11-Day Uganda Gorilla Tracking Safari: Lake Mburo, Bwindi and Murchison Falls

Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRY	STARTING FROM
11 days, 10 nights	**Uganda**	**USD 4,000 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 11-day safari visits popular Ugandan national parks for gorillas, chimpanzees and game viewing.

You begin at Lake Mburo National Park, then trek gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. At Queen Elizabeth National Park you take a game drive and a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, and at Kibale National Park you track chimpanzees and walk the Bigodi wetland. The trip ends at Murchison Falls National Park with a game drive and a boat cruise.

ITINERARY

Arrival

You'll be picked up from the airport (or hotel)

Accommodation before the tour departs can be arranged for an extra cost

Day 1

Arrival and transfer to Entebbe

On arrival, you will be met by the Namib Safari guide who will transfer you to your Guest House or Hotel for overnight stay. Depending on your time of arrival, you may choose to take a boat excursion to Ngamba Island (optional and not included), visit the nearby Entebbe Botanic gardens or visit the Uganda Wildlife Education center.

Drive time: Approximately 15 minutes

Lodge: Secrets Guest House

Meal Plan: Bed and breakfast

Day 2

Lake Mburo National Park

After breakfast, drive to Lake Mburo National Park with a stopover at the Equator crossing in Kayabwe for photography, stretching and simple experiments. You will arrive in Lake Mburo National Park in time for an en route game drive and a boat cruise on the Lake.

Drive time: Approximately 5-6 hours

Lodge: Lake Mburo Safari Lodge or Rwakobo Rock

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3

Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

After breakfast, you will enjoy an en route game drive through Lake Mburo National Park as you proceed to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park located in Southwestern Uganda. This journey gives you great opportunities for scenic viewing as you go pass some of the green rolling hills of Uganda with banana and tea plantations. Lunch will be served en route and you will arrive in Bwindi in the evening.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge.

Drive time: 6-7 hours.

Day 4

Gorilla Trekking.

After an early morning breakfast, with your packed lunch, you will report to the Park Headquarters at about 7:45 am for registration and then you will join other trackers for a briefing about the Dos and the Don'ts during your Gorilla Tracking safari. Your guides will lead you through the thick creepers and undergrowth as you trek to find the Gorillas. This trek can take you half an hour to three quarters of the day. The steeply forested landscape is incredibly dense but crisscrossed by numerous animal trails allowing access to tourists. The amount of time you take during the trek largely depends on the movement of the gorillas. But it is an extraordinary feeling being with these beautiful yet endangered Creatures.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge

Day 5

Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park.

This morning you will depart for Queen Elizabeth National Park. So, be prepared for some incredible scenery along the way. You will arrive in time for Lunch at the lodge and an afternoon game drive in the plains of Kasenyi in search for Savannah wildlife that may include herds of buffaloes, antelopes, elephants and if you are lucky, you will spot some wild cats such as lions and leopard.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Elephant Hab/Pumba Safari Lodge

Drive time: 4-5 hours.

Day 6

Morning Game drive and afternoon boat on Kazinga Channel.

This morning you will head back to the plains of Kasenyi for a morning game drive to try to find what you could have missed seeing the previous day. Lunch will be served at the lodge. After lunch, you will head to the jetty along the Kazinga channel for the afternoon boat cruise. This cruise offers you beautiful chances of viewing animals like: hippos, elephants, buffaloes, crocodiles and some water birds which flop the channel to drink water.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Elephant Hab\Pumba Safari Lodge

Day 7

Morning game drive and transfer to Kibale National Park

After an early breakfast, you will drive to the Northern bank of the Queen Elizabeth National Park (Kasenyi) area in search of some wild animals which include: Elephants, Buffalo, and some wild cats, different species of antelopes such water buck, Uganda kobs etc. as well as Savannah birds. After lunch you will drive to Kibale National Park arriving at your lodge in the evening.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Lodge: Chimpanzee Forest guest house or Isunga Lodge

Drive time: 3-4hours.

Day 8

Chimpanzee Tracking.

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kibale National Park Headquarters located at Kanyanchu. Here, you will join other trekkers for briefing before you proceed into the forest for chimpanzee trekking. You will be led by a well-trained and experienced ranger/guide who will take you for a guided primate walk inside Kibale Forest National Park. This forest provides an opportunity to visit one of the habituated communities of chimpanzees. You are allowed to spend an hour with these Great Apes while observing their behaviour. You are allowed to take photographs. So make sure your cameras are nearby. Kibale National Park is also home to other 13 primate species which can also be spotted while trekking the Chimpanzees. Of course there are also numerous species of forest birds. In fact, this is another haven for bird lovers. After lunch, you will head to Bigodi wetland for a wetland walk with opportunities to see primates and several bird species. This walk will enable you appreciate the role of the of the local people around Bigodi in conserving the wetland. You can choose to support them through donation in kind. Please note that this is a voluntary act.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Accommodation: Chimpanzee Forest guest house or Isunga Lodge

Day 9

Drive to Murchison Falls National Park

Drive to Murchison Falls National Park through small towns, villages and great views of the escarpment arriving late evening.

Drive time: Approximately 8-9 hours' drive

Accommodation: Pakuba Safari Lodge or Murchison River Lodge

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10

Morning game drive and afternoon boat cruise to the bottom of the falls

After an early morning cup of coffee, you be transfered to the Northern section of the park which is popularly known as Paraa for your morning game drive. Paraa comes from a local dialect of the Luo community which means a place of Hippos. In deed this game drive will provide you with an opportunity to spot wild game that may include, giraffes, buffaloes, antelopes, hippos and if you are lucky you will spot cats such as lions and leopards. You will return to the lodge for a lunch break before you proceed to the pier for your two hour boat cruise to the bottom of the magnificent Murchison Falls where you will be able to spot several schools of Hippos as well as be able to witness how the River Nile water squeezes itself in a narrow gorge only to later explode out giving you an experience of a lifetime.

Accommodation: Pakuba Safari Lodge or Murchison River Lodge

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 11

To Entebbe International airport.

After breakfast, you will drive back to Entebbe international Airport. Depending on your flight time, you may decide to visit the Zziwa Rhino sanctuary (optional and not included).

Drive time:5-6 hours

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees (For non-residents)
- Gorilla and Chimp permits (One per person, non-resident)
- All activities (Unless labeled as optional)
- All accommodation (Unless listed as upgrade)
- A professional driver/guide
- All transportation (Unless labeled as optional)
- All Taxes/VAT
- Meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)
- Drinking water (On all days)

Cost excludes

- International flights (From/to home)
- Round-trip airport transfer
- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour
- Tips (Tipping guideline US$10.00 pp per day)
- Personal items (Souvenirs, travel insurance, visa fees, etc.)
- Government imposed increase of taxes and/or park fees
- Some meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)

GOOD TO KNOW

- Accommodation is Inclusive
- This Safari is guided by the new normal post covid 19 SOPS
- Small Group Safari: Max 6 People per group
- Tour Can Depart any day
- Tour can be customized
- Solo travelers can join this tour
- Age Limit: 15 years and above
- Packing for Safari? Keep it simple!
- Bring comfortable, lightweight clothes in natural colors like khaki, olive, sand, and earth tones. Pack layers too: mornings can be surprisingly chilly, while the middle of the day gets hot. You don't need a fresh outfit for every day, since most lodges and camps can arrange laundry service.

- Don't forget your sun protection: a good hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Comfortable shoes are enough for most safaris. Heavy hiking boots are only needed if you're doing a walking safari, primate tracking, or mountain climbing.
- A good pair of binoculars is a must. A camera is great, but binoculars will transform the way you experience wildlife, especially birds and animals that are far away.
- For luggage, we recommend a soft-sided bag over a hard suitcase. It fits much more easily into safari vehicles and small aircraft, where space is tight and weight is often limited to 15 kg.
- Most importantly, don't overpack. Travel light and enjoy the adventure!

Ready to book this safari?

Request a quote and we will tailor it to your dates and group: **gorillatreking.com/safari/11-day-uganda-gorilla-tracking-safari-lake-mburo-bwindi-and-murchison-falls/**

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