

UGANDA PRIMATE & BIG 5 SAFARI

Uganda has been dubbed "The Pearl of Africa". Not only is it home to the world-famous Big Five, and some of the world's last remaining Great Apes, it also has an impressive list of natural features, making it a destination of supreme diversity. Within its borders, Uganda boasts Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa; the Rwenzori Mountains, among the highest in the world; one of the last remaining true rain forests; and Murchison Falls, which is one of Africa's most prestigious national parks set alongside the world's longest river, the Nile. All these things aside, it is said that the reason it has been dubbed The Pearl, is because of its people.

€2750 per person

PLUS \$600 - GORILLA TREKKING PERMIT (To be brought in cash on arrival)

Duration

13 nights / 13 days

Safari Style

Fully Accommodated

Route Kigali - Entebbe

- Kigali (1 night)
- Kigali - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest (2 nights)
- Bwindi - Lake Bunyonyi (1 night)
- Lake Bunyonyi - Queen Elizabeth National Park, Ishasha (2 nights)
- Queen Elizabeth National Park - Kibale Forest (2 nights)
- Kibale Forest - Murchison Falls National Park (3 nights)
- Murchison Falls - Jinja (2 nights)
- Jinja - Entebbe (TOUR END)

Included

- Pre-tour accommodation (Kigali, Rwanda)
- Airport transfers (Kigali & Entebbe)
- Transport (in a fully equipped 13-seater overland truck)
- All accommodation (between lodges and assisted camping)
- Meals - 13x breakfast, 10x lunch, 10x dinner
- Professional & experienced tour guide
- All national park entrance fees
- Drinking water
- Footsteps welcome package

Included Highlights

- Kigali Genocide Museum
- Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
- Gorilla Trekking (see pricing info)
- Footsteps community projects tour
- Lake Bunyonyi with boat cruise
- 2 nights Queen Elizabeth National Park
- 4 x Queen Elizabeth National Park game drives
- 2 nights Kibale Forest
- Chimpanzee Trekking
- 3 nights Murchison Falls National Park

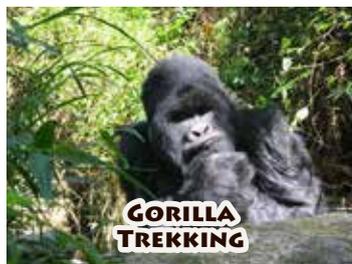
(Murchison Falls Delta)

- 5 x Murchison Falls game drive
- Nile River boat cruise
- Murchison Falls view point
- Lake Victoria - Source of the Nile River boat cruise

Additional Expenses

- Personal drinks/snacks (other than water)
- International flights
- Travel and medical insurance
- Personal spending money
- Visas
- Any optional activities
- Gratuities/tips for guides used along the way (tipping guideline will be provided)

Budget Uganda Camping Tour also available from €2045 per person. Please check website for more info.



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TREKKING**



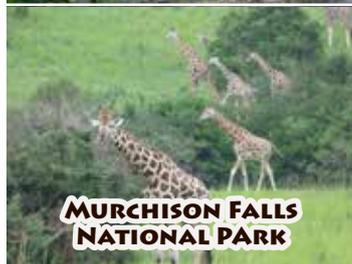
**QUEEN ELIZABETH
NATIONAL PARK**



**BWINDI
IMPENETRABLE FOREST**



**MULTIPLE
BOAT CRUISES**



**MURCHISON FALLS
NATIONAL PARK**



**RUBUGURI
VILLAGE**



**CHIMPANZEE
TREKKING**



**MULTIPLE
SAFARIS**

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY



Day 0: Kigali (pre-night)

Today will be your chance to meet your fellow travellers and get ready for the safari ahead! On the evening of your pre-night, your group will be met by your guide for the tour and get a detailed briefing about the day-to-day operations of the trip. Meals today will be at your own expense.

Accommodation: Onomo Hotel, Kigali

Day 1: Kigali – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, via Genocide Museum

In the morning we will be exploring Kigali, one of the most attractive capital cities in Africa that sets an example to most other African nations, as we visit the famous Genocide Museum and gain an insight into the horrific civil war that almost destroyed the country on the 80s and 90s.

In the afternoon we leave the big city behind us as we head for the Pearl of Africa, Uganda. After crossing the border, our first stop will be Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, where we will spend two nights in Rubuguri village (bordering the forest), home to Footsteps Through Africa's non-profit community projects.

The drive there will take us over the beautifully scenic, winding, mountain roads surrounding the forest, with breath-taking views of the Virunga volcanoes. We will arrive at our lodge in the late afternoon for a relaxed night before our upcoming gorilla trekking experience.

B/L/D

Accommodation: Karungi Camp

Mileage: 180 km

Highlights of the day:

Genocide Museum
Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Day 2: Bwindi Impenetrable 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 the forest, tracking and spending time with these absolutely beautiful, critically



endangered species. Without doubt, this is a highlight of the Ugandan experience.

We will spend anything from one to three hours trekking through the lush forest, tracking the gorilla family. Once we have found the family, we will spend a mesmerising hour with these gentle giants, admiring them as they watch us out of the corners of their eyes.

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

B/L/D

Accommodation: Karungi lodge

Mileage: 230 km

Highlights of the day:

Gorilla trekking

Day 3: Bwindi Forest – Lake Bunyonyi

This morning we will set off on a village tour of Rubuguri – home to Footsteps Through Africa's non-profit projects. All of our projects here were existing community projects that Footsteps has supported since its founding in 2015.



These are the projects that benefit from all Footsteps Tours, with 5% of each tour payment contributing directly towards the projects.

After a humbling morning getting to know the amazing community of Rubuguri, we take the short drive across to Uganda's deepest lake, Lake Bunyonyi. Nestled in a volcano crater, Bunyonyi is surrounded by lush volcanic vegetation and rolling green hills – a sight for sore eyes!

Here, we will enjoy a boat cruise, visiting some of the lake's many islands and enjoying its exceptional bird life.

B/L/D

Accommodation: Lodge – Bunyonyi Overland Resort

Mileage: 70 km

Highlights of the day:

Rubuguri village tour
Lake Bunyonyi boat cruise



Day 4: Lake Bunyonyi – Queen Elizabeth National Park, Ishasha

It's time for safari!

Today we head north to Queen Elizabeth National Park where we will spend two nights in the comfort of a lodge in 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 lodge on the Ishasha River – border to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Enjoy having some time to relax with hippos grunting in the river, before setting off on an evening game drive.

B/L/D**Accommodation:** Lodge – Enjojo Lodge (or similar)**Mileage:** 140 km**Highlights of the day:**Queen Elizabeth National Park
Evening game drive**Day 5: Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Day six 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 in search of the endemic tree-climbing lions, before returning to camp for a relaxing siesta.

After a bit of down time, we jump back into the vehicle for our evening drive, exploring more of what this magnificent area has to offer.

B/L/D**Accommodation:** Enjojo Lodge (or similar)**Highlights of the day:**Queen Elizabeth National Park
Two Game Drives**Day 6 & 7: Queen Elizabeth – Kibale Forest (chimpanzee trekking)**

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 to Fort Portal – a town nestled in the middle of the magnificent Rwenzori Mountains, Africa's third-highest mountain range, and home to the lush Kibale Forest, most famous for its chimpanzee inhabitants. Here is where we will spend the next two nights in the comfort of a beautiful forest lodge, enjoying the incredible birdlife and scenery in addition to our unforgettable chimp trekking experience.

**B/L/D****Accommodation:** Lodge – Turaco Tree-tops (or similar)**Mileage:** 310 km**Highlights of the day:**Kibale Forest
Chimpanzee trekking
Bird & forest walk**Day 8: Kibale Forest – Murchison Falls National Park**

This morning kicks off with an early start and a relatively long drive! We head to one of Africa's most prestigious national parks, Murchison Falls.

Murchison Falls itself has one of the most



powerful surges of water in the world, where the mighty Nile River is pushed through a six-metre-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, stretched along the Nile River are home to a huge variety of wildlife, including breeding herds of elephant, journey upon journey of the rare Rothschild's giraffe, a great population of lion, and much, much more. This is truly a mesmerising experience. Here, we will spend the following three nights camping wild in the middle of the parks 'delta', in an unfenced camping area, inviting all kinds of wildlife to stroll through our campsite. Our time here will be spent relaxing at camp and embarking on numerous game drives and a Nile River boat cruise.

B/L/D**Accommodation:** Assisted camping, Murchison Falls Delta**Mileage:** 300 km**Highlights of the day:**Murchison Falls National Park
Evening game drive**Day 9 & 10: Murchison Falls National Park**

Days 10 and 11 will be spent exploring the immense beauty and diverse wildlife of Murchison Falls National Park. During our two full days here, we will enjoy four game drives, in addition to a Nile River boat cruise, on which we go in search of one of the world's rarest bird species, the shoebill.

On our last morning in the park, we will cross the Nile River by ferry into the southern section of the park to view the falls themselves – such a powerful experience!

**B/L/D****Accommodation –** Assisted camping, Murchison Falls delta**Highlights of the day:**4 x game drives
Nile River boat cruise
Murchison Falls**Optional:**

Fishing

Day 11 & 12: Jinja

We will have a leisurely morning before getting back on the road and heading to the bustling town of Jinja, home to the source of the Nile on Lake Victoria. Here, we will spend the next two nights at our lodge, which is built on the banks of the Nile.

Jinja is the tourist capital of Uganda, offering numerous optional activities, as well as restaurants and bars in the busy town centre. Your time here can be spent at your own accord, although we will enjoy one last boat cruise together, this time to see the source of the Nile river on Lake Victoria.

Meals here will be at your own expense.

B**Accommodation:** Lodge, Kalagala Falls**Mileage:** 320 km**Highlights of the day:**

Lake Victoria Boat Cruise – Source of the Nile River

Optional:White water rafting
Jet boat
Bunjee jumping
Horse riding
Quad biking
and more...**Day 13: Entebbe**

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 Entebbe, where we will arrive by lunchtime.

B**Mileage:** 120 km**Tour End**