13-Day Rwanda and Uganda Gorilla and Wildlife Safari

Rwanda | Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRIES	STARTING FROM
13 days, 12 nights	**Rwanda, Uganda**	**USD 4,950 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 13-day, 12-night safari combines Rwanda and Uganda: gorilla trekking, wildlife and culture.

You start in Kigali and visit Akagera National Park, including rhino tracking, then trek gorillas in Volcanoes National Park. In Uganda you trek gorillas in Bwindi, visit Queen Elizabeth, Kibale for chimpanzee trekking, Murchison Falls and Kidepo Valley, before returning to Kampala on day 13.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrival in kigali and tranfers to Akagera National park

Your Africa wildlife adventure begins in Kigali with a drive to Akagera National Park, home to the Big Five and stunning landscapes. In the afternoon, explore the park, spotting elephants, buffalo, and antelope. As the sun sets, relax in your lodge, ready for exciting encounters ahead. The breathtaking views and abundant wildlife set the stage for your experience.

Day 2

Game drive and boatride on lake Ihema

Experience an early morning game drive in Akagera National Park, where lions, giraffes, and leopards roam. Enjoy guided bush experiences that teach tracking and conservation techniques. After lunch, take a boat cruise on Lake Ihema to spot hippos, crocodiles, and diverse birdlife. This blend of land and water activities offers unforgettable nature encounters. End your day at your lodge, soaking in the park's beauty.

Day 3

Rhino tracking, Kigali city tour and tranfers to volcanoes National park

Start your Africa wildlife tours with a thrilling rhino tracking experience in their natural habitat. Then, return to Kigali for a guided city tour, exploring the Kigali Genocide Memorial and vibrant craft markets. In the evening, head to Volcanoes National Park to settle into your lodge near the stunning Virunga Mountains. This day's journey combines wildlife conservation, cultural insights, and beautiful landscapes for a memorable experience in Rwanda.

Day 4

Gorilla trekking and Musanze experience

Embark on an unforgettable gorilla trekking adventure in the lush forests of Volcanoes National Park. Traverse dense bamboo to find a gorilla family and witness their interactions up close. Afterwards, explore local traditions with a visit to the Musanze cave and enjoy a cultural tour. This day beautifully combines thrilling wildlife encounters with Rwandan heritage in the picturesque highlands.

Day 5

Transfer to Bwindi via Kabale with Batwa village experience

Elevate your Africa wildlife experience by driving through Rwanda into Uganda, with a scenic stop in Kabale. Engage with the Batwa community to learn about their forest-dwelling traditions. In Bwindi National Park, settle into your lodge and prepare for an exciting gorilla trekking adventure. This journey showcases the beauty of Africa's cultural heritage alongside its exceptional wildlife.

Day 6

Gorilla trekking and transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Gorilla trekking expedition in Bwindi, observing these gentle giants in their misty forest habitat. After the trek, travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park via Ishasha, famous for tree-climbing lions. Enjoy an evening boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, where you can spot hippos, buffalo, and crocodiles. This journey showcases the diverse wildlife and stunning landscapes that define East Africa’s beauty.

Day 7

Morning game drive and transfer to Kibale National Park

Enjoy a morning game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park, where you can spot elephants, leopards, and warthogs. Then, head to Kibale Forest, a great destination for primate enthusiasts. Explore the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, home to various monkeys and exotic birds. Experience Uganda's diverse landscapes, from open savannah to dense rainforest, highlighting why East Africa is a top choice for nature lovers.

Day 8

Chimpanzee trekking and transfer to Murchison Falls National Park

The top activity on Africa wildlife tours is chimpanzee trekking in Kibale Forest, where you follow expert trackers into the jungle to observe these primates in their natural habitat. After the trek, head to Murchison Falls National Park, making stops for scenic views along the way. Enjoy an evening nature walk to explore Uganda’s ecosystems, and end the day with a boat cruise on the Nile. This journey combines adventure with stunning scenery.

Day 9

Game drive, nature walks and boatcruise

Start your day with an exhilarating game drive in Murchison Falls National Park, spotting lions, elephants, and Uganda kob in the savannah. Next, enjoy a guided walk through diverse ecosystems, exploring hidden trails and unique wildlife. Finish with a scenic boat cruise along the Nile, where you can see hippos, crocodiles, and various birds. This wildlife tour highlights the park's stunning beauty and rich biodiversity.

Day 10

Hike top of the falls and transfer to Kidepo National Park

Hike to the top of Murchison Falls to witness the powerful Nile crashing through narrow rocks. After this breathtaking view, head to Kidepo Valley National Park, Uganda’s remote wilderness. This park features vast plains, rugged mountains, and abundant wildlife a true hidden gem. Experience the pristine beauty of Africa with solitude and adventure in one of its most untouched landscapes. Get ready for wild exploration as you enter Kidepo.

Day 11

Game drive, wildnerness experience and birding

Start your day in Kidepo with an exciting game drive to see buffalo, lions, and cheetahs. Then, explore the park’s rugged terrain and enjoy its natural beauty. Join a guided birdwatching tour to discover the variety of bird species in the area. Uganda offers unique wildlife encounters that provide genuine safari adventures, far from the typical tourist spots. This day is a true escape into nature.

Day 12

Hiking, Nature walks and Karamajong village experience

Experience Kidepo's stunning landscapes on a guided nature hike, enjoying breathtaking views of the valley. Then visit a Karamojong village to witness cultural traditions and storytelling through dance and rituals. This blend of nature and heritage highlights the essence of Africa wildlife tours, combining wildlife conservation with indigenous cultures. Kidepo's untouched beauty offers unforgettable experiences and enriching cultural encounters, showcasing Uganda's diverse landscapes and traditions.

Day 13

Departure for Kampala and catch up your onward flight

Departing from Kidepo's remote wilderness, the journey back to Kampala offers scenic views of Uganda's countryside, featuring rolling hills and vast plains. Optional stops allow for cultural experiences, photography, and souvenir shopping. Upon arriving in Kampala, visitors can unwind at their accommodations and reflect on the incredible wildlife, landscapes, and cultures they've experienced, marking the end of their African wildlife tour and creating lasting memories of East Africa's beauty.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- All activities
- Entrance fees
- All accommodation
- Gorilla permits (One per person, non-resident)
- Chimpanzee permits (One per person, non-resident)
- A professional driver/guide
- All transportation
- All Taxes/VAT
- Round-trip airport transfer
- Meals
- Drinking water

Cost excludes

- International flights (From/to home)
- 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

GOOD TO KNOW

- 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?

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