season where they are sold at a low cost of USD 600 but subjected to changes. The wet season includes April, May and November and clients tend to avoid the steep slopes which are slippery.

**What to wear or pack for mountain Gorillas.**

Since the forest is thick with steep slopes one needs to prepare what to wear ,there you need hiking boots, long sleeved shirts and trousers, you need  gloves some shrubs might itch you .

A hut and glasses as well as energy giving foods. Insect repellent, your camera you may get a big chance to take pictures

**Hiking Mount Sabinyo from Uganda**

In Uganda, Mount Sabinyo is located in [Mgahinga Gorilla National Park](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/uganda/mgahinga-gorilla-national-park). Climbing Mount Sabyinyo is one of the best mountain climbing experiences in Uganda. Despite the sharp ridges and crater lakes before the last peak, the Uganda Wildlife Authority managed to solve the problem by building handmade ladders.

Before the hike, one needs to register at the park office, sign the guest book and clear any payments. Hiking Mount Sabinyo begins with briefing. The Guide and Rangers will let you know what to expect, the history of the mountain and what to carry along. If you don’t make it to the summit by 3pm, you are advised to descend back because it would be too late to complete the activity on time. All hikers are given a walking stick – take it like gold. Porters are available for hire for those who have heavy equipment such as cameras. You will be escorted by at least three locals. Apart from the official Guide, an armed ranger is always part of the team to scare away large mammals like elephants that graze on the slopes of the mountain.

After completing the briefing, you will start by being passing through a flat area with several swamps. You then start ascend to an area with a thick vegetation zones for the first 2390 to 2800 meters. This area consists of mainly bamboo and is a favorite habitat of [golden monkeys](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/golden-monkey-trekking). Apart from the monkeys, you may encounter mountain gorillas, elephants and buffaloes around this area. After the first zone, you will encounter sub-alpine kind of vegetation with fewer trees but home to the rare Rwenzori Turaco. The Rwenzori Turaco is a beautiful bird and a favorite of birders. It is only found within the Albertine rift region. By the time you complete this zone, you can already see the summit ahead.

The beauty about climbing to the summit of Mount Sabinyo is that you get to be in three countries (Uganda, Rwanda and Congo) at the same time while having some of the best views you will ever have – weather permitting. From the summit you can see the beautiful Lake Kivu in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. You can also see [Lake Bunyonyi in Uganda](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/uganda/lake-bunyonyi-in-uganda), the [Rwenzori ranges of mountains](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/uganda/9-days-mount-rwenzori-hiking) in Uganda, over six mountains of the Virunga region and countless other features. Patches of human settlements can also be seen amidst beautiful green plantations and forests. Congo looks relatively deserted while Rwanda is more densely populated. Descending is easier but also challenging. You have to deal with the ladders again and need to do it with care especially if the weather was bad.

* Hiking Mount Sabinyo involves visiting three peaks. It is at peak three that you stand in three countries at a go. In-between the peaks are extensive ladders which where improvised to allow hikers navigate through difficult areas of the mountain.
* Climbing to the top takes four hours while descending down is also four hours. As you climb to the top of the mountain, there are great chances of spotting several birds including the rare Rwenzori turaco.
* The summit is very cold and it is important to travel with a warm jacket. Altitude sickness is also very real possibility while climbing mount Sabyinyo.
* To reach the summit of mount Sabinyo, you would need to pass through several wooden ladders that have been nailed into the rocks. Climbing the ladders in steep sections of the mountain can be scary for first time hikers with a fear of heights but you can as just well divert your mind from the height by focusing on the summit and avoiding looking down frequently.
* It rains a lot during certain times of the year and you need to have protection for your electrical gadgets like phones.
* Unfortunately, clear visibility at the summit of mount Sabinyo may not be possible during certain months or days of the year because of the clouds (mist).

**Packing List for climbing Mount Sabyinyo**

**Clothing:**For the best possible hiking experience, you need to be dressed right. Move with a light rain coat, warm stockings and hand gloves for the cold summit. Ensure that the shirt and trousers are Long-sleeved shirt to keep off crawling insects.

**Hiking boots:**These should be sturdy with above average traction and grip.

**Carry packed lunch or snack:** This is important because the hike takes an entire day. You will get very hungry while hiking the mountain.  You should also carry at least 2 liters of drinking water to contain the thirst.

**A camera and binoculars:**A good camera is important for taking great photos of the mountain and your time at the summit. A binocular is good for spotting the distant volcanoes and beautiful views. Porters are available for hire to carry any heavy equipment

**First Aid Kit and Toiletries:** If possible, carry a portable first aid kit in case of miner scratchers or pains in the knee joints. Try to visit the toilet before embarking on the hike. Move with toilet paper in case of any emergencies.

**Other Activities After hiking mount Sabinyo**

From the Uganda side, Mount Sabinyo is located in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park. This is the smallest national park in Uganda but that offers amazing activities to tourists. After climbing the mountain and getting enough rest, one can also choose to go for:

**Golden monkey trekking:**Just like the mountain itself, Golden monkeys are only found in Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These cute monkeys are endangered and a favorite of tourists and primate lovers. They are extremely playful with the African eagle and humans their only threat.

**Gorilla trekking:**This is arguably the most popular activity in Mgahinga National Park. There is only one [habituated gorilla family in Mgahinga](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/gorilla-groups/uganda-gorilla-families), but one of the most interesting. The group has arguably more silverbacks than any in Uganda and beyond. [Gorilla trekking in Mgahinga](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/gorilla-trekking-in-mgahinga) is also interesting because it offers more piracy considering that it is not as crowded with tourists as [Bwindi Impenetrable forest](https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/uganda/bwindi-impenetrable-national-park).

**Wildlife viewing**: As you climb up the mountain, you can be lucky enough to spot some of Africa’s famous mammals like buffaloes, elephants and antelopes. A more complete wildlife encounter can be arranged after the hike at the national park where you can also spot leopards, forest hogs, smaller primates like baboons, Vervet and Colobus monkeys.

**Bird watching:**Mgahinga National Park is a home to over 300 species of birds. The most sought out species are the Ruwenzori Turaco, grey crowned cranes, Ruwenzori double collared sun bird and double toothed barbet.

**Book now**

Name, country, telephone no. Email address. No of clients, arrival date, departure date, areas of interest. Approximate budget (per person) Special message

**Package**

Uganda overview

**Uganda, called “The Pearl of Africa” by Sir Winston Churchill, is a country of great natural beauty and spectacular wildlife experiences.**

The impressive snow-capped Rwenzoris rise high above Queen Elizabeth National Park, home to its abundant game, while the endangered mountain gorilla can be found in the forests of the Virunga Volcanoes and the Bwindi. The source of the River Nile, Uganda’s enormous Lake Victoria is also a sight to behold.

Our range of Uganda safaris offer the chance to view some of the world’s last remaining mountain gorillas. These gentle giants live within Uganda’s Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Mgahinga National Park in the Virunga Volcanoes on the border with Rwanda’s Parc des Volcans. A trek to see these mountain gorillas is one of earth’s greatest wildlife experiences.

For more traditional safaris, you can visit the Queen Elizabeth National Park, renowned for its abundant game and its huge population of hippo in the beautiful Kazinga Channel. There is also a population of chimpanzees that can be closely observed in Chamburu Gorge. Another place to see these primates is in the Kibale Forest National Park, where most of Uganda’s chimpanzees reside.

**Highlights of Uganda**

**Gorilla Trekking**

Africa is home to the world’s largest primate, the gorilla. The mountain gorilla lives at higher altitude and has longer and more abundant fur than the lowland species.

**Chimpanzee Viewing**

Uganda’s forests are home to the endangered chimpanzee, with the largest population in the pristine Kibale Forest in eastern Uganda.

**Dramatic mountain scenery**

Uganda’s western border is famed for its dramatic scenery including the lakes and mountains of the Rift Valley and the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains.

**Queen Elizabeth National Park**

The diverse landscapes of Uganda’s most popular wildlife park are home to a remarkable 600 bird species and 100 mammal, including tree-climbing lions.

**Why should I travel to Uganda?**Uganda offers a wide variety of experiences, from classic big game viewing in the Queen Elizabeth National Park to mountain gorilla and chimpanzee trekking. There are many pristine rainforests with unique fauna and flora including within the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Kibale Forest and the Rwenzori National Park. Uganda also has a rich culture with over 30 languages spoken by many different tribes, ranging from the regal Buganda and Bunyoro to forest-dwelling Batwa pygmies.

**When is the best time to see Gorillas in Uganda?**Gorilla trekking can take place at any time of year with April/May and November being wetter. However, be aware that rain occurs all year round. For general game viewing safaris, the best time to go is during the dry season (between June and September).

**What is the climate in Uganda?** Although Uganda is on the Equator, much of the country is at relatively high altitude and temperatures are very pleasant (25°-28°C). The mountain areas where gorillas are found can be cool to cold. Rain falls throughout the year but is heaviest between Mar-May and Oct-Nov.

**What can I combine Uganda with?**Uganda can be combined with neighboring Rwanda Kenya or Tanzania and we highly recommend including renowned game parks such as the Masai Mara or the Serengeti into your itinerary.

**How to get to Uganda?**The Ugandan capital of Entebbe can be reached by air from Nairobi in Kenya, Kilimanjaro and Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, with Emirates from Dubai and with SAA from Johannesburg.

TRAVEL SAFARIS

*18 Days Uganda Gorilla and chimp’s safari, Rwenzori pilgrimage hike and the most visited national parks*

Detailed itinerary

**Day 1: Kampala – Murchison Falls**

Today drive north-west through the famous Luwero Triangle and, travel to Masindi via Ziwa Rhino Project. A visit to the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for Rhino trekking tour. After lunch, drive in to Murchison Falls. Meals and overnight at Murchison River Lodge |Bwana Tembo Camp, Sambi Red Chili Rest Camp

**Day 2: Murchison Falls**

Begin the day with a cup of African Coffee. After your cup of coffee, cross the Nile by ferry to the northern bank of the park. Your guide will help you spot Elephant, Lion, Cape buffalo, Rothschild’s giraffe, hartebeest, Waterbuck, Oribi, Bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, hyena and if you are lucky, the leopard. Return to the hotel for breakfast and lunch. After lunch, go for a boat safari upstream the calm Victoria Nile to the base of the falls stopping just tens of meters from the “Devil’s Cauldron”. En-route, marvel at the toothsome hippos, crocodiles and over this 17km stretch you may see elephants, waterbucks, Uganda Kobs and crocodiles.

This is also a zone of many bird species like Goliath heron, Egyptian goose, pelican bee-eater, kingfisher, hornbill, cormorant and the rare shoebill stork. There you leave the boat and start your – quite heavy – hike to the Top of the Falls (approx. 1 hour). See where the world’s longest river explodes violently through a narrow cleft in the Rift Valley escarpment to plunge into a frothing pool 43m below. Your driver/guide will be waiting for you to bring you back to the lodge. Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at Murchison River Lodge, Heritage Safari Lodge|,Fort Murchison

**Day 3: Murchison Falls – Kibale**

All day drive south via Hoima to Fort Portal through verdant countryside and past traditional homesteads and farms along Albertine Rift escarpments. Fort-Portal rests in the shadow of the fabled Mountains of the Moon Meals and overnight at: Mountains of the Moon| Fort Motel, Chimpanzee Guest House| Nest| Kibale Forest Camp

**Day 4: Kibale Chimpanzee Trekking & Bigodi Walk**

After early breakfast, report at Kanyanchu Tourist Centre where tourist activities begin and set out to track chimpanzee in the forest. Chances of viewing the chimps are over 90% but not a guarantee. Kibale National Park is one of the beautiful and stunning forests in the Uganda. It is home to our closest living relatives the endangered Chimpanzee, the threatened Red colobus monkey and the rare L’Hoest’s monkey. The forest also boasts of having one of the highest diversity and density of primates in Africa totaling 13 species including the Black and white colobus, Blue monkey, Grey-cheeked mangabey, Red tailed monkey and Bush babies and Pottos.

After lunch visit Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary from where you will take on a guided walk around the Swamp which will provide you with the opportunity to see a wide range of flora and fauna. View a variety of butterflies, birds and other insects. Have a tour of the crater region around Ndali lodge. You may also stop over at any tea plantation along the road if you wish. Return to your accommodation for dinner and overnight.

Have an evening tour of the crater region, visit “top of the world”, the natural bridge. On a clear day you will be able to have a view of the snow cap on the Rwenzori. Meals and overnight at Fort Motel, Chimpanzee Guest House, Kibale Forest Camp

**Rwenzori hike through the southern Kilembe Route**

**Day 5 – Stage 1: Sine Hut (2,585 m)**

On day number one, you are supposed to start the trekking either sleeping the day before at White ouse , which is actually considered the camp base. Today you will walk through the mountain forest zone, where you might have encounters with species of monkeys like the colobus monkeys and the blue monkeys, then birds like the Rwenzori Turaco. Before reaching Sine Hut, the arrival point of the day at 2.585 meters altitude, you stop over at Enock’sFalls, beautiful scenery. The Sine Hut is located between forest trees. You will be served the dinner and spend the night.

**Day 6 – Stage 2: From Sine Hut to Kalalama Camp (3.147m) to Mutinda Camp (3.688 m)**

After breakfast, trekking starts at 8.30 Am and you soon enter the bamboo-mimulopsis zone, which is steep climb with many high steps. After about 1.8 kilometers you reach Kalalama Camp (3.147 meters), which is located in the heather –rapanea zone. Here you will have a rest and a cup of tea.

From this point you proceed along the heather zone, passing by several streams and even waterfalls, all covered by the typical green moss vegetation. You will see a lot of Giant Heather trees, sometimes in a misty atmosphere. The arrival point of the day is Mutinda Camp, at 3.688 m named after the Mutinda Peaks. From this point, you can climb further to Mutinda Lookout, 3.925 m, about one hour and half walk plus one hour to descend back to the camp. The place is worth a visit as you stand on moss covered rocks with views across the Rwenzori Mountains, down to Kasese town and Lake George

**Day 7 – Stage 3: From Mutinda Camp to Bugata Camp (4.062 m)**

The trail from Mutinda Camp is a bit boggy, with the typical wet vegetation and tussocks. You entered the Alpine vegetation zone, with the presence of the giant lobelias (Lobelliagibberoa), the groundsel (Senecioadnivalis) and the everlasting flowers as you cross the Mutinda valley. You later climb a steep section up to Namusangi Valley (3.840 m), from where you will enjoy the best view of the Mutinda Peaks. Along the Namusangi Valley you cross various bogs as you climb to Bugata Camp at 4.062 m, the arrival point of the day. You will have a view of the Weisman’s Peak of Mount Luigi of Savoy, often covered by the snow. The vegetation area is covered with tussock grass, everlasting flowers, giant groundsel and giant lobelia. From the nearby Plozza Rock you will get fantastic views of nine lakes down the valley and Lake Nusuranja. Bugata Camp has good facilities with solar lights, eco-toilets and bathroom. You have dinner and spend the night.

**Day 8 – Stage 4: From Bugata Camp to Butawu Camp (3.974 m)**

After breakfast you will start your hike to climb up Bamwanjara Pass, the trail climbs steadily with several long flat bogs. As you climb you look back to see the glacial lakes far down in the valley. On reaching the top of Banwamjara Pass (4.450n) you get excellent views of all the main snow capped peaks where we have a small shelter for you to rest and enjoy the scenery. The walk down to Kacholpe Lakes is steep and often very muddy but offers fantastic views of Kachope Lakes and McConnell’s Prong. Butawu Camp (3,974m) is the arrival point of the day. The Camp is set on a ridge high above Butawu River which flows down from Scott Elliott Pass through Kitandara Lakes and has excellent views of the snow capped Mt Baker. Today trekking is about 6.2 kilometers.**Day 9 – Stage 5: From Butawu Camp to Margherita Camp (4,485 m.)**

Walk back along the ridge before crossing several wet areas and small rivers coming from Mt Baker and Freshfield Pass to join Butawu River. The walk up Scott Elliott Pass is enjoyable as you climb through the pass and up the ridge of Mt Stanley to Margherita Camp at 4,485 meters which is below Elena Hut. It is sheltered with a ring of high rocks and it is the original camp used by the Italian Prince Luigi Amadeo di Savoia, Duke of the Abruzzi. From here you have great views of Mt Baker, Scott Elliot Pass and some of the high glaciers on Mt Stanley. Note: The days hike is 4.2 kilometers.

**Day 10– Stage 6: From Margherita Camp to Margherita Peak (5.109 m) down Butawu Camp (3.974 m)**

Today you have the final ascent to Margherita Peak of Mount Stanley. You wake up at 4.30 am, have a quick snack before starting the trekking, so that you arrive in the Stanley glacier before sunrise. The climb up Margherita glacier is steep and requires that you are fit. On getting near to the top of the glacier you then climb around an exposed section of rock, which is also bolted and roped, to get on the ridge running up to the top of Margherita Peak (5.109 m). After reaching the summit you then descend directly to Butawu Camp.

Today distance covers 3.5 kilometers to the peak then 3.5 kilometers return to Margherita Camp plus 4.2 kilometers down to Butawu Camp. Total day distance is 11.2 kilometers.

**Day 11 – Stage 7: From Butawu Camp to Bugata Camp**

A late breakfast and then you will start the climb up Bamwanjara Pass which is steep and in wet weather can be rather boggy making it slow going and tiresome. While crossing the pass you get the chance to see hyrax sitting at the entrance to their rock shelter warming in the sun. Their main predator is the Rwenzori leopard, which is rarely seen, but occasionally people do get a glimpse. The leopard has been heavily poached for its skin in the past and there are few left. However on a rare occasion on a misty or overcast day, you may be lucky to see one briefly as they move between the rocks. Dinner and overnight at Bugata Camp.

**Day 12– Stage 8: Descend to Kiharo Camp (3,460 m.)**

Early morning set off around Lake Bugata and the outlet of Kopello Lake then climb 200 metres to the confluence of the two valleys. As you descend down the upper areas of the Nyamwamba Valley there is a large area of thick Giant Groundsel with dense evergreen undergrowth and moss with the rocky peaks towering above. As you descend the valley you will notice the terrain is made up of several flat boggy areas where millions of years ago glaciers sat and melted leaving a wall of big rocks in front of where it lay. The valley is home to many Red Forest Duiker (Cephalophucnigrifronsrubidus). Overnight stay in Kiharo Camp at 3,460 metres. At night the air is filled with the calls of the rock hyrax as they sit in the rocky cliffs high above.

**Day 13 – Stage 9: Descend back to the Ranger post**

Wake up to the shrill calls of the Ruwenzori Turaco (Ruwenzorornisjohnstoni) and other birds. After breakfast you walk down the valley which is home to many species of birds that dive in and out the thick vegetation. Chameleons are a common sight as they crawl along the branches of the thick vegetation feeding on insects. In the clear areas you may catch a glimpse of a Duiker quietly feeding surrounded by Giant Lobellias and a variety of flowering plants. After descending a few kilometers, you climb two hundred metres height to a ridge overlooking the valley, before crossing several small valleys and streams to Kyalavula. Walk back to the Base Camp and then an over night in kasese town

**Day: 14 Queen Elizabeth Park**

The day begins early with a cup of coffee set for an early morning game drive along Kasenyi and Queens Mile makes visitors encounter excellent opportunities to see Lions, Leopards, Giant Forest Hogs, Cape Buffaloes, Elephants, Defassa Waterbucks, Uganda Kobs, Topi and Bush bucks and many more. Return to the lodge for breakfast and lunch, after lunch enjoy the boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George with abundant bird life will be sighted, elephants, buffaloes and hundreds of hippos that are cooling off at the shores and this launch cruise will be one of the highlights of your Uganda wildlife safari to Queen Elizabeth. Dinner and overnight at Enganzi Safari Lodge |Kasenyi Safari Lodge |Ihamba Wild Track Safari Lodge|Simba Safari

**Day 15: Queen Elizabeth NP – Lake Mburo**

With previous day’s memories, enjoy your breakfast ready for guided Chimpanzee/primate walk along Kyambura Gorge to look for habituated chimps through the gorge. After primate walk, proceed to Lake Mburo National park. Make a stopover at Igongo Cultural village to explore and learn the Bahima and Ankole culture time permitting. This park is an extension of the Tanzanian Plains. Lake Mburo National park is renowned for zebras, impalas, buffaloes, hippos, topi and elands including the rare shoebill, crested crane, pelicans, fish eagle, heron and many water birds. Meals and over night at: Lake Mburo Safari Lodge |Acadia Cottages

**Day 16: Lake Mburo-Bwindi gorilla tracking**

After your early morning breakfast, drive to Bwindi. Today is for a drive in to South western after your early morning breakfast after your early morning breakfast in to Bwindi via Queen Elizabeth National Park and here you may spot many wildlife including Elephants, Buffaloes, among others. An opportunity to enter the southern section of Ishasha for the tree climbing lions. Continue to your lodge for overnight stay and dinner

**Day 17: Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Forest**

Begin the day with breakfast ready for trekking, which begins at 8:00 a.m. with a briefing from the UWA staff on how to behave with these endangered mountain Gorillas. Ensure to carry along with you rain jacket, drinking water, snacks, jungle boots etc The guides will lead you inside the beautiful ecosystem to see the shy Primates for a group you have been booked for. Do not forget to take your lunch boxes and all the necessary gear to track the rare Mountain Gorilla, perhaps one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The tracking may take between 2 and 6 hours but its well worth the effort. After lunch, drive to Lake Bunyonyi for an evening boat drive and have an overnight at Bunyonyi over land resorts or Birdnest camp

**Day 18: Lake Bunyonyi-Kampala/ Entebbe airport**

After breakfast at the hotel, you will check out and then transfer back to Kampala with a stopover for lunch in Mbarara. The guide will drop you at your hotel in Kampala/Entebbe or at the airport for your late flight back home.

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**Rwenzori hike through the central circuit:**

This most picturesque, least crowded route with the smoothest acclimatization transition is an ideal choice for the beginners and experienced hikers alike.. It is generally considered to be the easiest of the quality routes on the mountain and takes very few days to conquer the summit than the southern Kilembe route. This is the best route for people who are looking for a decent quality experience and are perhaps not absolutely confident about their fitness and the route is good for people with no much experience on mountain climbing and or on few days off their daily works/Visa.

**Day 1: Kampala-Kasese town**

Our drive guide picks you at 7:00am from your hotel of residence, drive to Fort portal and have your first stopover for lunch, there after proceed to Kasese town for a night at White House or Sandton hotel.

**Day 2: Kasese Town - Nyakalengija to Nyabitaba Hut, 2.652 m.**

In the morning after breakfast, you will be picked by your guide and then head to the Rwenzori Mountains National Park Head Quarter at Nyakalengija, 1.646 m. At this point you receive briefing from your guide or the tourism officer. The hike starts through the plantations and homes of the Bakonzo, the people of the mountain, gradually reaching garden plots and elephants grass and then join the forest zone. You follow the Mubuku River, until crossing the Mahoma River. The trail passes through an open bracken fern slopes and a beautiful Forest canopy, up to Nyabitaba Hut, 2.652 m. which is the arrival point for the day. From the location, you are facing on the North the Portal Peaks 4.627m, in front Mount Kinyangoma. During the day, you might see monkeys, the RwenzoriTuraco, three horned chameleons which is endemic in the Rwenzoris, common bulbul birds, yellow eyed tinkle birds, wood pecker, mountain elephants and hearing the voices of the chimpanzee, Kasese town. This hike takes between 5-6 hours.

**Day 3: Nyabitaba Hut to John Matte Hut, 3.414 m.**

From Nyabitaba Hut you cross the Kurt Shaffer Bridge, through a muddy area. Then the trail climbs up through the bamboo forest. During this day, it takes you to the forest zone up to Kurt Schiffer Bridge and then you start the bamboo/memolopsis zone up to Nyamuleju camp which is the old hut before John Maate camp. This point marks the start of the heather zone where you will see the Ericaceous trees, everlasting flowers, giant lobelia and groundsel and its at this point where you can see red duikers, rock hyrax and white Columbus monkeys. The way proceeds through a bog full of typical plants along the Bujuku river. The final point is John Matte Hut, 3.414 m. for spending the night.  From Nyabitaba Hut to John Matte it can take approximately 6-7 hours. Enjoy the view of Mount Stanley and snowcapped Margherita and Elena Peaks if the weather is clear.

**Day 5: From John Matte Hut to Bujuku Hut, 3.962 m.**

From John Matte Hut you cross the Bujuku River and enter the lower Bigo bog, a grassy bog where you experience how to jump from tussock to tussock. Currently, there is a constructed walk board on both lower and upper bigo bogs that makes a clear view of the mountain sceneries. And this is the point where you start the alpine savannah zone of little vegetation. During this day you will be able to see the beautiful gardens of gaint lobelia, asanasio black berries, wild carrots, Alcamilla, lake Bujuku, sun birds, red duikers, rock hyrax and more. Depending on the weather, you may be able to view the peaks of Mount Stanley, Mount Baker and Mount Speke. You finally arrive at Bujuku Hut, 3.962 m. From Bujuku, here starts the diversion for whom intends to climb Mount Speke. For those climbing Margherita and Alexandra peaks it is advised to proceed to Elena Hut for overnight. This day hike takes between 4-5 hours.

**Day 6: Bujuku Hut – Elena Hut (4541m).**

From Bujuku, the trail takes you through more bog, while climbing the steep slopes west of the lake and through the magical Groundsel Gully as it ascends to Scott-Elliot Pass at 4372m. At the head of the gully a metal ladder takes you over a steep section after which the trail is divided into two. The trail on your right leads up to Elena Hut and Mount Stanley on a steep trail over large boulders, while the trail on your left leads to Scott-Elliot Pass and down to Kitandara Lakes. During this day, you be able to see Mount Speke glacier on Victoria Emmanuel, Margharita peak on Mount Stanly and the nice view of Lake Bujuku, amazing rock path and so many others. Finally you will reach for an overnight at the Coolly & Icy Elena Hut. This day hike takes between 4-5 hours.

**Day 7: Elena Hut – Margherita peak (5109m) and then Kitandara**

For those aiming at reaching Margherita peak (5109m), continue to the base of the Stanley Glacier. To reach the summit of Margherita, the climb takes about 5-7 hours depending on the weather conditions and the pace of climbing this mountain. This tough walk takes you over three glaciers, slippery rock, ice and very exposed areas which are open on many sides. Note that this climb is for only physically fit and technical climbers. Climbing on to the glaciers, cross the Stanley Plateau and proceed with the ascent. Acclimatized to fog, altitude sickness and coolly weather, scramble up to the summit of Margherita the highest peak of the Rwenzoris. Given the high altitude and the tough conditions even if you do not reach the peak, don’t get disappointed. Reaching back to Elena hut,  prepare for sloping down to Kitandara hut  through Scott-Elliot pass, where there are spectacular views back to Bujuku Lake and Mount Speke, up to Mount Stanley and down to the Kitandara Lakes. After the trail that passes you through an alpine zone of sparse vegetation with beautiful gardens of flowering Asanasios, giant lobelias, and rough boulders, descend to the twins Lakes of Kitandara where you will enjoy the shores of Kitandara Lake which is worthy beach life and overnight at the Kitandara Hut. This also takes you to 2-3hours but ascending down throughout the hut. However, basing on the time reached at Elena hut after margarita, you talk with your guide to have another night at Elena hut which will lead to an extra day.

**Day 8: Kitandara Hut to Guy Yeoman Hut, 3.261 m..**

From Kitandara, take on the trail that ascends steeply up the headwall, spreading out from the base of Mount Baker and continuing along the south side of the mountain to Fresh field Pass 4.282 m. At this point you can view into the Congo to the west and Mount Stanley to the north. From the pass, take on the long trail passing through bogy and slippery rocks that leads you to Bujongolo rock shelter the base camp for the historic expedition by the Duke of Abruzzi in 1906. The hut is surrounded by a beautiful landscape of mountains, vegetations dominated by the giant lobelias and rivers. Overnight at Guy yeoman and this takes 5-6 hours.

**Day 9: Guy Yeoman Hut back - Nyabitaba Hut, 2.652 m.**

In this day you complete the central circuit by going back to Nyabitaba Hut. The trial is attractive along the valley of the Mubuku and Kichuchu rivers, rich in plants and flowers of the heather zone before reaching the bamboo forest. Time to reach Nyabitaba is about 4- 5 hours. Eventually, you decide to descend directly to Nyakalengija, adding 2-3 more hours or stay at Nyabitaba hut for an overnight. Here it may depend on the decision of the client to either make it a one way journey from Guy Yeoman Hut direct to Nyakalengija or to have an overnight at Nyabitaba.  However most clients prefer to make it one way journey from Guy Yeoman Hut direct to Nyakalengija/Park Head Quarter. Picked by your driver to Kasese town for an overnight.

**Day: 10 Queen Elizabeth Park**

The day begins early with a cup of coffee set for an early morning game drive along Kasenyi and Queens Mile makes visitors encounter excellent opportunities to see Lions, Leopards, Giant Forest Hogs, Cape Buffaloes, Elephants, Defassa Waterbucks, Uganda Kobs, Topi and Bush bucks and many more. Return to the lodge for breakfast and lunch, after lunch enjoy the boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George with abundant bird life will be sighted, elephants, buffaloes and hundreds of hippos that are cooling off at the shores and this launch cruise will be one of the highlights of your Uganda wildlife safari to Queen Elizabeth. Dinner and overnight at Enganzi Safari Lodge or Kasenyi Safari Lodge

**Day 11: Queen Elizabeth NP – Lake Mburo**

With previous day’s memories, enjoy your breakfast ready for guided Chimpanzee/primate walk along Kyambura Gorge to look for habituated chimps through the gorge. After primate walk, proceed to Lake Mburo National park. Make a stopover at Igongo Cultural village to explore and learn the Bahima and Ankole culture time permitting. This park is an extension of the Tanzanian Plains. Lake Mburo National park is renowned for zebras, impalas, buffaloes, hippos, topi and elands including the rare shoebill, crested crane, pelicans, fish eagle, heron and many water birds. Meals and over night at: Lake Mburo Safari Lodge or Acadia Cottages Eagles Nest Lake Mburo

**Day 12: Lake Mburo-Bwindi gorilla tracking**

Today is for a drive in to South western. After your early morning breakfast in to Bwindi via Queen Elizabeth National Park and here you may spot many wildlife including Elephants, Buffaloes, among others. An opportunity to enter the southern section of Ishasha for the tree climbing lions. Continue to your lodge for overnight stay and dinner Meal plan

**Day 13: Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Forest**

Begin the day with breakfast ready for trekking, which begins at 8:00 a.m. with a briefing from the UWA staff on how to behave with these endangered mountain Gorillas. Ensure to carry along with you rain jacket, drinking water, snacks, jungle boots etc The guides will lead you inside the beautiful ecosystem to see the shy Primates for a group you have been booked for. Do not forget to take your lunch boxes and all the necessary gear to track the rare Mountain Gorilla, perhaps one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The tracking may take between 2 and 6 hours but it’s well worth the effort. After lunch, drive to Lake Bunyonyi for an evening boat drive and have an overnight at Bunyonyi over land resorts or other place booked for you

**Day 14: Lake Bunyonyi-Mgahinga Gorilla tracking**

After breakfast at the hotel, you will drive to the [Mgahinga National Park](http://www.rwenzorimountaineeringservice.com/tourists-attractions/mgahinga-gorilla-national-park.html) headquarters where you will be briefed by the park guide about the dos and don’ts while in the park. You will then set out into the forest to look for these gentle giants. The activity will take about 4 hours and you will be given an hour to watch how the gorillas go about with their daily life and take photos. You will then return to the hotel, refresh and have lunch. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 15. Muhavura Hike or Mt Sabinyo hike in Mgahinga Gorrilla National Park**

After the briefing, you will be driven to the trailhead at the base of the Volcano. This hike is a full day activity which takes between 7-9 hours depending on the hikers speed. You will be accompanied by armed park ranger guides (this is so to protect hikers from wild animals like Elephants and buffaloes, which are scared by shooting in the air) and tour guides. The hike is divided into two stops (each with a hut) before reaching the summit. The first stop is at 3116 meters and the second one being at 3855 meters. You will then proceed with the hike up to the peak which is at 4,127 meters (13,450), the top of this mountain has a crater lake. You will be among the victorious ones to reach up to the peak because some climbers/hikers stop at the first hut while others at the second. You will then descend back to the base. Dinner and overnight as above.

**Day 16. Transfer back to Kampala**

After breakfast at the hotel, you will check out and then transfer back to Kampala with a stopover for lunch in Mbarara. The guide will drop you at your hotel in Kampala/Entebbe or at the airport for your late flight back home.

16 Days magic of nature Uganda safari

**Detailed itinerary:**

**Day 1: Arrival day at Entebbe airport**

Arrive at Entebbe international airport during the day/evening and be met by your safari guide to start your Uganda from north to south safari. You will be taken to the hotel to rest after the flight and be ready for the adventures starting tomorrow.  
Overnight in Mama land Guesthome

**Day 2: Start the drive towards Kidepo Valley National Park**

After an early breakfast you start your 16-days Uganda Safari and set off on the journey that will take you to Kidepo Valley National Park. The drive takes you past Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary where a stop is made for a walk following the Rhinos. At Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary they are working to reintroduce rhinos in Uganda. Later driving north, lunch in Gulu/ enroute, Uganda’s second biggest town. After this continue to the town Kitgum to spend the night.  
**Overnight in KitgumBoma hotel**

**Day 3: Transfer meeting with Karamojong people and evening Game-drive in Kidepo Valley National Park**

After breakfast set off for Kidepo valley National Park. In a landscape of vast plains and semi-arid savannah framed by jagged mountains and wooded hills, Kidepo is one of the wildest and most spectacular reserves in Africa. On arrival before entering the park have a cultural experience that will bring you into contact with Karamojong peoples at Karenna and Kapedo. Meet the local elders and have an opportunity to interact with them. They will show you the kraals, the grinding stones and many more interesting items.  
**Overnight at Apoka hostel bandas**

**Day 4: A day to explore Kidepo Valley NP, morning & evening game-drives**

The morning-game drive takes us towards Natabba gate area for the cheetahs and other lower grassland mammals. The landscape throughout Kidepo Valley national park is studded with small hills, rocky outcrops and inselbergs from which one can obtain stunning views in all directions enjoy panoramic views of the Narus River Valley and photographic opportunities of wildlife from all corners. An evening game drive along the Narus River Valley for game Viewing and photography of Elephants, herds of Buffaloes, Jackals, Jackson’s Hartebeest, Klipspringer and possibly Lions.  
**Overnight at Apoka hostel bandas**

**Day 5: Morning game-drive and afternoon**

After an early breakfast, go for a morning game drive to Kanangorok hot spring area crossing the sand river. A variety of animals can be seen roaming around including Ostrich connecting back for lunch. And an evening focusing on the buffalo track and the water holes around Narus Valley.  
**Overnight at Apoka hostel bandas**

**Day 6: Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park. The Giraffe Paradise!**

After breakfast we leave Kidepo Valley national park, maybe catching some last sights of its animals as we drive out. Continue on our 16-days Uganda Safari through remote parts of Uganda through the city of Gulu and on to the lodge by Murchison Falls national park. We arrive in the afternoon and relax at the lodge.  
**Overnight Twiga Tales Lodge**

**Day 7: Game-drive & boat-cruise in Murchison Falls National Park**

In the morning we set off for a game-drive in Murchison Falls national park. On the broad savannah you search for Big cats, Elephants, Giraffes, Buffalos, plus more as the checklist of mammals reaches 76. We continue browsing the circuits to the delta point for a cocktail of birds and mammals. In the afternoon you go for the 2pm boat ride on the Nile to the base of Murchison Falls where you get to see the Hippos (You have never seen more hippos yawning, Grooming in there Pods anywhere else than here- Believe me you), Nile Crocodiles, Elephants and a variety of beautiful bird species along the banks. If you are a keen birder this might be your magnet to catch them. After the boat-cruise we head back to the lodge.  
**Overnight in Twiga Tales Lodge**

**Day 8: Game-drive, visit to the top of the falls and transfer to Hoima**

In the early morning we head into the park for another chance to explore Murchison Falls NP with its giraffes, elephants and lions. After the morning game-drive we drive for a visit to the top of the magnificent Murchison Falls. Here an explosive dash of water at close range gushes through a narrow crevice before the Nile continues its journey towards the Mediterranean. We then continue on to the town Masindi for lunch at Uganda’s oldest hotel; Masindi hotel that is known for having hosted Hemingway and Humprey Bogart. After the lunch we drive the last bit up to the town of Masindi where we spend the night and have time for a bit of relaxation by the pool before dinner.  
Overnight Kontik hotel

**Day 9: Transfer to the crater lakes area by Fort Portal**

After breakfast transfer towards the crater lakes area by Fort Portal. It’s a long drive with our target to have lunch in Fort portal as the distance was cut yesterday the pressure and fatigue is lessened. A punctuation of stopovers at sceneries like the Rift valley escarpment on Lake Albert – typical African village setup in the far countryside and tea plantations along the drive offer us chances of stretching. We check in late afternoon to an area with an amazing display of primates and lovely scenery.  
Overnight Isunga lodge

**Day 10: Explore the crater lakes area & transfer to Queen Elizabeth NP**

Crater exploration with a walk to crater Lake, if you are lucky you might see different species of Monkeys, such as red colobus, red tailed monkey and bush babies. More in the forest canopy colored aviation creatures-butterflies various bird species like the native Great blue Turaco, joyful greenbul, olive long tailed cuckoo, the superb black bee eater. Then transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park, having lunch along the way. In the late afternoon we reach the lodge at the edge of Queen Elizabeth NP.  
Overnight in Pumba safari cottages

**Day 11: Chimps trekking in Kalinzu forest and boat cruise in Queen Elizabeth National Park**

In the morning we make the drive over to Kalinzu forest for a chimps trekking adventure. Here you go in a group with a specialized guide into the jungle to search for our close cousins the chimpanzees and enjoy the nature. After lunch it is time for the Classic highlight of the 2hrs boat-cruise on the famous Kazinga channel, a 36kms channel linking Lake George to Lake Edward. On the banks you can see land and water Adapted Hippopotamuses Yawning and some slashing canines to each other, the National Geographical society Killing machine the Nile Crocodile gaping along the Banks and Savannah versions of Pigs the Warthog- Pumba of the award winning Lion King are a hallmark sign in this Animal home!  
Overnight Pumba safari cottages

**Day 12: Transfer to Bwindi forest via Ishasha’s tree-climbing lions**

We will drive off in the adventurous vast savannah of the Ishasa area of Queen Elizabeth NP with Topis, the southern version of Elephants and hopefully with the lions high in the Fig tree branches. This is one of two areas in Africa where lions have the habit of regularly climbing trees to take a rest. Transfer on to Bwindi mountain gorillas through a beautiful drive taking you from the savanna via cultivated hills to the jungle covered mountains of Bwindi where you will have the great highlight of this 16-days Uganda Safari the next day. (If we reach early we can do the walk and mix with the locals or relax with the Orphans group performers)  
Overnight in Gorilla mist camp

**Day 13: Gorilla trekking day- Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park is the home to the forest giants that are cousins to human beings, the mountain gorillas. You will be taken in a group by a specialized guide into the jungle for your gorilla trekking adventure. Trek through the beautiful nature and spend one hour with the gorillas, an unforgettable experience. This Impenetrable Forest is also full of birds, butterflies and plant species plus forest hog, forest elephants, statungas and dikers. After the trek your guide picks you and you transfer to Lake Bunyonyi through cultivated hills. After this afternoon drive we check in to a lake 1840m above sea level for some rest. It is deservedly nice after trotting from Kampala since day 1 and some early starts – without any rest!  
**Overnight at Bunyonyi Eco Resort** (Lake Bunyonyi this night will depend on which group or time registered back after trekking.)

**Day 14: Relaxation day by Lake Bunyonyi**

Have a free day to relax by beautiful Lake Bunyonyi. There is a short list of activities: canoeing, swimming (safe in this lake), hiking along the lake-shores, return to the hotel and relax / canoe ride along Lake Bunyonyi with small resident and exotic bird species singing.  
Overnight Bunyonyi Eco Resort

**Day 15: Transfer to Lake Mburo National Park**

After breakfast transfer to Lake Mburo, the ‘Zebra magnet’. Leave Lake Bunyonyi and continue driving through the hilly areas. Arrive in the park and have lunch at the lodge before heading for an afternoon game drive for view of Zebras, Giraffes, Topis, Warthogs, cape buffaloes and impalas.  
Overnight in Rwakobo Rock

**Day 16: Safari walk by Lake Mburo National Park and transfer to Entebbe airport**

Early morning safari walk from the lodge. Get early up for chance to see zebras, waterbucks, birds and buffaloes in there day break jungle life! After the walk it is time for breakfast at the lodge before you start the drive to Entebbe. Have lunch at the Equator and take the chance for some photo poses where the southern- and northern hemispheres meet. We have reached the end of the 16-days Uganda Safari from north to south and drive back through to Entebbe for flight in the evening/night (if flight next day possible to add an extra night).

**18 Days 17 Nights Uganda Gorilla safari**

This 18 days Uganda Gorilla safari takes you to some of the most visited national parks in Uganda. Explore the attractions that make Uganda a unique tourist destination to add to your bucket list.

Travel to [Bwindi Impenetrable](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/3-days-gorilla-tracking-bwindi/) which is home to half of the world’s remaining mountain gorillas, trek through the bamboo forest of Mgahinga in search of the golden monkeys.

**Detailed safari itinerary**

**Day 1: Arrival and transfer to Hotel**

Upon your arrival at Entebbe Airport, you will meet with our safari guide from Jazz Africa adventures who will then transfer you to your lodge for dinner and overnight at the selected hotel

**Day 2: Transfer to Ziwa Rhino sanctuary**

This morning our driver will brief you about the 18 Days Uganda safari; then drive to  [Ziwa rhino sanctuary](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/ziwa-rhino-sanctuary-uganda/) in Nakasongola for rhino tracking. After tracking the rhinos, have lunch then take a swamp walk. Expect to see a variety of bird species during the guided nature walk. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at the selected hotel

**Day 3: Travel to Murchison falls**

After breakfast check out of the lodge and travel to [Murchison falls](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/mighty-murchison-falls/). Then hike to the top of the breathtaking Murchison falls to see how the River Nile force itself through a narrow gorge forming a rainbow. Then go for an evening game drive as you head towards your lodge for dinner and overnight at a lodge of your choice

**Day 4: Game and Boat cruise**

Morning breakfast followed by a morning game drive in search of giraffes, Hyenas, Uganda Kobs, Lions, Oribis, elephants, and hartebeest. After that, return to the lodge for hot lunch. Then in the afternoon, you will enjoy 2 hours thrilling boat cruise upstream to the bottom of the Murchison Falls. The cruise offers a closer view of the mighty waterfall on the River Nile. Expect to see hippos and Nile crocodiles in the water as well as elephants, warthogs, and buffaloes along the shores. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight

**Day 5: Transfer to Hoima**

After breakfast drive to Hoima- the City of oil. Visit some of the historical sites in the Bunyoro kingdom like Karuziika royal palace Katasiha fort, Mparo tombs and also Duhanga cathedral. Then check in your lodge for dinner and overnight at Hoima cultural lodge

**Day 6: Transfer to Kibale national park**

Have breakfast then check out of your lodge and drive through the lush rolling hills of the Albert escarpment to Fort portal town. Then have a short tour in Fort portal town with breathtaking views of the snow-capped Mountains of the moon. After that proceed to Kibale forest driving through the tea plantations. Then check into your lodge for dinner and overnight

**Day 7: Chimpanzee tracking, and swamp walk**

Have breakfast, then head to the park headquarters for a briefing about chimpanzee tracking.  After that join the Rangers as you search for the chimpanzees; and on finding them, you will spend an hour observing and taking photographs. Then return to the lodge and relax.

In the evening you will also enjoy a swamp walk in Bigodi, a place to see different types of monkeys, wetland mammals such as sitatungas, baboons, and even bushbucks. Besides, Bigodi swamp has over 200 species of birds including the great blue turaco, papyrus gonoleks, and flycatchers. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at a Lodge of your choice

**Day 8: Transfer to Semuliki**

Breakfast then head out to the famous Sempaya hot spring for a fantastic adventure. The hot springs here can boil up to high degrees; therefore with the help of your guide, you will boil eggs and bananas in hot water. Check into your lodge, have early dinner and then go for a night game drive in search of the nocturnal animals. After that return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at a lodge of your choice

**Day 9: Transfer to Queen**

Drive to [Queen Elizabeth](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/attractions/uganda-national-parks-2/queen-elizabeth-national-park-uganda/) after breakfast look out for [elephants](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/african-elephant-facts/), [kobs](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/national-antelope-ugandan-kob/) and also [warthogs](http://www.twendeexpeditions.com/common-uganda-warthogs/) as you enter the park. Have lunch at the lodge then later go for an evening game drive. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at a lodge of your choice

**Day 10: Game and Boat cruise**

After an early breakfast you will then go for a morning game drive; expect to see a variety of animals as they arise. Later return to the lodge relax, have lunch. After that in the evening, you will have a pleasant boat cruise on Kazinga channel. While at Kazinga channel you will see hippos, buffaloes, elephants and also a variety of bird species. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at a lodge of your choice:

**Day 11: Transfer to Bwindi**

In the morning of the 11th day of the 18 Days Uganda Gorilla safari; have breakfast then drive to Bwindi forest via Ishasha famous for its tree climbing lions; so as you exit the park to Bwindi forest lookout for these lions in the acacia trees. Then drive to Bwindi arrive in the evening check into your lodge for dinner and overnight at the hotel of your choice

**Day 12: Gorilla trekking**

After an early breakfast, you will head to the briefing point for the do’s and don’ts while with mountain gorillas. Then rally behind your ranger for this exciting adventure with the mountain gorillas-gentle giants. Once you have found them, spend an hour observing and taking pictures. After that, relax at your lodge for the whole evening. Then have Dinner and overnight at a lodge of your choice

**Day 13: Transfer to Mgahinga Gorilla national park**

After an early breakfast, you will then transfer to Mgahinga gorilla national park for the beautiful Batwa pygmies trail. They will showcase how they lived in their lives while still in the forest before the government evicted them. Batwa pygmies were hunters and gatherers who depended on the wood for shelter, medicine, and food. Also, visit the Sacred Garama cave which was the spiritual and cultural site. Then check into your lodge for dinner at a lodge of your choice:

**Day 14: Golden monkey tracking**

Have breakfast, then drive to Mgahinga park headquarters for a briefing about golden monkeys. Then rally behind a ranger for this fantastic adventure in the bamboo forest. After that, hike the volcano in search of the golden monkeys. Also enjoy magnificent views of the three volcanoes; Gahinga, Sabyinyo, and Muhavura. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at a lodge of your choice

**Day 15: Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi**

Have breakfast then transfer to Lake Bunyonyi where you will then take a canoe ride to some of the islands. Lake Bunyonyi is the second deepest Lake in Africa. You will also spend some time interacting with the locals on the island. Later return to the lodge, relax as you watch the array of beautiful birds and the sunset along the shores. Then have dinner and overnight stay atBunyonyi overland resort

**Day 16: Transfer to Lake Mburo**

Breakfast and then check out of your lodge and transfer to Lake Mburo national park. Take a boat ride on Lake Mburo to see hippos, crocodiles and a variety of bird species; along the papyrus swamp. Then enjoy an evening game drive expect to see zebras, giraffes, buffaloes, and Topis. Later check in to your lodge for dinner and overnight at Eagle’s nest

**Day 17: Safari on foot- Kampala City tour.**

In the morning you will either have breakfast; then join a ranger for a safari on foot, or you will enjoy 4 hours horseback riding with a bush breakfast. Then check out your lodge and drive back to Kampala. So stop at the equator for photographs and the water experiment at Kayabwe. Then proceed to Kampala, visit Kabaka’s palace, Rubaga Cathedral, Namirembe cathedral and Nakasero market. Then drive to your hotel for your overnight stay at

**Day 18: Departure.**

The final day of your 18 Days Uganda Gorilla safari. The driver will pick you from your lodge and drive you to the craft market for a shopping spree. Afterward, make to the airport in time to catch your flight back home.

**14 Days 13 Nights wildlife Experience Uganda Safari**

This 14 Days Experience Uganda Safari takes you to Kibale National Park for chimpanzee tracking experience, the Sempaya hot springs in Semuliki National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park for the tree climbing lions, trek mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable forest and visit the indigenous forest people-Batwa pygmies; golden monkeys in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park. Then relax at the beautiful Lake Bunyonyi, also enjoy a nature walk in Lake Mburo and Kampala city tour.

**A detailed itinerary**

**Day 1: Arrival at Entebbe.**

You will be welcomed by our driver from Jazz Africa Adventures Africa adventures upon your arrival at the airport. And later drive you to your hotel for an overnight at the selected hotel

**Day 2: Transfer to Kibale National Park – Bigodi swamp**

After breakfast, our guide will pick you from the hotel, brief you about the 14 Days Experience Uganda Safari then drive to Kibale National Park; which is one of Uganda’s most beautiful tropical rainforest and home to a variety of primate species like chimpanzees. Check in your lodge, have lunch then proceed to Bigodi swamp for a, walk expecting to see some primates such as black and white colobus, red-tailed monkeys and blue monkeys. The swamp is also a birder’s haven. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at Kibale Forest Camp

**Day 3: Visit the Crater lakes**

After breakfast accompanied by a local guide, you will also visit some crater lakes in the area. After that hike to the top of the world for a beautiful view of the crater lakes, tea plantations and homesteads. In the evening you will also visit the Nyakasura caves. Then return to your lodge for Dinner and Overnight at Kibale Forest Camp

**Day 4: Chimpanzee tracking -Semuliki National park**

After early morning breakfast, you will head to the park headquarter for a briefing about the dos and don’ts while with the chimpanzees. With an armed ranger you will start your adventure in the forest; once you have found the chimpanzees, you will spend an hour observing and taking photos. Check out of your lodge and drive to Semuliki national park; check in your accommodation for early dinner and then go for a night game drive to spot nocturnal animals like; otters, white-tailed mongoose, hyenas, and leopards. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at Ntoroko game lodge

**Day 5: Semuliki to Queen**

Breakfast then head out to the famous Sempaya hot spring for a fantastic adventure. The hot springs here can boil up to high degrees; therefore with the help of your guide, you will boil eggs and bananas in hot water from the spring. After this adventure, you will then transfer to Queen Elizabeth. Have an evening game drive and then check into your lodge for dinner and overnight at Simba Safari Camp

**Day 6: Game and Boat Cruise**

After an early breakfast, you will then go for a morning game drive expect to see a variety of animals as they arise. Later return to the lodge relax, have lunch. After that in the evening, you will have a pleasant boat cruise on the Kazinga channel. While at Kazinga channel you will see hippos, buffaloes, elephants and also a variety of bird species. Then return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at Simba safari camp

**Day 7: Transfer to Bwindi forest**

In the morning you will then depart Queen Elizabeth via Ishasha famous for its tree-climbing lions; so as you exit the park to Bwindi forest lookout for these lions in the acacia trees. Then drive to Bwindi arrive in the evening check into your lodge for dinner and overnight at Buhoma community rest camp

**Day 8: Gorilla trekking**

After an early breakfast, you will head to the briefing point for the do’s and don’ts while with mountain gorillas. Then rally behind your ranger for this exciting adventure with the mountain gentle giants. Once you have found them, spend an hour observing and taking pictures. After that relax at your lodge the whole evening. Then have Dinner and overnight at Buhoma community rest camp

**Day 9: Transfer to Mgahinga- Batwa Trail**

After an early breakfast, you will then transfer to Mgahinga gorilla national park for the beautiful Batwa pygmies trail. They will showcase how they lived in their lives while still in the forest before the government evicted them. Batwa were hunters and gatherers who depended on the wood for shelter, medicine, and food. Also, visit the Sacred Garama cave which was the spiritual and cultural site. Then check into your lodge for dinner at Travellers rest Kisoro

**Day 10: Golden monkey Tracking-Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi**

After breakfast, drive to Mgahinga headquarter for a briefing about the tracking rules. Then rally behind a ranger for this fantastic adventure in the bamboo forest. After that hike the volcano in search of the golden monkeys. Enjoy a magnificent view of the three volcanoes; Gahinga, Sabyinyo, and Muhavura. Then transfer to Lake Bunyonyi, relax by the lodge in the evening while watching the beautiful sunset. Then have dinner and overnight at Bunyonyi Bird nest

**Day 11: Lake Bunyonyi**

Today after breakfast you will then take a canoe ride to some of the islands on Lake Bunyonyi. Lake Bunyonyi is the second deepest lake in Africa. Then after lunch, you will relax by Lakeside as you watch the array of beautiful birds along the shores. Then return to the lodge dinner and overnight at Bunyoni Bird nest

**Day 12: Lake Bunyonyi- Transfer to Lake Mburo**

Breakfast and then check out of your lodge and transfer to Lake Mburo. Take a boat ride on Lake Mburo to see hippos, crocodiles and a variety of bird species; along the papyrus swamp. Then enjoy an evening game drive expect to see zebras, giraffes, buffaloes, and Topis. Later check in to your lodge for dinner and overnight at Eagle’s nest

**Day 13: Safari on foot or Horseback safari- transfer to Kampala**

In the morning you will either have breakfast; then join a ranger for a safari on foot, or you will enjoy 4 hours horseback riding with a bush breakfast. Then check out your lodge and drive back to Kampala. So stop at the equator for photographs and the water experiment at Kayabwe. Then proceed to Kampala and transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay at Holiday Express hotel

**Day 14: Kampala city tour -Departure.**

So after breakfast drive to Kampala city center. Then visit the fresh fruit market in Nakasero and Owino market. Go on a shopping spree at the African craft market on Buganda road. Visit some of the religious places like Gaddafi Mosque, Rubaga, and Namirembe cathedral as well as the Buganda Kingdom Palace. Then transfer to the airport in time to catch your flight back home.

**SHORT VISA TRIPS TO UGANDA**

8 DAYS UGANDA WILDLIFE TOUR AND ENJOY THE SCENERY, PRIMATES AND BIRDS

**Detailed Itinerary:**

**Day 1: Kampala – Murchison Falls**

Today drive north-west through the famous Luwero Triangle and, travel to Masindi via Ziwa Rhino Project. A visit to the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for Rhino trekking tour. After lunch, drive in to Murchison Falls. Meals and over night at Murchison River Lodge orSambiRed Chili Rest Camp

**Day 2: Murchison Falls**

Begin the day with a cup of African Coffee. After your cup of coffee, cross the Nile by ferry to the northern bank of the park. Your guide will help you spot Elephant, Lion, Cape buffalo, Rothschild’s giraffe, hartebeest, Waterbuck, Oribi, Bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, hyena and if you are lucky, the leopard. Return to the hotel for breakfast and lunch. After lunch, go for a boat safari upstream the calm Victoria Nile to the base of the falls stopping just tens of meters from the “Devil’s Cauldron”. En-route, marvel at the toothsome hippos, crocodiles and over this 17km stretch you may see elephants, waterbucks, Uganda Kobs and crocodiles.  
This is also a zone of many bird species like Goliath heron, Egyptian goose, pelican bee-eater, kingfisher, hornbill, cormorant and the rare shoebill stork. There you leave the boat and start your – quite heavy – hike to the Top of the Falls (approx. 1 hour). See where the world’s longest river explodes violently through a narrow cleft in the Rift Valley escarpment to plunge into a frothing pool 43m below. Your driver/guide will be waiting for you to bring you back to the lodge. Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at Murchison River Lodge Lodge  
Heritage Safari Lodge or Red Chili Rest Camp

**Day 3: Murchison Falls – Kibale**

All day drive south via Hoima to Fort Portal through verdant countryside and past traditional homesteads and farms along Albertine Rift escarpments. Fort-Portal rests in the shadow of the fabled Mountains of the Moon Meals and overnight at: Mountains of the Moon| or Chimpanzee Guest House or Kibale Forest Camp

**Day 4: Kibale Chimpanzee Trekking &Bigodi Walk**

After early breakfast, report at Kanyanchu Tourist Centre where tourist activities begin and set out to track chimpanzee in the forest. Chances of viewing the chimps are over 90% but not a guarantee. Kibale National Park is one of the beautiful and stunning forests in the Uganda. It is home to our closest living relatives the endangered Chimpanzee, the threatened Red colobus monkey and the rare L’Hoest’s monkey. The forest also boasts of having one of the highest diversity and density of primates in Africa totaling 13 species including the Black and white colobus, Blue monkey, Grey-cheeked mangabey, Red tailed monkey and Bush babies and Pottos.  
After lunch visit Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary from where you will take on a guided walk around the Swamp which will provide you with the opportunity to see a wide range of flora and fauna. View a variety of butterflies, birds and other insects. Have a tour of the crater region around Ndali lodge. You may also stop over at any tea plantation along the road if you wish. Return to your accommodation for dinner and overnight.  
Have an evening tour of the crater region, visit “top of the world”, the natural bridge. On a clear day you will be able to have a view of the snow cap on the Rwenzori. Meals and overnight at Mountains of the Moon| Fort Motel / Chimpanzee Guest House or Kibale Forest Camp

**Day 5: Kibale -Queen Elizabeth NP**

After breakfast, drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park viewing the mystical Rwenzori Mountain range for much of the journey. Check in at your accommodation facility as you wait for your lunch. After lunch, take on an afternoon Launch cruise along Kazinga Channel – one that joins Lakes Edward and George. The cruise is a wonderful way to see hippo, buffalo, kob and the occasional Nile crocodile (which up until recently did not inhabit this area) and a spectacular bird watching on the water bank. Many who experience the launch cruise consider it the high light of their entire African safari. Meals and over night at Wild Track Safari Lodge| Bush Lodge |Simba Safari Lodge

**Day 6: Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Rise very early with your packed lunch take on a morning game drive to catch-up with the early risers and predators returning to their hideouts. You will most likely meet grazing Hippos, Elephants, and Lions, spotted Hyenas, bush buck, water buck, stripped jackal, comical warthogs and the elusive leopard. Proceed to Maramagambo forest. Many surprises await you here for example pythons are often observed in the crevices of the bat cave floor using the bats as a source of food. The cave is near a picturesque formerly Blue lake and Hunters cave. You may also see forest birds such as bat hawks, brown eared woodpecker and other primates. Meals and over night at: – Wild Track Safari Lodge | Simba Safari Lodge

**Day 7: Queen Elizabeth NP – Lake Mburo**

With previous day’s memories, enjoy your breakfast ready for guided Chimpanzee/primate walk along Kyambura Gorge to look for habituated chimps through the gorge. After primate walk, proceed to Lake Mburo National park. Make a stopover at Igongo Cultural village to explore and learn the Bahima and Ankole culture time permitting. This park is an extension of the Tanzanian Plains. Lake Mburo National park is renowned for zebras, impalas, buffaloes, hippos, topi and elands including the rare shoebill, crested crane, pelicans, fish eagle, heron and many water birds. Meals and over night at: Lake Mburo Safari Lodge | Eagles Nest Lake Mburo

**Day 8: Mburo – Entebbe Out**

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**8 DAYS WILDLIFE FLIGHT TO UGANDA**

**Detailed Itinerary**

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Chimpanzee Habituation Experience  
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Your day will be full, your camera will fill up with quality pictures of the chimpanzees and you will get to learn to identify them as individuals by their markings, sometimes scars and other unique features that make them stand apart from rest. Besides everything described there are the most colorful butterflies, plants and trees that will amaze you –the setting is simply awesome. Meals and over night at: Mountains of the Moon Fort ,Chimpanzee Guest House or Kibale Forest Camp

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**Day 4: Game viewing drive and afternoon boat cruise in Queen Elizabeth National park**

In the morning, an early breakfast is served, thereafter drive to Queen Elizabeth National park to acquire the park access card.  You now  choose to either go for Tree climbing lions through Ishasha sector  or a game drive towards the Kasenyi plains where you  will view varied animal species like huge herds of the Ugandan kob, elephants, leopard, lion, buffalos, warthogs and antelope etc. carmine bee eaters and black bee eaters, Lesser Swamp-Warbler, Striated Heron etc. Later after lunch, you will embark on a boat cruise on Kazinga channel. This is very rewarding with the aquatic animals like crocodiles, hippos and many bird species like black bee eater, pelicans and cormorants along the water shores of the channel. After which, you drive back to the hotel for dinner and then overnight.

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**Day 3: Kibale – Bwindi for Gorilla trekking**

Today is for a drive in to South western After your early morning breakfast After your early morning breakfast in to Bwindi via Queen Elizabeth National Park and here you may spot many wildlife including Elephants, Buffaloes, among others and also have a chance to stand at the equator. An opportunity to enter the southern section of Ishasha for the tree climbing lions. Continue to your lodge for overnight stay and dinner at-Gorilla Forest Camp Silverback Lodge or Buhoma Haven Lodge|

**Day 4: Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Forest**

Begin the day with breakfast ready for trekking, which begins at 8:00 a.m with a briefing from the UWA staff on how to behave with these endangered mountain Gorillas. Ensure to carry along with you rain jacket, drinking water, snacks, jungle boots etc The guides will lead you inside the beautiful ecosystem to see the shy Primates for a group you have been booked for. Do not forget to take your lunch boxes and all the necessary gear to track the rare Mountain Gorilla, perhaps one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The tracking may take between 2 and 6 hours but its well worth the effort. After your lunch, you head to lake Bunyonyi for an evening boat drive. Overnight stay and dinner at your Lodge booked for you

**Day 5: Lake Bunyonyi – Kampala/Entebbe Out**

Start off your day with breakfast ready for a long drive back to Kampala. You may choose to drive back through Kasese Fort Portal road for an opportunity to feel the other country side of Uganda, a stopover at your choice of local hotel for your lunch enroute before returning to Kampala or Entebbe Airportto catch up your flight back home.

**3 DAYS TRIP TO RWENZORI**

**Day 1: NYAKALENGIJA (1615m asl.) – NYABITABA CAMP (2651m asl.)**

The central circuit starts at the Rwenzori Mountaineering Services offices at Nyakalengija. You need to arrive in the morning to allow ample time to rent equipment and meet your guides and porters. The trail begins by passing through farmland to the park boundary beyond which it follows a thick forest along the Mubuku River, crossing its Mahoma River tributary before starting a long, steep climb up onto a massive ridge to reach Nyabitaba hut. During this part of the trip you may hear chimpanzee and see black and white colobus, blue monkey and the brilliantly coloured Rwenzori turraco.

**The hike takes an average of 6 -7 hours.**

**Day 2: NYABITABA – JOHN MATTE CAMP (3505m asl.)**

From Nyabitaba follow the trail that drops down through the forest to the Kurt Shafer Bridge, just below the confluence of the Mubuku and Bujuku rivers. Passing through the bamboo forest, traverse through a long and exhausting stretch of slippery moss-covered rock. From the Nyamuleju rock shelter, Mount Stanley and Mount Speke can be seen before passing into the zone of the giant heather, lobelia and groundsel. Finally reach John Matte Hut after passing through the tiring bog, for dinner and overnight at the hut.

**The hike takes an average of 7 - 8 hours.**

**Day 3: JOHN MATTE – NYABITABA - NYAKALENGIJA CAMP**

From John Matte climb downs from the same trail to Nyabitaba Camp for your lunch. This will take about 5 – 6 hours.

After your lunch, descend back to Nyakalengija for either an overnight at base camp hotels or proceed to your next destination.

**The descend from Nyabitaba to Nyakalengija will take 3 – 4 hours**

**5 DAYS MOUNT SPEKE RWENZORI HIKE**

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**Day 3: JOHN MATTE - BUJUKU CAMP (3962m asl.)**

From John Matte Hut the trail drops down to cross the Bujuku River and enters Lower Bigo Bog, the home of giant lobelias. Jumping from tussock to tussock, the bog is finally crossed but rarely without the feet sampling some of the freezing ooze below. The upper Bigo bog gives way to Bujuku Lake, with views of Mt Baker to the South and Mt Stanley to the West. Bujuku Hut, well located in the shadow of Mount Baker and Mount Speke, is set in a narrow valley below Stuhlmann Pass. This camp is good for acclimatization for clients attempting the summits of peaks Mount Stanley and Mount Speke. Dinner and overnight at Bujuku hut.

**The hike takes an average of 4 – 5 hours.**

**Day 4: BUJUKU – MT. SPEKE (4890M asl.) – BUJUKU – JOHN MAATE**

Early in the morning start the hike through stullmans pass (4192m asl.) and spectacular views of Virunga National park of DR Congo to Victorio Emanuele peak.

**The ascend to the peak takes 4 – 5 hours.**

Prepare to descend back to Bujuku camp from Victorio Emanuele with views of Bujuku valley and Bujuku lake, Margherita and Albert peaks on Mount Stanley, and Mount Baker back to Bujuku and continue for an overnight at John Maate Camp.

**The descend takes an average of 3 – 4hours.**

**Day 5: JOHN MAATE – NYABITABA - NYAKALENGIJA (1615m asl.)**

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ONE DAY RWENZORI TRIP

If you arrived in the Rwenzori area and wish to have a short activity, other than the central circuit trekking, these are the options.

*Community Walks*. From this point, we book you a guide to take you in the surrounding areas of the Ruboni and Mihunga villages. The slopes of the Rwenzori Mountains, just before the border of the national Park, are fertile lands where live communities of Bakonjo people. It is interesting and rewarding to take a walk and see the traditional works still present in this area, like the blacksmith and production of iron spears and knives or the handicraft production, like craft weaver and basket making. Some Bakonjo elders will be enthusiastic to spend time with you and to tell stories and legends of the ancient time, which are brought up today by the word of mouth. Another interesting encounter is the traditional healers or traditional doctors, the ones who used and still use today the power given to them by the gods of the traditional religion.

Forest walk. The area just approaching the national park along the Mubuku Valley is much cultivated but at the same time is rich of pristine nature and vegetation. Some of the hills are covered by forest. Our professional guide will take you for a 3 or 4 hours short excursion through forested areas outside the national park. Expect to see and learn from the nature, the species of trees, the small animals like chameleons and lizards,  who are still so common here, as well as to see black and white colobus monkeys and other monkeys. Birding is also interesting, as you might spot the typical Rwenzori Turaco, common boubou, African wagtail.

**TWO DAYS RWENZORI TRIP**

## For two days trip along the Mobuku Valley, we suggest to do the trekking inside Rwenzori Mountain National Park, from the headquarter of the park found at an altitude of about 1700 meters up to Nyabitaba Hut at 2.652 meters. This trekking starts in the morning through the mountain forest. The last hour of the trekking is a bit more demanding as the trail starts ascending faster and passes through some rocks as well. Nyabitaba Hut is beautifully located, with in front the Mount Kinyangoma and on the North of the Portal Peaks. The hut is located at the limit of the bamboo zone. If you want to see more and enter the bamboo zone as well, take the short trail from Nyabitaba leading to Lake Mahoma and coming back to Nyabitaba. The first day you spend the night in Nyabitaba Hut and the following day after breakfast you start descending to the camp base.

## **3 DAYS Lake Mahoma Trail (Wilderness Camping)**

The trail has been open for exclussively wilderness camping. The hiking goes through the mountain forest, giving you the opportunity to see wildlife like the black and white colobus monkeys, blue monkeys, chameleon, Rwenzori Turaco. The shortest trekking is 3 days. An extension of one day can be arranged including John Matte Hut.

**Itinerary:**

***Day 1- From Ibanda to Omu’kaKizza Rest Camp (2.977 m)***

After breakfast at your Hotel / Campsite from Ibanda or Nyakalenjija, the trekking starts through the pristine rainforest of Kyambogho ridge with a view of the Mubuku Valley then climb the heavily forested ridge which is home to many primates, such as black and white colobus monkey, blue monkey and occasionally the L’hoest monkey, up the Omu’kaKizza Rest Camp at 2,977 metres. Here you will enjoy the magnificent views over the Rwenzori foothills and Kasese town 2,160 metres below. During this part of the trip you may hear chimpanzee and see black and white colobus, blue monkey and the brilliantly colored Rwenzorituraco. The camp is a camping site in the wilderness.

*Day 2 – From Omu’KaKizza Rest camp to Mahoma Lake .* Early morning after breakfast, you will hike to Mahoma Lake. The forest will give you way to along a narrow moss covered ridge up to 3,515 meters through an incredibly beautiful forest of giant heather covered in layers of bright green moss. You will follow the footprints of mountain Elephants through the bamboo and heather forest; you may get the chance to watch them having a drink at the hot spring. The ridge will lead you to the Rukenga valley where you will see the everlasting flowers (mimulopsiseliotti) and the giant lobelia. You then cross to Mahoma lake Camp for overnight. If the sky is clear that day, from the camp you may be able to see Mt.Baker, Mt.Stanley and the Portal Peaks.

*Day 3 – Mahoma Lake to Ibanda*

After breakfast you may go for walk around the lake and then descend back through Nyabitaba ranger post and the Mpanga ridge to adjoin the Mubuku valley, a home of three horned chameleon which will lead you back to Ibanda.

**5 DAYS Bukurungu Trail, explore magical lakes, rivers and waterfalls of Rwenzori mountains (Wilderness Camping).**

**Day 1: Rwigho Camp:**After breakfast, drive for 1hr as from Kasese town to Okorukumi and start your hike to reach RMNP / KasanziGate for registration at the Park Ranger outpost. Here after, take on the trail which bends west on the ridge overlooking the Kasuka and Isule valleys and onward to EKebitakuli for a hot lunch while taking a breath and thereafter, hike through the montane rain forest overlooking bamboo forested valleys. Encounter plant species like the Disastairssi, Scadoxuscyrtanthiflorus, Impetiensapiculata and spot or hear calls of black and white colubus monkeys, The RwenzoriTuraco and other birds. On trail you will spot chimpanzee nests and droppings or hear their calls. The trail will lead you through the heather zone and reach Rwigho Camp for an overnight rest immediately after crossing River Rwigho. It will take you only 6-7 hours.

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**Day 2:Rwigho Camp - Kambeho Camp:**After breakfast, the trail takes you through the heather trees (Ericathiasis) with lots of moss hanging over these trees. The is the heather zone with a lots of heather trees, scencio trees, alchemila, black berries, and many more plant species. While on trail you will be able to spot black black and white Colobus monkeys, Varvet monkeys, sun birds, the Rwenzorituraco a rare beautiful bird in the park. On this day you will see lots of giant lobelias, everlasting flowers and rock shelters. Overnight at Kambeho Camp. This hike will take you 5 – 6 hrs with a stopover for a hot lunch at Mitiyighaghire.

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**Day 3: Kambeho Camp - Mughuli Camp:**After breakfast, start with a climb along river Lhume, in the early morning hours of the day when still fresh and strong with urge to climb the only steep Mughuli bypass. As you think of slopping down to Lake Mughuli which is within MTN network coverage to give you a chance to call friends and family members about the beauty and experience encountered on the trail. There are several short peaks which one can easily climb depending upon what time you have arrived in the camp and how you feel. The vegetation along the Lake is so beautiful to catch up your eyes. Animals you might see along the trail are the Rwenzori red-duiker, rock and tree hyrax and wild pigs. Around the camp, you can have a self guided walk to explore the water falls. The approximate time taken from Kambeho to Mughuli Camp is about 6-7hrs hike with a stopover for a hot lunch at Mulhalhama resting view point.

**Day 4: Mughuli Camp - Lake Bukurungu Camp:**This camp is set in the heart of the two mountains of the Portal Peaks and Mount Gessi; it is a relaxing point to acclimatize for those interested in climbing the Portal Peaks and Mount Gessi. Five hours from Mughuli camp takes you through a very gentle crossing passing the vegetation of the alchemila, several giant lobelia species and the wonderful unknown leaf looking like a human palm. From Mughuli Camp to Bukurungu Camp will take you 6 – 7hrs with a stopover for a hot lunch at Kinyamiyeye. On this day if the weather is clear, your eyes and hands on the camera will have all the main peaks of Edward on Mount Baker, Margherita and Alexandra on Mount Stanley, Vittorio Emanuela on Mount Speke, Kihuma on the Portal Peaks and Mount Gessi at glance. 

**Options on day five at Bukurungu East Camp**  
Here is a central point for clients to choose the kind of extension for the trip depending on ability, interest and program. The several options are;

1. From this camp you can opt to climb the Portal Peaks on the fifth day and back to Bukurungu Camp for an overnight rest and on 6th day descend to Mahoma Lake for a night and descend through the Mahoma trail the next morning. You will use the same trail with the mountain Elephant which seem unusual. This will thus take you six nights and seven days. If one strong and probably wants to catch up with the program, he can come out on the sixth day through Nyabitaba- making five nights - six days.   
     
   2. You can also do Mount Gessi on your fifth day starting from West Bukurungu Lake and back to Bukurungu East Lake after the Gessi, and on the sixth day out through Nyabitaba.   
     
   3. Those interested in only climbing Margherita will take on from Bukurungu East Camp to Irene lakes camp through the Bujuku valley (this will take 6-7 hours). On the sixth day, climb the peak and back to Bigo, then day seven day out through Nyabitaba

**4 Days Cultural Tour & Nature Walk to Ruboni Tourism Village**

Looking for shorting hiking adventure to explore Ruboni Tourism Village & Culture of the people around? Check the 4 Days Rwenzori Cultural & Nature walk adventure with Jazz Africa Adventures to visit the various Trails during the nature walk with an experienced guide from the locals. Find the Detailed Travel plan.

Day 1: Transfer from Kampala to Rwenzori National Park.

The driving distance is about **6-7 Hours** from Kampala to Ruboni Village including lunch and Stop over at the Equator line to evidence the experiment of the Equator.

The Driver/ Guide will pick you from Entebbe airport or a hotel in kampala and start the journey to south western Uganda passing through the terrains and exploring the mountains along the road side. You will have lunch in fort portal and later proceed to Kasese where Mountain Rwenzori national Park is located. Stay at Ruboni community Banda which is outside the park boundary. Enjoy the cold breeze of Rwenzori spiced by the roar of the boulder filled River Mubuku

Day 2: Ruboni Hill Walk

After Early morning breakfast, go for the nature walk to hike Ruboni Hill and enjoy scenic views of the River Mubuku as well as Baker and Portal Peaks as you ascend. Reaching the top of the 2300 meter hill, you will be rewarded with a panoramic view of the Mountains of the Moon and the glorious snow-capped Margherita Peak. Return to your accommodation for dinner and relaxation in the evening hours , incase time allows relax with the local community to understand their way of life , living and many others.

Day 3: Cultural Hike or Village Walk

After an early morning breakfast set off on the Bulemba -Ihandiro Cultural Trail for impressive views and an exploration of the local Bakonzo culture. This 6-7 hours hike to a hilltop cultural museum passes through the “Bat Valley” – a holy place for the Bakonzo, and crosses the River Kamusonge. There is also a visit to the traditional healer who explains how he uses his “Muhima” or powers, to cure the sick.  Or you may decide to visit the neighboring villages of Ruboni (with Ruboni Community Camp) or Mihunga (with Rwenzori Turaco View) for a cultural tour including dance performances and the chance to buy local handcrafts.

Day 4: Return to Kampala

After morning break fast embark into the safari jeep and drive to kampala using Mbarara route to enable you stop at the equator line in Masaka on the return , Lunch will be enjoyed in Masaka or Mbarara town.

**CULTURAL TOUR**

Uganda that is found in the sub Saharan part of Africa that have all seen different cultures that have been experienced especially during the colonial rule to date and all these have been recorded and stored for the generations that did not experience it to see it through the eyes of history.

The cultural sites are some of the few tourist attraction sites that have seen quite a large number of people coming into these countries just to get a glimpse of the wonderful history that was made in the countries. In this article we are going to look at some of the cultural sites that are found in the different countries. We propose itineraries for these tours alongside other tour safaris while in Uganda

**Cultural Sites in Uganda**

Uganda as a country is filled with very many cultural sites that depict how far the country has come and where it is at the moment. We won’t be able to look at all the cultural sites in the country but we will discuss a few of them and when you visit Uganda, you will be able to see other cultural sites.

**The Royal Kasubi tombs**

The Royal Kasubi Tombs is located in Kasubi a few minutes away from the capital city of Uganda Kampala is where the Kings of Buganda are buried. It is a burial ground to four kings of Buganda and is a spiritual place to most of the Baganda people. There are several rituals that are carried out in the place by the different people and it is one of the most visited cultural sites in Uganda.

The first king to be laid at the Kasubi tombs was Mutesa 1 and he was the 35th Kabaka of Buganda. When a Kabaka died, he was laid down in a sanctum where his jawbone that was considered to be holding spiritual powers was kept at a different spot and these sanctums are still well kept and taken care of.

When you are entering the Kasubi tombs, you are required to remove your shoes as a sign of respect to the Kings. There will be a guide who will take you through the tombs showing you the different kings and how they lived their lives. You will also be able to see the different royal regalia that was used by the former kings and when you are moving out of the tombs, you have to do it backwards as you cannot show your back to the kings also known as Kabakas in the local language Luganda.

**Namugongo Martyrs shrine**

Namugongo shrine is located a few minutes away from the city Centre and it is where several Christian converts were killed because they had refused to denounce their religion. These men were killed by Mukajanga on the orders of Kabaka Mwanga and they were burnt alive. The shrine was separated into two sides that is the Catholic Church and the Anglican Church and when one visits the shrine, you get to know more about Uganda during that era. [See Cultural tours in Uganda](https://www.insightsafariholidays.com/uganda-cultural-tours)

**Amabere Ga Nyinamwiru**

Amabere Ga Nyinamwiru is located in fort portal and it is loosely translated as the Breast of Nyinamwiru. The story behind this is that the king of Toro Bakuku arranged a marriage with a certain chief for his daughter Nyinamwiru but she refuse. Upon her refusal, the king ordered for her breasts to be cut off so that no one else would marry her and that’s how the Amabere Ga Nyinamwiru were formed. Thousands of people travel long distances to come and see stalactites that look like breasts dripping breast milk.

African Village Tours Uganda

**Village Tours in Uganda**  
Most villages in Uganda still hold their traditional way of life and many still follow the way their ancestors lived; it is evidenced by the traditional rituals, music, dance and drama, traditional way of harvesting, food preparation and cooking, among other things. Some of these villages have been mentioned below to guide you on which to visit. The most amazing thing about it, is that all these villages are located in the famous tourist sites such as National Parks, Forests, and Lakes among others.

**Boomu Cultural Village**

Boomu Cultural village also known as Boomu Women’s Group is an African setting neighboring Murchison Falls National Park. It was formed in 1999 by subsistence farmers from villages of Kigaragara and Kihaguzi, in a time when the northern region of the country was dry, there was less produce to sell and consume hence poverty and malnutrition levels increased.  
So these people resorted to making crafts and what began as a small group, today is a beautiful community with gardens, traditional accommodation facilities, exceptional guided tours and a restaurant. In fact to enjoy this village to the fullest, you could spend a night in a real African hut, before getting to bed, sitting at the fire and listening to stories about this place from the elders is unforgettable.  
Visiting this village introduces you the way the locals live; how they grow crops, how children get education, how baskets are woven, their traditional dances and cultural performances, and also how food is harvested, prepared, cooked and served in the authentic African way.  
At Boomu you truly experience what is termed as an African authentic village setting. There is no solar or hydroelectric lighting, food is harvested directly from the garden and put on a locally made stove, then to your plate, most of the locals eat with their hands, tourists are given forks if it is what they want. There is even no refrigeration since all foods are fresh.

**The Batwa Cultural Trail**

The Batwa are an indigenous group of people famously known as pygmies. They used to live in unity with other forest inhabitants about 500,000years ago in huts made out of leaves and branches hence were referred to as the “Keepers of the Forest”.  
Their stay in the forest never destroyed the forest since even their shelters were eco-friendly. They entirely depended on the forest for shelter, food, firewood, and fruits among others. It is said of them that “the way they love their bodies is how they love the forest”.  
The Batwa lived in Mgahinga and Bwindi Impenetrable National Parks, these parks are homes to the remaining endangered Mountain Gorillas. Around 1991, the lives of the Batwa totally changed when these parks were permanently established to protect the Rain forest and wildlife especially the Mountain Gorillas hence by 1992 all people living in these National Parks were evicted and were not given any compensation either in form of money or land from the Government.  
But in 2011, the Batwa Cultural Trail was started in Mgahinga National Park by the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA). The members of the Pygmy community guide the visitors through the jungle and expose them to their ancient way of living including their old way of gathering fruits, hunting, collecting honey, traditional healing, and also other traditional performances like rituals done in caves and dances.  
Today this cultural trail is so famous and every visitor to the park shouldn’t miss out on this great experience, it has helped the Batwa keep their traditions and beliefs. The trails are two; both a long one and a short one, the visitor is at liberty to choose the trail they will go for.  
All proceeds from the visit support the community of the Batwa; they help in the development and sustaining of the community projects such as the maize mill, microfinance and the secondary school.

**Entanda Cultural Village**

Entanda village is a unique cultural tourist village that is aimed at preserving arts and crafts, traditions, culture, and performances of Uganda hence described as a Community Based Tourism Organization. All tourists to this village can be assured to experience and also participate in the old way of life for the Ugandan culture and the natural beauty in the village.  
Entanda is a small village situated in Mityana district among green rolling hills about 1 hour drive from Kampala. People in Entanda have also ensured to preserve their traditional ways of animal keeping, bee keeping, farming, food harvesting, preparation, serving and cooking, growing of vegetables and fruits plus the traditional playing of games.  
Entanda has a great historical background; it is said to have existed thousands of years ago when Kintu “the first man” to live in Buganda met death spirits that wanted to kill Nambi his wife. The death spirits also locally known as Walumbe used to dig very deep pits to hide and kill people. This is proved by the existence of about 240 deep pits and the Nambi rocks which today are used for traditional worship.  
Tourists while at Entanda can engage in activities such as traditional dances, hunting, walks through forests, banana and coffee plantations, fruit harvesting, food preparation and cooking, and lessons about the traditionally made musical instruments.

**Katwe Village Tour**

The village is situated in Kasese district at the edge of Queen Elizabeth National Park. The village is close to Katwe Lake, it is a salt lake and one of the economic activities carried out in this area is salt mining. A day in Katwe village is exceptional since visitors get a chance to meet the local people and involve in their day-to-day lives.  
Visitors are welcomed in a local homestead where they get to observe how the residents harvest salt from the lake, they can also observe how food is traditionally prepared, cooked and also be able to taste it.  
During the village tour, visitors should always keep in mind that by visiting they are giving back to the people, they can also visit a primary school in this village and see how the children get education. All proceeds from the visit go towards improving the health sector of this area and provide income to those that can’t mine salt to earn a living especially the elderly.

**Rubuguri Village Tour**

Rubuguri Village is situated at the edges of Bwindi Impenetrable NP a natural habitat to the world’s remaining endangered Mountain Gorillas. So it is very easy for the tourist to track Gorillas and wrap up the trip with a walk in the Village of Rubuguri.  
Rubuguri village is a small isolated village with friendly inhabitants and can be accessed by a rustic road along the steep hillsides. While here, you can engage in a village walk through small homesteads, where you are able to meet the locals and enjoy their day to day way of life in this area.  
Tourists can visit the local schools in the area, and also have a remarkable time watching people perform the Kikiga dance and sing amazing joyful traditional songs.

**Karamoja Village Tour**

Apart from sightseeing, a tour to a Karamojong community is defined as a participatory experience, because the tourist gets an opportunity to engage with the locals and learn more about their culture. One can also plan to have an overnight stay in a traditional hut.  
A Karamojong Village is also locally called a “Manyatta”. Karamoja Manyattas are traditional homesteads for the Karamojong located near Kidepo National Park. It is where they live in harmony just like their ancestors lived and their culture and traditions have been preserved, so visiting a manyatta you get exposed to this amazing group of people.  
The Karamojong live in an unspoiled part of the country; in the North Eastern part of Uganda. They are described as a tribe of fierce warriors, they are pastoralists who even feed on mainly animal products like milk, meat, blood among others. The women have tried to develop themselves by involving in the making of beads and crafts.  
Therefore if one is on safari to Kidepo National Park, you could include visit a Manyatta on your

**UGANDA BICYCLE TOURS**

Visiting Africa can be very interesting. It is good to make memories by doing exciting, unconventional and unexpected things.

**Why should you add a bicycle safari tour to your itinerary?**

Bicycle tours make your time in the Pearl of Africa more meaningful because you get to see more and learn more about the country, its culture and trends as you move through the suburbs of Kampala city. The 4-5 hour tour can be very educational and enlightening. If you schedule your bicycle safari tour during school time, you could visit a school, spend some time with children and give them a few gifts such as books, toys and deflated soccer balls. Children are such a joy, whether they are American, English, Nigerian, Indian or Ugandan. You could be responsible for putting smiles on their little joy in their hearts. You could also ride by the market places and experience some Ugandan culture. Market day in Ggaba for example is so busy and bursting with energy you will enjoy exploring and bargaining for interesting items and perhaps get some souvenirs to take back home.

The beauty about bicycle safari tours is that they are not hurried. You can stop for refreshments and take pictures with Ugandan strangers in Kampala. The joy and adventure is in the journey. From start to finish it is all new and exciting sights and sounds of Uganda.

**Day 1 Arrival and overnight stay in Entebbe**

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**Day 2 Bike tour on the peninsula of Lake Victoria**

After a short introduction we cycle through Entebbe where you will have a chance to exchange some money. We take our bikes on the ferry to the Ssese Island on Lake Victoria (approx. 3-4 hrs.). A short cycle ride along the beach brings us to the island resort. (9 mi., hg. +300 ft., tar) (B,L,D)

**Day 3 Bike tour on Ssese Island**

On dirt roads we cycle through fishing villages up to the ‘islands capital’ Kalangala and further to the other site of the island. There we visit a sacred cave where weather and fishing gods are worshiped by the locals. (12-15 mi., hg. +450 ft., tracks) In the afternoon there will be time to relax at the pool or to explore the island further on your bike. (B,L,D)

**Day 4 Bike tour to Bugoma**

On this green island we will cycle along the hilly streets to Bugoma (18 mi., hg. +750 ft., tracks) and take a ferry back to the mainland. Our vehicle will be waiting for us and after a picnic we will drive in our safari bus to the entrance of Lake Mburo National Park (approx. 4 hrs.). With some luck we can see the first zebras and impalas on the bike route to our beautiful lodge situated on a granite outcrop where we stay for two nights. (6 mi., hg. +300 ft., tracks) (B,L,D)

**Day 5 Game walk and bike safari in Lake Mburo National Park**

Before sunrise we head off on a game walk with a ranger. After a scrumptious breakfast at the lodge we explore the national park on a game drive on our bikes and cycle to the edge of Lake Mburo where we will have a picnic lunch. Due to wild animals like buffalo it is important that we remain cycling in a group and are accompanied by our safari bus and a game ranger. (34 mi., hg. +750 ft., tracks) (B,L,D)

**Day 6 Bike tour through central Uganda**

Leaving Lake Mburo National Park after breakfast, a transfer takes us to Rushere. Here we will enjoy a beautiful bike tour through hilly fertile farmlands passing banana plantations, long horn cattle farms and villages. (28 mi., hg. +1950 ft., tar). We drive further to Western Uganda (3 h). Our Guest Lodge is situated in the tea growing area of Uganda, 5100 ft. high above the sea and on the brink of the Kibale National Park. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 Primate & Chimpanzee trekking in Kibale Forest National Park**

In the morning we walk on a well-constructed loop trail through the Magombe swamp. Primates such as black and white guereza, green guenon, redtail monkey, red colobus monkey and grey-cheeked mangabey call this home and can be spotted pretty well. In the afternoon the 3h Chimpanzee trekking in the Kibale Forest National Park is highly recommended. (not included, depending on availability) (B,L,D)

**Day 8 Bike tour through the Kasenga Crater Region and boat cruise in the Queen Elizabeth National Park**

After breakfast we cycle through the wonderful Kasenga Crater Lakes area to Rwimi, we pass numerous lakes and ride through incredible fertile farmland. (17 mi., hg. +1200 ft., tracks) A 1-hour drive takes us to the equator at Queen Elizabeth National Park. After a picnic we do a short game drive through the National Park to the Mweya Peninsula. There we undertake a safari by boat on the Kazinga Canal and observe hippo, crocodile, pelican, kingfisher, spoonbill, marabou and yellow billed stork from the water at close range. In the late afternoon we arrive at our beautiful located lodge high above the Great African Rift Valley. (18 mi., 750 ft., tar) (B,L,D)

**Day 9 Cycle tour in Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Cycling in a group again through open savannah we might encounter elephant, buffalo and waterbuck. (50 mi., 1000 ft., tar/tracks). First we cycle down a tarred road, before we change onto a gravel path along Lake Edward to the Southern Ishasha Sector of the nature reserve. If the temperatures get to hot, we can stop cycling and change into our safari bus. Later we will reach our beautiful positioned lodge close to a waterhole. Elephants and antelopes might be seen here during their evening visit. Depending on our time of arrival, there might be a possibility of going on a safari drive through the Ishasha sector which is famous for its tree-climbing lions.

**Day 10 Game drive to the tree-climbing lions in the Queen Elizabeth National Park and bike tour to the Ishasha River**

A morning game drive in the Queen Elizabeth National Park gives us a chance of spotting mammals like buffalo, antelope, leopard and elephant. Our main focus will of course be to spot the tree-climbing lions who like to rest on the big branches of fig trees. After having a refreshing lunch at the lodge, we will embark on a light, yet hilly bike tour through farms and bushland to the Ishasha River. (25 mi, hg. 1480 ft, tracks) After our bike ride we will continue to our next accommodation. Our lodge for two nights is located on a hill of 7000 ft. altitude with amazing views of the Bwindi National Park and Virunga Volcano. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 Gorilla trekking in Bwindi National Park**

Together with a park ranger, we will go on a gorilla trek in search of a family of gorilla. (not included, depending on availability) Depending on the current location of the family the trek can last between 2 and 4 hours. In the afternoon we can relax at the lodge or take a walk through the village or the rainforest. (B,L,D)

**Day 12 Bike ride through the Bwindi National Park**

After the exciting experience of the previous day, we cycle on a hilly dirt road through the mountain rain forest today. We watch out for monkeys and birds as well as the shy forest duiker. Leaving the National Park we cycle mostly downhill through diversified mountain landscape. On tarmac again we pass fertile farmlands on our way to the lively city of Kabale. Here plenty of local cyclists use the roads. (35 mi., hg. +1800 ft, tar/tracks) After lunch you have the choice to take the steep ascension to our Lodge by bike or by bus. (9 mi., hg. +1200 ft., tar/tracks) The gorgeous view from our lodge 6000 ft. above sea level over Lake Bunyonyi rewards for the effort. (B,L,D)

**Day 13 Bike tour along Lake Bunyonyi**

Along terraced farmland we cycle down to the beautiful Lake Bunyonyi. The scenic gravel road along the shores is only used by a few pedestrians. (14 mi., hg. +1200 ft., tracks) On the Western side of the lake a boat fetches us and we can enjoy the great views from the water too. The afternoon is for relaxing and packing. (B,L,D)

**Day 14 Return flight home**