



## TOUR DETAILS:

This 8 day's trip will show you the best of what Uganda has to offer. The trip features grassland Savannah, tree climbing lions, wildlife, gorilla and chimp tracking and a boat safari on the Kazinga channel. You will stay in some of Uganda's finest luxury lodges.

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Unforgettable meeting with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Forest
- Kazinga Channel boat trip
- Travel in style and comfort, and fly across Uganda to Bwindi
- Chimpanzee tracking Kyambura Gorge
- Launch cruise to the base of the most powerful falls in Africa.
- Game drives to encounter the African Big 5







## TRIP FACTS:

Destinations	Accommodation	Nights	Meals
Kampala	Emin Pasha Hotel	1 Night	D,B&B
Fort Portal	Papaya Lake Lodge	2 Night	D,B&B
Northern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Mweya Safari Lodge	2 Night	D,B&B
Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Buhoma Lodge	2 Night	D,B&B

# ITINERARY (DAY BY DAY):

#### DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN UGANDA

Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, your guide will meet you and help you transfer to your accommodation. Spend your first day in beautiful Uganda—often called "The Pearl of Africa"—resting and preparing for a trip full of thrilling adventures.

If you feel like you don't need rest, you can take the afternoon and/or evening to explore the capital city of Kampala. Visit the Uganda Museum and the Lubiri Palace, or simply walk around the busy streets.

Overnight: Emin Pasha Hotel Kampala









### DAY 2: KAMPALA TO FORT PORTAL

This day the journey start from Kampala and drive Fort Portal in Western Uganda. Experience different towns, scenery and tea plantations en route. Make stops along the way to enjoy the beautiful views. On arrival at Fort Portal town, have lunch as you take a break from the journey. Fort Portal is a beautiful city with a number of tourist attractions. It was the base for early British colonialists in Uganda including Gerald Portal (then British Consul in Zanzibar). Fort Gerry was built in this place to protect this region from external invaders at the time. The town was later renamed "Fort Portal". After your lunch, drive to your accommodation in Fort Portal to check in and prepare for the city tour. Begin your city tour of Fort Portal by driving through the town; visit the Kings palace, the Tooro Botanical Gardens, and so much more the city has to offer.

Overnight: Papaya Lake Lodge

Distance: 295.8 km Time: 4 hr 40 min







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### DAY 3: MOUNTAIN GORILLA TREKKING AND COMMUNITY WALK



At 6:30 am you may have your breakfast and transfer to the national park headquarters for a briefing from the park rangers. At 8:00 am, you will transfer to the trekking trail starting point. The hike is led by an armed park ranger and potters; it may take between 1 to 5 hours to encounter the mountain gorillas since they are wild and keep moving from place to place. Guests are allowed a minimum of an hour to interact with the gorillas. Dinner and overnight Papaya Lake Lodge.

### Overnight: Papaya Lake Lodge







## DAY 4: TRANSFER TO QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK, GAME DRIVES & LAUNCH CRUISE

After breakfast transfer to the ishasha (southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park) – home to the tree climbing lions. At 14:00 hours transfer to kazinga channel for a launch cruise at 16:00 hours. Expect to see great numbers of migrant bird species and animals such as hippos, crocodiles, buffalos and monitor lizards among others on the water shores. Dinner and overnight stay at wild track overland lodge.

**Duration: 1 hr 22 min (77.4 km)** Overnight: Mweva Safari Lodge









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## DAY 5: LAND & WATER SAFARI AT QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK



This morning, you'll enjoy an exciting game drive in Queen Elizabeth. A popular route is the Kasenyi Sector, known for its numerous lions that prey on the large population of Uganda kob (antelope). If you are very lucky, you may spot a giant forest hog—Africa's largest pig—or an elusive leopard! In the afternoon, you will hop on a boat for a water safari on the Kazinga Channel, which connects Edward and George Lakes. The Uganda Wildlife Authority guides leading the trip will identify many of the channel's 100 bird species. You're likely to see African skimmers, great white pelicans, spoonbills, and a number of bee-eater species. Hippos wallow at the edge of the water, huge Nile crocodiles bask in the sun, and elephants often come down for a refreshing drink.

#### Overnight: Mweya Safari Lodge







## DAY 6: TRANSFER TO BWINDI NATIONAL PARK

You will be picked up in Queen Elizabeth and drive to Bwindi National Park. Today, you will make your way to amazing Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, a UNESCO Natural Heritage site and one of the richest biological and botanical regions in the world.

The forest covers an area of 205 miles (331km²) at the southwestern edge of the Western Rift Valley. Bwindi's most-revered species are the approximately 400 wild mountain gorillas that reside within. These gorillas make up half of the world population of these gentle apes. For this reason, Bwindi Impenetrable is one of the best places in the planet to come face to face with the species.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Distance: 5 hr 11 min (144.5 km)









DAY 7: GORILLA TRACKING IN BWINDI NATIONAL PARK

Rise bright and early for a gorilla tracking adventure! Before beginning the trek, park rangers will brief the group to ensure your safety and that of the great apes. The trek usually takes three to six hours. We recommend bringing a good pair of walking boots or shoes.

The rangers will guide you through the village gardens and into the jungle-like forest. They will escort you through the (sometimes) thick bush, occasionally hacking the dense undergrowth with a machete as you search for gorillas. As part of anti-poaching efforts, the apes are under 24-hour monitoring, so you're almost guaranteed to see them!

Once you have located a gorilla family, you will be asked to leave all your belongings on the side and approach the gentle giants with only your camera. It is advised that you keep within 23ft (7m) of the apes to reduce the risk of transmitting human diseases to them. This also helps guides interpret the animals' behavior and easily retreat if danger is perceived.

You will be able to see the families in their natural environment: feeding, playing, interacting with each other, or just sleeping. The gorillas are usually quite curious to see humans as well! You'll be allowed exactly one hour with the apes before returning to base.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge Bwindi Impenetrable Forest









DAY 8: FLIGHT BACK HOME

After breakfast, you'll begin the journey back to Entebbe International Airport. On the way, you will stop for a delicious picnic lunch, and have a fun photo opportunity at the Equator.

Your guide will help with check-in procedures and wish you safe travels.







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# **INCLUDE:**

- Qualified professional driver guide
- Vehicle / fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15%
- VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- Accommodation
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for the Client

# **EXCLUDE:**

- Expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals not mentioned
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

#### HOW TO BOOK AND HOW TO PAY:

To reserve this tour, a payment of 30% of the total price must be made at the time of reservation. The balance of 70% can be made before the departure of your tour. Your deposit can either be made through a Bank Transfer, with the addition of a 45 US Dollar fee or by Credit Card which incurs an additional bank charge of 3.5%.