

Why Uganda?

Uganda is a beautiful, safe, English speaking country with a diverse landscape. Besides the amazing areas provided for safaris, Uganda is home to the famous endangered mountain gorilla sanctuary where 1/2 of the world's population of these animals live. Approximate population today is around 900 gorillas.

Being on the equator means the climate is at a constant temperature – not necessarily an extremely hot temperature.

Climate is constant at around 80 degrees.

Uganda is about the same size as Oregon and nicknamed Pearl of Africa by Winston Churchill based on its beauty.

As they say in Uganda ... You are Most Welcome (to their country), so come join us for a great experience.

Why Us?

This trip is a 'Fair Travel' trip, so to speak. You will see the cost is at least 30% lower than most because the trip is sponsored by non-profits in their efforts to bring people to Uganda to support their communities. No paid staff, along with local support makes this an amazing trip at a very affordable price. Please visit the web sites of our local providers – Zimu Foundation and McBern Tours and Travel, along with the resorts listed, to learn about their efforts to provide support for the local communities, and the environment, too.



Twelve Day Uganda Tour

Includes accommodations, transport, meals and activities

INFORMATION

2024 Scheduled Dates - 14 Days with Travel

Depart May 31st Arrive back June 14th. These are estimated and can be changed.

With a group of four or more you can request other dates, and we will see if they are available.

FYI: Example for travel – leaving on a Friday from the U.S., you arrive Saturday night for a Sunday start. Returning you gain time since Uganda is approximately 8-9 hours ahead (changes with our time change).

Moderate Activity level.

Total Cost
\$ 9100.00 per person
Based on double occupancy - 4-6 persons per safari jeep

A \$500.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot. Space is limited. Some lodges only have 8 rooms.

To make a reservation go to www.ZimuFoundation.org

Optional upcharges:
Single room upcharge \$1500
Jeep for a party of 2 persons upcharge \$2000 per jeep



Cost Includes:

- Ground transport in private 4WD safari jeep, with internet, driver and fuel
- Experienced English speaking driver/guide
- Full Board accommodation with Meals (not alcohol) at lodges in National Parks (Kibale, Queen Elizabeth and Bwindi)
- Bottled mineral water and snacks in the safari vehicle
 - Park entrance fees and ranger fees
 - Activities as mentioned in the program
- Hotel accommodation taxes and all permits including:
 - ~ Gorilla Permit (\$700) for Bwindi in Uganda
 - ~ Chimpanzee Permit (\$200) for Kibale in Uganda
 - ~ Experiential lion tracking on the game drive (\$60)

Exclusive of:

- Meals and drinks not mentioned (at your hotels in Kampala and Entebbe)
- Items of personal nature, Tips & laundry service
 - International Flight tickets

INSURANCE:

This trip is an investment and should be protected. Many insurance options are available but some recommendations include RoamRight, Travelex or Travelinsurance.com. For more information go to consumeradvocate.org and search. Also available is a local trusted agent Gina Plescia who you can talk directly to at 312-206-7185. She is affiliated with Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 with reference location number 13-0035. <https://www.travelexinsurance.com>

Game Drives
Chimpanzee & Gorilla Trekking
National Parks
Tropical Forests
Guided Hikes
Beautiful Lodging

"... jaw dropping" - Mark, Johnsburg
"... life changing" - Rosemarie, Barrington
"... magical" - Colette, New York

For all questions and concerns, no matter how small - Please contact Rhonda at rhondadehn@zimufoundation.org

12 Day Legendary Uganda Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival – Let the Adventure Begin

Arriving late in Entebbe, you will be picked up from the airport by a McBern Tours and Travel representative and taken to your hotel in Entebbe. Entebbe is a comfortable town, safe, with English the national language spoken. Overnight at Protea, a Marriott property. The hotel offers a comfortable setting on Lake Victoria, the second largest fresh water lake in the world. Recoup from the long journey by getting a lakefront massage or relaxing by the pool. Optional wine tasting in the afternoon. Two nights and 3 days at Protea, Marriott.

Day 2: Ngamba island (Chimpanzee sanctuary)

In the morning, after breakfast, you'll take an approximately 30 minute boat ride on Lake Victoria to Ngamba Island. The island provides a sanctuary for rescued and orphaned chimpanzees. You will spend some time with the chimps. On your return to Entebbe, a driver will be available to take a short ride into the shopping section of Entebbe to investigate or grab some supplies.



Day 3: Day of the Local Communities and Rhinos!

With jet lag gone, we head out, first to visit a Rhino sanctuary and then on to the Nakasongola clinic, partially supported by the Zimu Foundation, which helps make this trip possible. Experience the local communities as we drive to the clinic where you'll tour the clinic and meet the children attending the grade school on site. A Ugandan buffet will be provided before we venture next to Kampala for the evening. With over 1.5 million people and a combination of buses, cars, and 'Boda Boda's' (motorcycles) moving everywhere, this is quite an experience. Overnight at Arcadia Suites. Enjoy the roof top bar and restaurant.

Day 4: On to the start of the Safaris

After an early breakfast, you'll travel to the western part of Uganda to Kibale National Park. Lunch en route. The night will be at the intimate and comfortable Kyaninga Lodge, nestled on the edge of an extinct volcanic crater lake. Take a 4 mile walk around the lake or request a kayak. Or, simply sit outside your room and stare at the beauty. Free laundry service available. Internet in main areas.

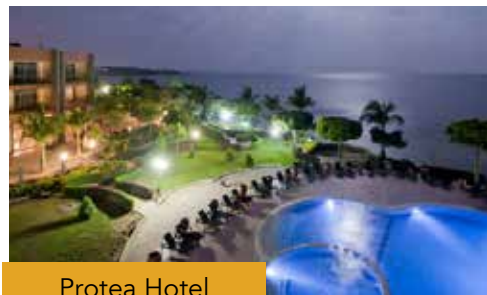


Day 5. Chimpanzee Tracking!!

Today you'll trek for chimpanzees through a tropical forest known for its high concentration of primates in Uganda. In addition, you'll search for red-tailed, blue and the rare L'Hoeste's monkey on this guided nature walk. Back to your lodge for lunch after which the afternoon can be spent on more local hikes, a swim in the pool, a massage, or just relax with some wine from the wine cellar. Dinner and overnight again at Kyaninga Lodge.

Day 6. Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

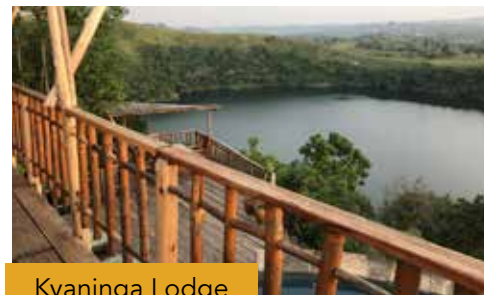
On to Queen Elizabeth National Park. On the way we will stop at Mabeere ga Nyina Mwiru caves, "where legends lie and beauty abounds". We have an easy walk by the open caves and little waterfall and then hike up an outside area to view the beautiful Tooro landscapes. Lunch en route. Our overnight will be at Mweya Safari Lodge, called the "Sheraton in the bush" because of its size and conveniences. Swim in the pool and enjoy a cocktail while looking out at the Kazinga Channel before heading out on an evening game drive.



Protea Hotel



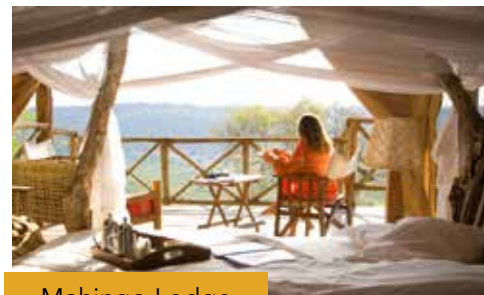
Arcadia Suites



Kyaninga Lodge



Mweya Safari Lodge



Mahingo Lodge

Day 7. Game Drive and Boat Ride on Kazinga Channel

The day begins early as we start with a morning game drive and head for the mating grounds of the Uganda Kobs. You'll search for the lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, impalas, waterbucks, topis, flamingos at Kasenyi salt mining ground and other wild animals, before returning for lunch. In the afternoon you'll take a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. Thanks to the abundant bird life that is sighted, and the elephants, buffalo, crocodiles and hundreds of hippos that are cooling off at the shores, this cruise will definitely be one of the highlights of your safari. Return to your lodge for a dip in the infinity pool. Dinner and overnight again at Mweya Safari Lodge.

Day 8. Destination Jungle Gorilla Lodge

Have a relaxing breakfast and depart for our next adventure. On your way, you will do a game drive in Ishasha, which is in the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park, famously known for the tree climbing lions. Dinner and overnight at the Trackers Lodge. This newer boutique again offers great service, pool, massages, laundry and amazing mountainous views..Wine included.



Day 9: Gorilla Trekking !!

You will wake up very early in the morning and head to Bwindi Impenetrable forest for the famous gorilla tracking. Lunch will be packed. While at Bwindi Forest, expect to walk in steep and muddy conditions before getting to see the gorillas. You will see the gorillas as they eat, play or rest. There are only 700-800 mountain gorillas remaining on Earth. Approximately half of the population are in the Impenetrable Forest. Back at the lodge, take a guided walk into town. Dinner and overnight at Trackers Lodge.

Day 10. Glamping at Mihingo Lodge

You will have breakfast and then proceed to Lake Mburo National Park. Lunch en route. Arriving late afternoon at Lake Mburo National Park you will have an option for an evening horseback riding safari or a mountain bike experience. The pool is amazing, dug out of natural stone and overlooking a valley below with a water hole for all the animals. Watch as the wild life takes turns to drink and play by the water hole. Expect to see many zebras. Dinner and overnight at Mihingo Lodge.



Day 11: Another great day at Mihingo Lodge

Spend another day enjoying the amazing Mahingo Lodge. You will have another opportunity to try the horseback safari or bike ride. Dinner and last overnight at Mahingo.

Day 12. Kampala Departure

After a leisurely morning, we'll travel back to Entebbe to prepare for our evening departure. On the way we'll stop at the Equator. Then late afternoon/early evening, we'll share one last meal together - and share some great pictures - before our planes leave and our tour ends.