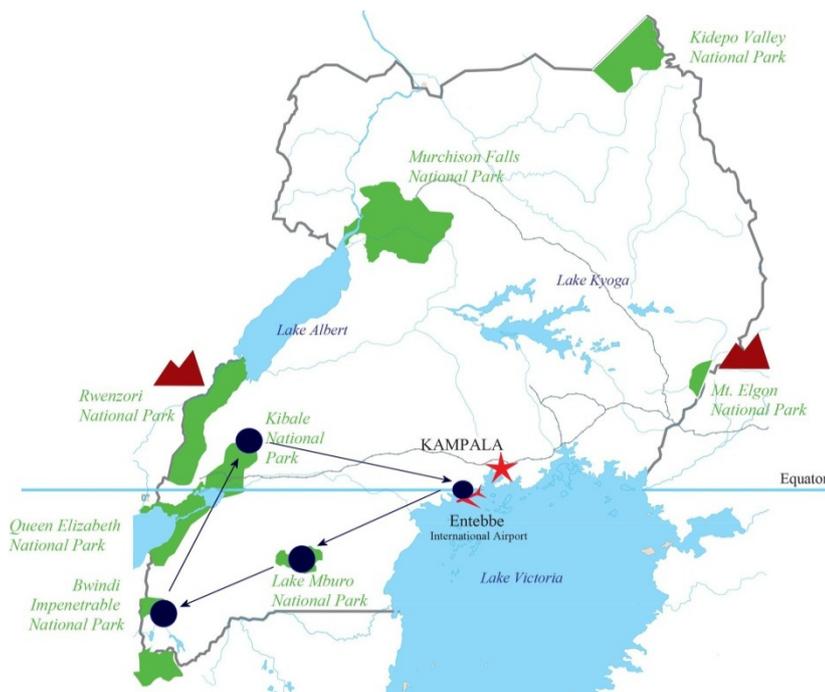


7- DAY DISCOVER UGANDA SAFARI

INTERNATIONAL SET GROUP SAFARI 2021

Discover the best of Uganda with this unique tour! Enjoy the flexibility and personalized service of a small group guided tour with unforgettable primate and wildlife encounters, cultural interactions and overnights in traditional and adventurous safari lodges.



Safari Highlights:

- Safari walk in Lake Mburo NP
- Gorilla tracking in Bwindi Forest
- Search of the tree climbing lions in Queen Elizabeth NP
- Visit to a local primary school
- Chimp tracking in Kibale Forest
- Possibilities for upgrading!



Your safari at a glance:

Day	Destination	Standard accommodation	Meal plan
1	Arrival in Entebbe	2 Friends Beach Hotel	-
2	Kibale Forest NP	Primate Lodge Standard cottage	B-L-D
3	Kibale Forest NP	Primate Lodge Standard cottage	B-L-D
4	Bwindi NP	Haven Lodge	B-L-D
5	Bwindi NP	Haven Lodge	B-L-D
6	Lake Mburo NP	Rwaboko Rock	B-L-D
7	Entebbe	-	B-L

<i>B = Breakfast</i>	<i>L = Lunch</i>	<i>D = Dinner</i>
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Set Departure Dates 2021
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01 November 2021

* Low season
 The above departure dates are the starting dates in Entebbe, guaranteed with a minimum of 2 people.

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Detailed Itinerary
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Day 1: Arrival- Entebbe

Welcome to the Pearl of Africa! Arrival at Entebbe Airport where you will be welcomed by a Great Lakes Safaris representative and be transferred to your hotel.

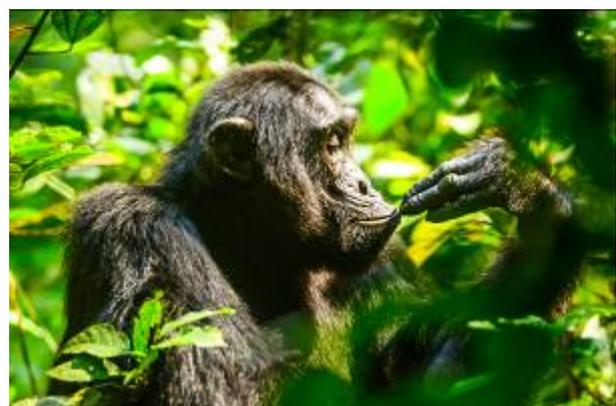
Overnight at 2 Friends Beach Hotel- pool view (BB)

Day 2: Entebbe – Kibale Forest NP. Approx. 370km/5hrs drive

After a relaxed breakfast, we will depart the capital city and head west to Fort Portal, with lunch en route. Fort Portal rests in the shadow of the fabled “Mountains of the Moon” and is famous for the many tea plantations. From this lovely town we will continue to Kibale National Park.

Dinner and overnight at Primate Lodge standard cottages (B-L-D)

Kibale Forest National Park harbors the greatest variety and concentration of primates found anywhere in East Africa. Not less than 13 different species are living in this small area of 560 sq km, including Black-and-White Colobus Monkeys, Blue Monkeys and Grey-cheeked Mangabeys. More important, the dense forest hosts a population of more than 1,000 chimpanzees, allowing visitors the unique opportunity to view these great apes in their natural environment. Just outside the national park you will find Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, offering a number of walking trails in the Magombe Swamp.



Day 3: Kibale Forest NP & Bigodi Village

Today the forest opens for a **sensational chimp tracking**. Kibale Forest is reputable of having the greatest variety and highest concentration of primates in East Africa. After a pre-tracking briefing at walking distance from your accommodation, you will start your hike adventure into the forest. Follow the footsteps of a large habituated family of chimpanzees, with over 120 individuals that has made Kibale one of the best locations in Africa for chimp viewing.



En route your guide will explain more about the forest and the other inhabitants, including other primates and birds such as the blue breasted Kingfisher, black billed Turaco, Pied Hornbill, Chestnut winged Starlings and many more.

Upon sighting the chimpanzees, you will stay with them for one unforgettable hour as they continue their daily routine – growling, grooming, feeding, taking care of the young ones and agilely climbing up trees. It certainly is one unforgettable wildlife encounter and the hour is always over too soon.

After your forest walk, return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon we transfer to Bigodi Village for a **community walk** that will bring you closer to the local tribe that lives in this area. Accompanied by a local guide, who can tell you everything about the traditional customs and lifestyle, you will follow the village path and **visit a primary school**, traditional homesteads and learn more about the crops in the fields.

Dinner and overnight at *Primate Lodge standard cottages (B-L-D)*

Day 4: Kibale Forest NP – Queen Elizabeth NP - Bwindi NP. Approx. 450km/7hrs drive.

After an early breakfast we head to depart for **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park**, home of the endangered mountain gorillas. En route we will pass the vast savannah plains of **Queen Elizabeth National Park** where we will go in search of the **tree climbing lions**. Enjoy a picnic lunch en route before we finally reach Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, for an overnight in the middle of the African jungle.

Dinner and overnight at *Haven Lodge Buhoma- cottages (B-L-D)*

*Of the over 800 mountain gorillas worldwide, **Bwindi National Park** is home to almost half of the gorilla population. There is no better place for observing these gentle giants from a close distance! Thanks to the wildlife conservation program, the number of gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest only has increased from 300 to 400 in the recent years, which include nine different families that are habituated for tourism purposes. Apart from the famous residents, the dense forest hosts 9 other primates. There are different trails in the park, including the Munyanga River Trail and Waterfall Trail, leading through the pristine rainforest to three sparkling waterfalls.*

Day 5: Gorilla tracking in Bwindi NP

Arise early today and prepare for the highlight of your safari, an **unforgettable encounter with the Gentle Giants!**

Following breakfast, transfer to the national park offices where you will be allocated a gorilla family in groups of 8 as well as a gorilla tracking guide. After a pre-tracking briefing by your guide touching on the gorillas generally, your assigned gorilla family as well as appropriate safety precautions, you drive to the trailhead for the start of a thrilling adventure. Expect to walk between 2 and 8 hours in steep and sometimes muddy conditions with rain overhead, which can be tough and require a degree of (average) fitness. However, the thrill of coming face to face with a giant Mountain Gorilla silverback completely makes up for the effort!

Please remember to bring your passport for registration, appropriate, water proof hiking boots and a light rain coat. To protect from stinging nettles, we recommend long pants and long sleeved tops. A pair of old gardening gloves can help grabbing onto the vegetation while most hotels/lodges provide a walking stick that come in very handy especially when hiking downhill. A small waterproof backpack is an excellent idea to carry a light snack, bottled water as well as protection for your camera.

Upon sighting the gorillas, you spend the allowed one hour with them as they go about their daily life; feeding, moving, playing, raising their young and sometimes wrestling with the juveniles – it is a totally unique and unforgettable experience!

Dinner and overnight at Haven Lodge Buhoma - cottage (B-L-D)



Day 6: Bwindi NP - Lake Mburo NP. Approx. 250km/6hrs drive

After breakfast we depart the impenetrable forest of Bwindi and head to Lake Mburo National Park. As we enter the park it is likely that you will spot some wildlife. After checking in you will go on a boat ride on the lake to view the rich bird life and many hippos that are cooling off. Have an early dinner before going on a optional (at extra fee) **night game drive** in an open Landrover with spot light. This special game drive of 2-3 hours provides good chances of seeing the elusive leopard and of course other nocturnal animals. En route we shall stop at **Igongo Cultural Centre** for lunch. The cultural centre illustrates the culture and traditional way of life of the local tribes

in this area, including a museum, garden with indigenous trees and plants and traditional homesteads.

Dinner and overnight at **Rwakobo Rock- cottage (B- L-D)**

Lake Mbuoro is the smallest national park in Uganda and conveniently located in the west of the country. Despite of its size, the area offers amazing scenery. The five lakes are surrounded by forested hills, open savannah, acacia woodland and papyrus swamps. Wildlife includes some special species such as impalas, zebras and the gigantic elands, which are almost nowhere else found in the country. Lake ;Mbuoro is an excellent place for bird watching as well. About 315 species are recorded in this area. Besides exploring the network of game tracks by car, guided safari walks and boat rides on Lake Mbuoro can also be arranged.

***New:** in July 2015 giraffes were translocated from Murchison Falls to Lake Mbuoro NP!*



Day 7: Lake Mbuoro NP – Entebbe. Approx. 270km/6-7hrs drive

Early start of the day we will go for a bush walk guided by a ranger. Experience a safari on foot that will allow you to notice the smaller, often overlooked, details and usually brings you much closer to the wildlife than when in a car.

Return the lodge for breakfast and with a game drive on our way out we depart the protected area and back towards the capital city. En-route we will **pass the Equator** where we will make a stop for lunch, photos and souvenir shopping. In time you will be dropped at Entebbe Airport for your international flight. (B-L)

**** END OF YOUR SAFARI WITH GREAT LAKES SAFARIS ****

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Accommodations
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2Friends Beach Hotel



Entebbe
2Friends beach Entebbe is found in Entebbe and its only 10 minutes drive from the International Airport at Entebbe. It's 16 spacious and beautifully decorated rooms offers luxurious accomodation on the beach of Lake Victoria. It offers additional services like free airport transfer, wonderful ambiance, unique design and much more.

Standard Cottages / Primate Lodge Kibale

Kibale Forest National Park



Primate Lodge Kibale is perfectly situated in the middle of Kibale National Park within walking distance from the Chimpanzee tracking set off point.

The 7 cottages at Primate Lodge Kibale are beautifully located in the middle of Kibale Forest, a lush tropical forest which is home to 13 different primate species including the chimpanzee. Each has a spacious bedroom, en suite bathroom with hot running water and a private veranda that overlooks the forest. The

main lodge has a spacious dining room, serving local and international meals, with an adjacent bar and open lounge area.

Haven Lodge

Bwindi Impenetrable NP



Haven Lodge is perched high, above Buhoma village, a 5-minute drive from the main road, and this elevated location guarantees best views across Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. We currently offer 2 beautifully designed twin/double cottages and 1 family cottage, all self-contained (en suite) and

The architectural design is simple and natural merging simple elegance with local materials. Each room has an en-suite bathroom with sweeping views of the valley and forests that surround it. WiFi is available.



Rwaboko Rock



Lake Mbuoro NP

Rwaboko Rock is an eco-friendly family run lodge nestled on a scenic outcrop at the edge of Lake Mbuoro National Park. The rustic cottages are dotted around the hill, all with a private bathroom and offering great sunset views. The main dining area and bar overlook the national park and a nearby rocky pool where wild animals can often be seen drinking. WiFi is available in the main area.

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Safari Package Price
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Tour price in US Dollars / per person Nett & Non-Commissionable - Valid for 2022	
Min. 2 - max. 6 participants	Price Per Person
Standard accommodation	USD \$ 1,875

Additional/Optional surcharges to be added to the package (non-commissionable) Price per person	
Single room supplement Standard accommodation	USD \$ 335
Gorilla permit	US \$ 700
Chimp permit	US \$ 200
Optional day room in Entebbe – single occupancy	US \$ 140
Optional day room in Entebbe – Double occupancy	US \$ 70



Included in the price:

- Airport transfer to/from Entebbe Airport
- Ground transport per private 4WD safari vehicle (Minibus)
- English speaking driver/guide
- Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary, based on a shared twin/double room
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- Bottled mineral water in the safari vehicle
- Entrance fees and ranger fees for national parks
- Activities and excursions mentioned in the program
- Detailed map of Uganda
- AMREF Evacuation Air Ambulance insurance
- VAT for hotels and lodges outside Kampala

Exclusions:

- International flight
- Permit for chimp tracking in Kibale Forest
- Visa (USD \$50, available upon arrival or applied for Online)
- Gorilla permit
- Optional activities
- Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- Items of personal nature
- Tips

Additional Information

Terms and conditions:

- * The net rates are in US dollars per person and subject to change.
- * The high season period includes January, February, March, June, July, August, September, November and December.
- * The low season period includes April, May and October.
- * Availability of accommodation, permits and activities is not guaranteed until confirmation by your contact person of Great Lakes Safaris. Permits are sold on 'first come first serve' basis.
- * Gorilla permits can only be secured after receiving the requested deposit.
- * The chimp tracking in Kibale Forest may take place either in the morning or afternoon, depending on the availability of the permits for chimp tracking.
- * The safari will be carried out with an international travel company, with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 participants. Great Lakes Safaris has no control of the nationality, gender, age or any other details of the participants.
- * The estimated travelling hours are based on the actual hours of driving; stops for lunch or photos not included.
- * Please consult our [website](http://www.greatlakessafaris.com) for the Terms & Conditions.

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Visa fees and applications for East Africa

Visa Uganda:

Single entry visa costs US \$50 per person. Visas have to be applied and paid for online via the [Uganda Immigration website](#), and present a copy of their eVisa upon immigration. Through the month of July 2016, it will still be possible to get visas upon arrival. After July 2016, all visa applications shall be online and in advance to allow time to receive the Visa Approval Letter.

Visa Rwanda:

Single entry visa costs US \$50 per person. Visas have to be applied for online via the [Rwanda Immigration website](#). A copy of the approved application has to be presented at the entry point where the visa will then be issued and paid for. Kindly note that citizens from the following countries are required to pay visa fees but are allowed to obtain their visa upon arrival without prior online application: Australia, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, UK and USA.

Visa Kenya:

Single entry visa costs US \$50 per person. Visas have to be applied and paid for online via the [eCitizen portal](#), and present a copy of their eVisa upon immigration. From 1st July until 31st August it will still be possible to obtain your visa directly at the border, without an online application. However, effective 1st September 2015 all visitors to Kenya will be required to apply and pay for the visa online. Please remember that the visa process may take one full week.

East African Tourist Visa:

If you are planning to combine Uganda with a visit to Rwanda and/or Kenya it is recommendable to request for the East African Tourist Visa. This special tourist visa costs US \$100 per person and allows 90 days multiple entry to Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya. Regretfully, Tanzania is not (yet) a member of the East African community and therefore not part of this arrangement.

How to obtain the East African Tourist Visa:

- Uganda: online via the [Uganda Immigration website](#)
- Rwanda: online via the [Rwanda Immigration website](#). Similar to the application for the single entry visa but make sure to select the East African Tourist Visa.
- Kenya: online via the [eCitizen portal](#)