

Uganda More 'Up-Market' itinerary:

Day 1: Kampala, Pre-departure

Today will be our chance to prepare for the exciting adventure ahead. We will meet after lunch at Red Chilli Hideaway – a relaxing lodge a short 10-minutes from Uganda's Capital city, Kampala. Here, we will have a chance to meet our fellow travellers and chat about the trip ahead before heading into town do shopping and exchange money before leaving civilisation for the following 2 weeks.

Meals will be at your own expense today

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 2: Kampala to Lake Mburo NP

After an early start to avoid the Kampala traffic, we will begin our journey southward to Lake Mburo National Park. During the drive, we will cross the Equator into the Southern Hemisphere, then continue through the rolling hills of banana plantations on one of the few tarred roads in the country. Enjoy the comfort while you can! We will arrive at our campsite on the lake in time for lunch before heading on an evening game drive – our first chance to find some African wildlife.

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Accommodation: Tented safari camp

Milage: 250

Included:

Lake Mburo National Park

Evening Game Drive

Day 3: Lake Mburo NP to Lake Bunyonyi

After short morning game drive beneath the African sunrise, we leave Lake Mburo National Park and head further southwest to the incredibly beautiful Lake Bunyonyi.

We will arrive around lunchtime and enjoy the lake for the afternoon before ending the day with a tranquil sunset boat cruise on this magnificent lake, visiting some of the isolated islands.

BLD

Accommodation: Lodge

Milage:

Included: Evening boat cruise

Day 4: Lake Bonyoni to Rubuguri:

Enjoy a relaxing start before we leave Lake Bonyoni behind and head to the southwestern corner of Uganda – the place where Footsteps Through Africa all began – the beautiful village of Rubuguri. Here is where we will spend the following 3 nights. We will arrive around lunchtime after driving through the breathtakingly beautiful mountains of the Bwindi Forest area.

Our time here will be spent getting to know the amazing community of Rubuguri and visiting our Footsteps projects in the area. In addition, this is where we will get to meet the majestic silverback and mountain gorillas in their natural

habitat; a humbling and life changing experience

BLD

Accommodation: Lodge

Milage: 125km

Day 5: Bwindi Forest Gorilla Trekking

We will have an early start today as we prepare for the unforgettable gorilla trekking experience.

We will spend most of the day out in Bwindi forest, tracking and spending time with these absolutely beautiful, critically endangered species. Without doubt, this is a highlight of the Ugandan experience.

Upon return to the campsite around mid-afternoon, you have a chance to relax after the challenging trek through the thick and slippery rain forest.

BLD

Accommodation: Lodge

Included:

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
Gorilla Trekking

Day 6: Rubuguri Village

Today you will get to know all of the

Footsteps Through Africa projects in the area, which benefit hugely from the tours conducted throughout the continent. Get to know the community and the children who live here and are being given opportunities to learn and develop through sponsorships and Footsteps projects!

Take a moment to realise the difference you are making, leave your own Footsteps Through Africa by making memories at our current projects in the area.

BLD

Accommodation: Lodge

Included:

Rubuguri Village

Day 7: Rubuguri to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After a memorable and heart-warming time in Rubuguri and the Bwindi forest area, it's time for more safari! Today we head further north to Queen Elizabeth National Park where we will spend 2 nights in the heart of this beautiful reserve, which is also one of two places in the world to find the iconic tree-climbing lions, and the endemic Uganda kob antelope.

In the early afternoon, we will arrive at our camp on the Ishasha River, always teeming with Hippos! Enjoy having some time to relax before setting off on an evening game drive.

BLD

Accommodation: Tented safari camp

Milage: 200km

Included:

Queen Elisabeth National Park
Evening Game Drive

Day 8: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day 8 brings a full day to enjoy and explore this beautiful and lush National Park. We will set off at sunrise for our early morning game drive before returning to camp for a big, hearty brunch.

The afternoon will be spent with some chilled out siesta time followed another game drive in the area.

BLD

Accommodation: Tented safari camp

Included:

Queen Elisabeth National Park
Morning and evening Game Drive

Day 9 & 10: Queen Elizabeth National Park to Kibale Forest

After a few brilliant days with wildlife, we leave QENP and head to yet another iconic element of Ugandan tourism: chimpanzee trekking!

We will drive through Fort Portal – a town nestled in the middle of the magnificent Ruwenzori Mountains, Africa's 3rd highest mountain range, and home to the lush Kibale Forest, most famous for its chimpanzee populations in Africa. Here is where we will spend the next 2 nights enjoying the incredible birdlife and scenery, in addition to our unforgettable chimp trekking experience.

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Accommodation: Lodge

Milage: 180km

Included:

Chimpanzee Trekking

Kibale Forest

Day 11: Kibale to Murchison Falls National Park

This morning kicks off with an early start and a long drive on some real 'Ugandan' roads, so enjoy the ride! We head to one of our personal favourites, and one of Africa's most prestigious

National Parks, Murchison Falls.

Murchison Falls itself is one of the most powerful surges of water in the world, where the mighty Nile River is pushed through a 6m-wide gap, creating a powerful explosion of water right in front of your eyes. Falls aside, the massive, green, open plains of this National Park are home to a huge variety of wildlife, including breeding herds of elephant, journey upon journey of the endemic 3-horned giraffe, a great population of lion, and much, much more. This is truly mesmerising experience.

Our time here will be spent camping wild in the middle of Murchison Delta.

BLD

Accommodation: Tented safari camp

Milage: 350

Included:

Murchison Falls National Park

Evening Game Drive

Day 12: Murchison Falls National Park

Today will be a full day of enjoying the beauty of Murchison Falls National Park. We will rise with the sun and head off on our morning game drive before returning to camp for brunch and some siesta time while looking over the hippo's wallowing in the Nile river in front of us, and then, yet another safari around this magnificent area.

BLD

Accommodation: Tented safari camp

Included:

Murchison Falls National Park

Morning and evening Game Drive

Day 13: Murchison Falls National Park to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

Our time at Murchison Falls National Park would not be complete without a boat cruise down the longest river in the world: the Nile, this cruise also being our opportunity to find the world's rarest bird, the Shoebill Stork! Once our cruise is complete, we begin the short journey to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary – not before stopping at the Murchison Falls View point, where we will see the massive explosion of water of this powerful waterfall.

Ziwa is a private organisation in Uganda devoted to bringing the 5th member of the Big 5 back into wild Uganda. We will arrive by mid-afternoon and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure

BLD

Accommodation: Lodge

Included:

Rhino Trekking
Murchison Falls View Point

Day 14: ZIWA – Jinja

This morning is off to an exciting start with a fantastic rhino trekking experience, giving us a chance to encounter these prehistoric, gentle giants on foot. After rhino trekking, we get back on the road and head to the bustling town of Jinja, where we will spend the next 2 nights.

Lunch and Dinner will be at own expense in Jinja

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Accommodation: Lodge

Day 15: Jinja

Today will be a day for you to relax and enjoy.

Jinja is known as the 'tourist hub' of Uganda. There are plenty of optional activities to fill your day, from horseback rides along the Nile, to quad biking through the natural forest, jet boating, bungee jumping, and, famously, white water rafting on the Nile. For those who just want some down time, you can relax on at our lodge on the banks of the Nile or take a walk into town and experience the busy and colourful markets along the main road. This evening will be spent on a sunset boat cruise from Lake Victoria to the source of the Nile River.

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Accommodation: Lodge

Included:

Lake Victoria boat cruise

Optional:

White water rafting
Horseback riding
Quad Biking
Bungee jumping
and more...

Day 16: Jinja to Kampala

Unfortunately, this day brings us to the end of an eye opening, unforgettable, inspiring, and adventurous experience through the Pearl of Africa. We will enjoy a relaxing start before taking the short drive across to Kampala, where we will arrive by lunchtime.

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