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Fort Portal Tourism City: Renowned as one of Uganda's cleanest towns, Fort Portal derives its name from Sir Gerald Portal, a British commissioner during the colonial era. The city's attractions are too numerous to count here; one must witness its wonders firsthand. From breathtaking views of the Rwenzori mountain ranges, crater lakes, and tea plantations to unmatched hills, Fort Portal offers unparalleled scenery. While in the city, visitors can relish its cool climate and explore nearby national parks such as Kibale, Semuliki, Rwenzori Mountain, and Queen Elizabeth. Not to be missed are the Amabere Ganyinamwiru caves in the Nyakasura area, steeped in historical and geological significance. Visit this place before going for a gorilla trekking tour.

Isunga Cultural Community presents an opportunity to delve into various attractions including crater lakes, tea and coffee experiences, hiking adventures, <u>cultural entertainment</u>, traditional cooking classes, biking trails, forest walks, and birdwatching, among others.

Kibale Forest National Park: Boasting the highest number and variety of primates in East Africa, Kibale Forest harbors an impressive array of 13 primate species, including chimpanzees, red colobus monkeys, vervet monkeys, black-and-white colobus monkeys, and more. You can explore this destination before or after the exciting gorilla trekking tours at Bwindi.

Semuliki National Park: Situated on the southern shores of Lake Albert, Semuliki National Park features diverse habitats offering excellent birdwatching and game drive opportunities.

Queen Elizabeth National Park: As Uganda's most visited national park, Queen Elizabeth offers stunning scenery and diverse wildlife, including the <u>famous tree-climbing lions in the Ishasha sector</u>. Activities range from game drives and boat cruises to chimpanzee tracking and birdwatching.

Rwenzori Mountains National Park: Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Rwenzori Mountains, also known as the Mountains of the Moon, offer exceptional hiking experiences and host unique wildlife, including the three-horned chameleon.

Lake Bunyonyi: Adjacent to Kabale town, Lake Bunyonyi is Africa's second-deepest lake, dotted with 29 islands. Activities include boat cruises, canoeing, zip-lining, hiking, and relaxation at lakeside resorts.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park: <u>Home to more than half of the world's</u> remaining mountain gorillas, Bwindi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for gorilla trekking tours and habituation experiences.

Katonga Wildlife Reserve: Established in 1998, Katonga Wildlife Reserve boasts diverse mammal and bird species, offering opportunities for birdwatching and game drives.

Kitagata Hot Springs: Located in Sheema District, Kitagata Hot Springs feature two hot springs with water temperatures reaching up to 80°C, offering visitors a unique bathing experience.

Lake Mburo National Park: Known as the land of zebras, Lake Mburo National Park is home to diverse wildlife and <u>offers activities such as game viewing</u>, birdwatching, sport fishing, and boat rides on the lake.

Mgahinga National Park: <u>Situated at the border</u> with DR Congo and Rwanda, Mgahinga National Park is renowned for mountain gorilla trekking tours, guided nature walks, and volcano climbing adventures.