**21 DAYS GORILLAS, CHIMPS GAME & CULTURAL VISIT AND ADVENTURE**

**Overview of 21 days gorillas, game & cultural adventure**

The 21 days gorillas, game & cultural adventure is a comprehensive 20 nights/21 days Uganda safari offering you a lifetime opportunity to explore different primates, wildlife, birds, the unique cultures and breathtaking landscape of Uganda etc. The long Uganda safari tour covers all regions in Uganda, you navigate the West to the East while enjoying unique experiences.

On this comprehensive Uganda safari, expect to be part of the memorable mountain gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, game viewing in the 4 wildlife safari parks (Lake Mburo, Murchison Falls, Kidepo and Queen Elizabeth National Park. Other exciting activities to enjoy on this Uganda tour include hiking Sipi Falls, Coffee tour, chimpanzee tracking in Kibale & Kyambura Gorge, cultural experience in the Batwa, IK communities etc.

**Brief itinerary**

**Day 1:** Drive to Lake Mburo National Park. Evening game drive

**Day 2:** Nature Walk in Lake Mburo - Drive to Bwindi National Park

**Day 3:** Gorilla Tracking

**Day 4:** Gorilla tracking

**Day 5:** Ivy walk Bwindi & transfer to Ishasha sector

**Day 6:** Game drive Ishasha

**Day 7:** Game drive Mweya & Afternoon Boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel

**Day 8:** Kyambura Gorge chimp tracking, Katwe salt tour

**Day 9:** Queen Elizabeth - Kibale Forest National Park

**Day 10:** Chimpanzee tracking & Bigodi swamp walk

**Day 11:** Kibale Forest NP - Murchison Falls NP: 7 to 8 hours’ drive

**Day 12:** Game drive and boat cruise in Murchison Falls NP

**Day 13:** Murchison to Kidepo

**Day 14:** Kidepo game drive- full day

**Day 15:** Kidepo - Cultural tour Ik, Lorukul & Kawakol villages

**Day 16:** Kidepo - Moroto

**Day 17:** Moroto - climb Mount Moroto

**Day 18:** Moroto - Sipi Falls (4 hours’ drive)

**Day 19:** Sipi Falls to Jinja

**Day 20:** White water rafting

**Day 21:** Departure

**Detailed itinerary**

**Day 1: Lake Mburo Park visit, afternoon boat cruise**

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport and drive for approx. 6hrs to your lodge in Lake Mburo National Park, home to elands, Burchell's zebras, impalas and a wide variety of bird species. Free of carnivores, Lake Mburo provides a unique opportunity to see the park on foot and the chance to view vast numbers of diverse hoofed animals. Lake Mburo National Park works with local communities to create an environment in which domestic livestock peacefully coexist with the park’s native wildlife. Enjoy a game drive in the evening.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 2: Game drive Mburo – Drive to Bwindi**

In the company of a ranger guide, embark on a nature walk in Lake Mburo where you may have the chance of viewing the grazers like the Zebras, bush bucks, elands, Impalas, grazing local cattle and a vast number of birds. Visit the salt lick area where a number of animals gather to enjoy the salty taste of soil.

Drive for approx. 6hrs to your lodge near Bwindi National Park. Optional activities can be booked and paid directly on ground if time permits. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in south-western Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley.  Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforest, which dates back over 25,000 years and contains almost 400 species of plants.  More famously, this "impenetrable forest" also protects an estimated 460 mountain gorillas - including several habituated families.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 3 and Day 4: Gorilla trekking – Bwindi Forest National Park**

Following breakfast at the lodge, travel to National Park Headquarters to meet your guides for the day and begin your gorilla tracking experience. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the mountain slopes.

The journey, through dense foliage and up steep climbs, is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience of viewing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.  You will have an opportunity to be within meters of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. This is an experience you won’t soon forget!

Following the trek, return to your accommodation and, if time allows, take a guided afternoon forest or community walk. Please note: tracking may be fairly strenuous with treks up to six hours or longer, at high altitudes, not uncommon. Also, mountain gorillas are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed. However, viewing success rates are over 95%.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 5: Ivy walk Bwindi & transfer to Ishasha sector**

After an early breakfast, transfer to your starting point to meet with your walking guide for 4-5 hours’ Ivy walk which comes with incredible sights of primates, butterflies, birds, bush pigs. Meet with your guide for and drive for approx. 2.5hrs to Ishasha sector, Queen Elizabeth National Park.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 6: Game drive Ishasha and Drive to Mweya Sector**

After an early breakfast, explore the Ishasha sector in the Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park. This sector is famous to offer clear view of the tree climbing lions, plus other wildlife including elephants, buffaloes, birds, plenty of antelopes such as Uganda Kobs, topis and others. Continue to Mweya sector game viewing enroute. .

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 7: Game drive Mweya & Boat cruise**

Enjoy a morning game drive in the Kasenyi plains. In the afternoon enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park. You may encounter herds of elephant, buffalos and antelopes, families of warthogs, large groups of hippos, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Kazinga’s shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a spectacular view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 8: Mweya - Kyambura Gorge for chimp tracking, Katwe salt tour**

Leave the lodge after breakfast to visit Kyambura Gorge for chimpanzee tracking. The Kyambura gorge best known as Valley of Apes, is one Uganda’s best sites to explore on chimp tracking. The chimp trek comes with astonishing sights of chimpanzees, other primates like black and white colobus monkeys, red tailed monkeys, baboons, vervet monkeys and more.

Walk back to have lunch, then proceed to Katwe Salt Lake to observe tradition salt mining activity being carried out by local residents. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the crater lake- Katwe Lake, birds and surrounding areas then get back to lodge.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 9: Queen Elizabeth - Kibale Forest**

After breakfast, drive for approx. 3 - 4hrs to your lodge near Kibale Forest National Park. There are no activities planned on this day. Optional activities are payable directly.

**Day 10: Chimpanzee tracking & Bigodi walk**

Transfer to Kanyanchu Visitor Centre of Kibale for briefing before starting actual chimpanzee tracking at 8:00am. Leave the briefing point with park guide and take 2-4 hours exploring the jungles to see chimpanzees (Kibale has about 1500 chimpanzees) plus other primates, birds etc. Strictly, one will be permitted for you to explore about chimpanzees, taking pictures then you return for lunch at Tinka’s Homestay.

After leisurely lunch at Tinka’s Homestead, visit Bigodi Wetland for a nature walk. The Bigodi walk lets you enjoy primate sightings ranging from baboons, red tailed monkeys, black and white colobus monkeys to vervet monkeys; plus birds, flora etc.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 11: Kibale - Murchison: 6 to 7 hours’ drive**

Drive for approx. 6-7hrs to Murchison Falls National Park - in the north-west of Uganda. It is home to elephant, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as a healthy population of hippo and huge crocodiles on the River Nile. The Park is well known for its bird life – the Shoebill being a sought-after rarity. The 3 893 km2 Murchison Falls National Park forms the core of Uganda’s largest protected area. The park’s centerpiece 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.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 12: Game drive, Boat cruise- Murchison Falls NP**

Following breakfast at the lodge, Transfer for 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 hippos 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’s banks.

In the afternoon, depart with your guide to the northern sector of Murchison Falls National Park, 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.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 13: Murchison to Kidepo – Approx 7-8hrs**

After breakfast, drive to Kidepo Valley National Park in the North-eastern Uganda.

This Park, located on the Southern Sudan border in the farthest corner of Uganda’s Karamoja District, is one of Africa’s most magnificent wild habitats. Big game favourites such as elephants, giraffes, zebras, elands, hartebeests, lions, hyenas, and cheetahs can all be found in this park. Africa’s largest single heard of cape buffalos roam the rolling grasslands that extend in all directions out to the distant mountain ranges. Kidepo is also home to some of Uganda’s more rare and elusive animals such as the aardwolf, bat eared fox, striped hyena, and ostrich. This remote park provides visitors with a chance to get off the beaten track and enjoy the solitude of one of Africa’s most wild places.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 14: Kidepo game drive - full day**

Whole day game activities (game drives or nature walks) in Kidepo National Park.

Set out for Kidepo Valley National Park, rich with wildlife including cheetahs, lions, leopards, hyenas, giraffes, ostriches and elephants and hundreds of other mammal and bird species. This difficult to reach park, located in the far northeast part of Uganda, is best known for its abundance of predators, making it a spectacular place to find animals hard to spot elsewhere in the country. The vast panoramic views of Kidepo are truly spectacular and will give you a true sense of being in the wild, open savannah.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 15: Kidepo-Cultural tour Ik, Lorukul & Kawakol villages**

After breakfast, go hike to Mount Morungole (2750m)- Kidepo’s highest point. The IK people occupy the summits of Mount Morungole and accessing their community requires you to hike. Learn more about Ik people, their culture, traditions and also enjoy amazing sceneries. Retreat from Mt. Morungole hike, relax then later if time allows, visit in Lorukul or Kawakol village for cultural experience, explore more about the Karamojong cultures, traditions.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 16: Kidepo to Moroto**

Enjoy an early morning breakfast, depart Kidepo Valley National Park and drive for approx. 6hrs to Moroto. You will check in at the hotel for overnight.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 17: Moroto**

Breakfast early and after, embark on Mount Moroto hike (3083m). Expect great views of highest peak plus other lower peaks Mt. Moroto, 483sq.kms volcano. It is also features interesting birds worth spotting on your hike plus primates.

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**Day 18: Moroto-Sipi Falls (4 hours’ drive)**

Depart your lodge in Moroto town, drive early to Sipi Falls, 4-5 hours. Get to Sipi Area early, have lunch at leisure, relax then set off for a coffee tour. The coffee tour experience includes exploring how coffee is planted, transplanted, picking process, how it is prepared including roasting. After, walk back to the lodge for overnight stay.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 19: Sipi Falls to Jinja**

After an early for breakfast, set off for about a half day hike to the 3 Sipi Falls. The hike to conquer the 3 magical falls comes with splendid view of the falls, landscape, farmlands etc. After exploring the falls, return to check out of the lodge and drive to Jinja- enjoy pack of lunch en-route.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 20: White water rafting**

Have breakfast at leisure, after, be part of the white water rafting experience. Expect to experience the best grades and rapids of the Source of the Nile. This will take half day or full day, however, there are also other activities to be part in Jinja including bungee jumping, jet boating, kayaking, horseback riding, quad biking and others.

**Accommodation: Booked according to your preference**

**Day 21: Jinja to Entebbe/Departure**

After breakfast, drive to Entebbe and transfer to the airport to check-in for your late afternoon flight out.

**End of adventure**