



8 Day Primate and Wildlife Safari for Sands @ Nomads & Chale Island

Visited countries

Uganda

Uganda is a landlocked country located in East Africa on the shores of Lake Victoria. It is packed full of geographical and cultural diversity which is illustrated by the number of Lakes, Forests, Mountains, Rivers, Savannah Grasslands and Traditional Customs that it possesses. This is the principal reason why Uganda is commonly known as the "Pearl of Africa" a name given by Sir Winston Churchill gave this name to Uganda in his book "My African Journey."

Uganda is famous for The Mountain Gorillas of Bwindi and The Chimpanzees of Kibale no other country has two of the 3 great apes within their borders. The Source of the Nile in Jinja, Tree Climbing Lions in Ishasha, Murchison Falls, Hippos in the Kazinga Channel, the remote beauty of Kidepo and Lake Victoria itself all culminate to make Uganda an incredible place to visit. However we are sure that despite all those breathtaking attractions it is The People of Uganda that make this country the wonderful destination that it is.



Regions to discover

Central Region

The Central Region of Uganda is home to the two principal cities, Kampala which is the capital city and Entebbe, although the distance between the two cities is only around 30kms the journey time is severely traffic dependant. The region of Uganda is characterised hilly terrain with marshland valleys. Due to the curved shore line of Lake Victoria both cities are close to the Lake and can act as a gateway to the rest of Uganda's other principal cities to the east, west and north of Uganda as well as a good starting point for shorter weekend breaks to islands on Lake Victoria.

The Central Region is the historical seat of the Baganda Kingdom with the Kabakas Palace, Kisubi Royal Tombs and other Royal sites are found in this region.



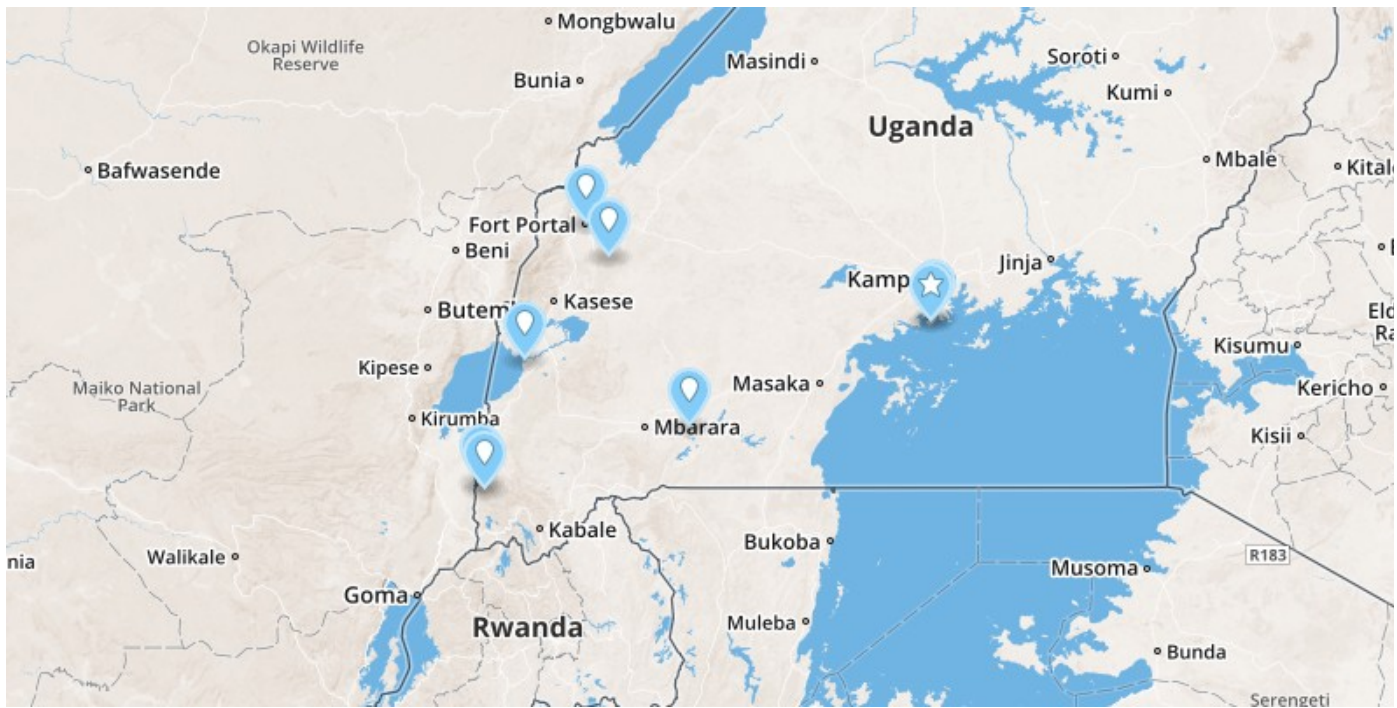
Western Region

The Western Region of Uganda has houses the majority of the National Parks in Uganda. Lake Mburo, Mgahinga, Bwindi, Queen Elizabeth, Kibale, Rwenzori, Semiliki and Murchison all feature in this region. The region also has a rich cultural history with a lot of traditions still prevalent today. The Kingdoms of Ankole, Bunyoro, Kigezi and Toro all hail from this part of Uganda. Each tribe has a discrete heritage which you can see in abundance as you explore this area of Uganda.

Due to the climate and altitude in Western Uganda there are many Tea and Coffee plantations dotted over the landscape which is also punctuated by stunning natural crater lakes and forests making a journey into the area an adventure in itself. But it doesn't stop there, Lake Buyonyi, Lake Mutanda, Lake Edward, Lake George and Lake Albert are also found here, bringing with them an unrivalled beauty that can only be found in this region of Uganda.



Itinerary map



Travel summary

Day 1 : Entebbe

Day 2 : Entebbe - Kibale N.P

Day 3 : Kibale N.P - Queen Elizabeth N.P - Fort Portal - Queen Elizabeth N.P

Day 4 : Queen Elizabeth N.P

Day 5 : Queen Elizabeth N.P - Bwindi N.P - Queen Elizabeth N.P - Bwindi N.P

Day 6 : Bwindi N.P - Buhoma - Bwindi N.P

Day 7 : Bwindi N.P - Lake Mburo N. P

Day 8 : Lake Mburo N. P - Entebbe - Lake Mburo N. P - Entebbe Airport

Day 1: Entebbe

Welcome to Uganda! On arrival you will be met at the Airport by a Let's Go Travel representative who will escort you to your safari vehicle and will introduce you to your Driver who will also be your Guide. The first stop will be a short drive to your accommodation where you will be able to relax and contemplate the adventure that lies ahead.

Overnight at Best Western Premier



Day 2: Entebbe - Kibale N.P

Your safari adventure begins today with your first destination Kibale Forest National Park. An early start will see you head west on a scenic drive towards Fort Portal Town via Mityana and Mubende, before arriving at your destination. This region of Uganda is the traditional home of the Tooro Kingdom and is well known for its stunning landscapes made up of well-manicured tea plantations that are punctuated with amazing natural crater lakes.

Overnight at Ndali Lodge



Day 3: Kibale N.P - Queen Elizabeth N.P - Fort Portal - Queen Elizabeth N.P

Your Chimpanzee Trekking experience has finally arrived! It begins at the Uganda Wildlife Authority HQ at Kayanchu Gate where your trekking group will head into the forest with a guide after a short briefing. About 1 hour before your group sets off an advance party of guides will have entered the forest to locate where the Chimpanzees spent the night. Once located the advance party send a radio message back to your trekking group so that you can navigate through the forest.

During the trek you will also get to see the different birds, animals and plant species within the forest. Once you locate the Chimpanzees you can only spend one hour with them this ensures that the Chimpanzees don't become accustomed to human contact.

The excitement of Chimpanzee Trekking will probably still be with you as the safari continues to Queen Elizabeth National Park in the afternoon. Entry will be via the northern sector famous for the Kasenye Plains and Kazinga Channel. This part of the safari is all contained within the Tooro Kingdom and you will notice a distinct change in scenery as the lush green crater lake region of surrounding Kibale Forest gives way to the open savannah lands of Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge



Day 4: Queen Elizabeth N.P

A game drive in Kasenye sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park is a great place to see view the dffereing landscape and ecosystems in Uganda. The park is the oldest and the most visited in Uganda. This game drive will take place on the Kasenye Plains which are in the north east section of the park and but west of Lake George. There are large numbers of buffalo, antelope, elephant, warthogs, baboons as well and lions and the odd leopard if you are lucky.

One of the highlights of visiting Queen Elizabeth National Park is the boat ride along the Kazinga Channel. The boat ride is a round trip beginning at the Mweya Peninsula and lasting around 3 hours. The Channel is a 32-kilometre long natural channel that links Lake Edward and Lake George. The channel has one of the world's largest concentration of hippos, numerous Nile crocodiles, buffalo, elephants and a whole host of birds. including African fish eagles, kingfishers, Herons, storks and skimmers.

Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge



Day 5: Queen Elizabeth N.P - Bwindi N.P - Queen Elizabeth N.P - Bwindi N.P

With the Kazinga Channel and the Game drives ticked off your list, It will be time to leave Queen Elizabeth National Park and continue your journey towards Bwindi and the Gorillas, where the adventure of a lifetime awaits you! This section of the safari will see you enter the traditional area of Kigezi Kingdom which is the southern most Kingdom on Uganda.

A game drive in the Ishasha sector gives you a chance to see the famous tree climbing lions that can be seen hanging out of large fig trees. No one really knows why lions in this area climb trees but there are many theories surrounding this behaviour.

However lions are not the only animals to be found in the park. Large herds of Uganda Kob, Hippos, elephant and antelope also roam this part of the park making it an ideal place to view the capture wildlife at its best.

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge



Day 6: Bwindi N.P - Buhoma - Bwindi N.P

Today you will wake up full of excitement about the Gorilla Trekking experience that lies ahead. An early start will see you transfer to the Park Headquarters for a briefing with the Uganda Wildlife Authority guides. An advance party of guides will have gone ahead into the forest to locate where the gorillas slept the previous night and will have began to track their movements. These guides will communicate with your team via a walkie talkie and the trek into the forest will begin.

Locating the Gorillas can take a few hours or the whole day depending on how far the have moved from the place they spent the previous night. For conservation purposes, time allowed with the Gorillas is 1 hour. As you trek in the forest will appreciate why the forest is called impenetrable. There are also a multitude of other animals that you might encounter including antelopes and rare monkeys not to mention the beauty of the forest itself. Once you have completed the trek you will return to the lodge, for a well earned rest and time to reflect on a truly magical experience.

At Let's Go Travel we try and support the communities that we interact with as part of the business we run, with a view to minimising the impact we have on communities as well as ensuring that they too benefit from our operations. One such community in the Buhoma area of Bwindi is called Ride 4 a Woman. You will get to visit these incredible woman and lean more about their story!



Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge

Day 7: Bwindi N.P - Lake Mburo N. P

With your Gorilla Trekking experience still a vivid memory, it is time to leave the Gorillas and the Kigezi Kingdom all behind and head towards Lake Mburo National Park and into the heartland of the Ankole Kingdom. The drive is one of the most scenic in Uganda as you transition between the Impenetrable forest and into the Ankole grasslands, where the famous long horned Ankole cattle graze.

One of the best activities to do in Lake Mburo is a scenic boat ride on the lake. This is one of the best ways to see the diverse wildlife that the Park has. The boat ride can be done at dawn or dusk depending on your safari itinerary and will normally take around 2 hours.

All the rides begin at the Rwonyo jetty, it will not take you long before you begin to see large groups of hippos in the water as well as crocodiles and buffalo lining the banks of the lake. The lake is also famous for it bird life, from majestic fish eagles, colourful kingfishers, to hammerkops and there enormous nests. If you are really lucky you might even catch a glimpse of the rare shoebill storks

Overnight Mihingo Lodge



Day 8: Lake Mburo N. P - Entebbe - Lake Mburo N. P - Entebbe Airport

After an incredible safari it will be time to head back. During this final leg of the trip you will leave the Ankole Kingdom and head back into the Buganda Kingdom, heading eastwards towards Entebbe. There are not many places in the world that have the wide range of wildlife, nature and culture. We hope you took loads of great photos and had a wonderful experience that will live with you for a long time.

A Game drive in Lake Mburo National Park are a perfect way to begin or end and Safari in Uganda. The park has a variety of wildlife that almost contradicts its small size in comparison to the other parks in Uganda. The park doesn't have any large cats apart from leopards who are normally only seen at night

Lake Mburo has a large variety of antelopes including: topi, duiker, oribi, reedbuck and klipspringer and Rothschild's giraffe have recently been reintroduced. However the highlights of the park have to be the Burchell's zebra and eland which are only found in two National Parks in Uganda.

We truly hope you have had a memorable experience that you will remember for many years to come. Have a safe onward journey and we hope that Uganda will always be close to your hearts!



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Hotels & Lodges

Best Western Premier

Entebbe

Category: 4*

<http://bestwesternghe.co.ug/>

The Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe offers international comfort and standards combined with local charm. Conveniently located close to the international airport (EBB) and adjacent to the Victoria Mall in Entebbe, the Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe caters for the discerning traveller whether on business or leisure.



Ndali Lodge

Kibale N.P

Category: 4*

<http://www.ndalilodge.com>

Ndali Lodge offer some of the best views in Fort Portal. The lodge is located on a edge of a crater lake which affords any guest spectacular views of the whole region. It is an immensely relaxing place in which to experience Uganda and a place you will want to return to again and again.



Mweya Safari Lodge

Queen Elizabeth N.P

Category: 4*

<http://www.mweyalodge.com>

Mweya Safari Lodge is located on a peninsula within the heart of the Queen Elizabeth National Park and surrounded by the magical Rwenzori Mountains - the 'Mountains of the Moon'; Mweya Safari Lodge offers visitors a spectacular experience in the heart of the wilderness.



Mahogany Springs Lodge

Bwindi N.P

Category: 4*

<http://www.mahoganysprings.com>

Mahogany Springs Lodge offers privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. With some of the most luxurious accommodation in East Africa the feeling that you will experience when staying here is beyond compare.

This is the perfect base from which to begin your Gorilla Tracking or Bird watching adventures. The Gorillas have been known to visit the lodge and coming face to face with one of these peaceful creatures is an indescribable experience.



Mhingo Lodge

Lake Mburo N. P

Category: 4*


<http://mihingo-lodge.com/>

Mihingo is a family owned lodge in a magical setting adjacent to Lake Mburo National Park. Perched high on a rocky kopje, it has spectacular views over a vast savannah landscape.

An infinity pool overlooks the valley below where buffalo, eland, impala, warthogs, bush buck and zebra can be seen at the waterhole. On the rocks you may have the rare chance of seeing the resident family of Klipspringers.



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