**Savannah Wilderness Itinerary**

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**Our 3 day / 2 night driving safari to Murchison Falls National Park is a fabulous safari – specially designed for those who are short of time, but want to see the magical savannahs of Murchison Falls National Park.**

**This safari includes enough time to explore the savannah wilderness of the park in both a open roofed safari vehicle and luxury boat cruise on the Nile.**

**Uganda boasts some of the best bird watching in Africa, with over 1000 different species, including the rare shoebill and the remarkable grey crowned crane.**

**Quick Reference Itinerary:**

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| **Day One,** | Drive to Murchison Falls National Park.  Lunch enroute.  Evening game drive in the park  Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge - Deluxe | **Meal Basis:**  Half board |
| **Day Two** | Game drives in the savannahs,  Luxury boat cruise to the bottom of the falls  Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge - Deluxe | **Meal Basis:**  Full Board |
| **Day Three** | Morning game drive and drive back to Entebbe  End of services  End of Services. | **Meal Basis:**  Breakfast only |

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You will be met by your personal vehicle and guide to drive through rural Uganda and towns to Murchison Falls National Park, the drive is approximately 5 to 6hrs hours and is a very interesting cultural insight into rural communities. Continue to your lodge and check in and have a briefing on the safari details and a chance for you to ask any questions.

Murchison Falls National Park, in the north-west of the country is home to elephant, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as a healthy population of hippo and huge crocodiles on the River Nile. The 3893 km2 Murchison Falls National Park forms the core of Uganda’s largest protected area. Together with the adjoining Bungungu and Karumu wildlife reserves, it forms a vast wilderness covering 5 072 km2 and containing a wide variety of wildlife including big game, forest primates and 450 bird species. The mighty Nile, the longest river in the world, flows through the heart of the park for a distance of 120 km, on its 6 500 km journey from Lake Victoria to Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea. The park’s centrepiece is the explosive, 40 m high Murchison Falls where the Nile is forced through a 6 m gap in the Rift Valley escarpment. The Falls separate two very different rivers. Upstream, the river races down a turbulent 80 km channel punctuated with rapids. Downstream, the Nile flows quietly towards Lake Albert which it enters through a large papyrus delta. It is this peaceful 40 km stretch of river which provides the park’s prime wildlife spectacle and which our boats explore.

Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge - Deluxe on Full Board basis

**Day Two,**

**Murchison Falls National Park**

Following breakfast at the lodge, depart with your guide for a game drive in in the northern bank, an area rich in wildlife including lions, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, oribi, hartebeest, and countless reptiles and birds, including one of the park’s more difficult species to spot, the rare shoebill. Crocodiles are also plentiful in this park.

Embark on a three-hour cruise from park headquarters to the head of Fajao Gorge at the base of Murchison Falls. The park’s most popular attraction since the 1950s, here is where the force of the mighty Nile River narrows to flow through a seven-meter gap, cascading down a forty meter cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from their base are breath taking. Large resident populations of hippo’s float in the water along the way, groups of crocodiles bask on the shore, and herds of elephant, buffalos and other antelope can be seen moving along the riverbanks searching for food. The river offers a spectacular opportunity for bird watchers, with a wide range of water birds and vibrant bee eaters nesting in the cliffs along the river’s banks. Visit or hike to the top of the falls.

Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge - Deluxe on Full Board basis

**Day Three,**

Early this morning, if time permits enjoy another game drive before we depart and travel back to Kampala.

End of services.