8-Day Uganda Budget Safari: Murchison Falls and Gorilla Trekking

Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRY	STARTING FROM
8 days, 7 nights	**Uganda**	**USD 2,882 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 8-day budget safari pairs Murchison Falls National Park, a waterfall renowned for its power, with mountain gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

At Murchison Falls you take a game drive and a boat cruise, where you can expect to see giraffes, antelopes, lions, leopards, hyenas, Nile crocodiles and hippos. The route continues to Kibale National Park for chimpanzee tracking, then to Queen Elizabeth National Park for a game drive and boat cruise. You travel on to Bwindi, with a community visit, for gorilla trekking, and relax at Lake Bunyonyi before the transfer to Entebbe International Airport.

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Day 1

Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park

Upon landing at Entebbe International Airport, you will meet our company representative who will serve as your guide for this 8 day safari. Your guide will lead you into an introductory briefing and prepare you for transfer to Murchison Falls National Park.

Along the way, you will detour to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for the thrilling experience of tracking the white rhino on foot and thereafter you will proceed into the park where you will make another stop to view the magnificent Murchison Falls before proceeding to your lodge.

Once at the lodge, you will check in and settle in for dinner and overnight stay.

Main Destination: Murchison Falls National Park

Accommodation: Red Chilli Rest Camp

Budget lodge located inside Murchison Falls NP

Meals & Drinks:

Meals at own expense

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 2

Game drive and Boat cruise

On this day, you will rise to an early morning breakfast as you set out for a thrilling game drive to view the incredible wildlife that roam the green plains of Murchison Falls National Park. You will traverse both the wooded savannah and savannah grasslands for an incredibly rewarding encounter with a variety of wildlife species.

Thereafter you will return to your lodge for lunch as you prepare the afternoon boat trip on the Nile River.

After lunch, you will embark on a boat trip to salvage amazing views of wildlife in the Nile river. You'll expect to see the Nile crocodiles, schools of hippopotamuses, aquatic birds as well as assorted mammals on the river banks quenching their thirst.

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Accommodation: Red Chilli Rest Camp

Budget lodge located inside Murchison Falls NP

Meals & Drinks:

Meals at own expense

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 3

Transfer to Kibale National Park

The third of this safari will see you raise to a convenient breakfast ahead of your transfer to yet another stunning destination.

After breakfast you will check out and set out southwards to Kibale National Park. Once in Kibale national park, you will check into your lodge, refresh and settle in an afternoon rest.

Later in the evening you will head out a brief nature excursion in the nearby community and catch the sunset and thereafter return to your lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

Main Destination: Kibale National Park (Chimps)

Accommodation: Kibale Forest Camp (Safari Tent)

Mid-range tented camp located just outside Kibale NP

Meals & Drinks:

Dinner (Breakfast & lunch not included)

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 4

Chimpanzee tracking and transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After an early morning breakfast you will embark on a trek through the dense Kibale forest in the company of a ranger guide in search of the majestic chimpanzees. After the trek you will then transfer to Queen Elizabeth National for another series of thrilling experiences.

Once in Queen Elizabeth National Park, you will check in to your pre-booked accommodation and settle in for dinner and overnight stay.

Main Destination: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation: The Bush Lodge (Tent)

Inside Queen Elizabeth NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 5

Game drive and Boat cruise

This day will start with an early morning breakfast after which you will set out on a game drive to view to amazing wildlife beautifully roaming the savannah plains of Queen Elizabeth national park. While on the drive, you will expect to see lions, leopards, kobs, waterbucks, bushbucks, hyenas, elephants, buffaloes, endemic birds among other wonderful features.

After the game drive, you will return to your lodge for a lunch break and prepare for an afternoon boat trip along the Kazinga channel.

The boat trip on the Kazinga channel that joins two lakes (L. Edward & L. George) of great significance in the ecosystem of the park will be an undoubtedly rewarding experience for you. You will expect to see numerous schools of hippopotamuses, birds, crocodiles, elephants among other animals.

After the boat trip you will return to your lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

Main Destination: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation: The Bush Lodge (Tent)

Inside Queen Elizabeth NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 6

Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Community tour

The day will start with breakfast and thereafter you will embark on a drive further south of the country to yet another incredible destination i.e. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - the home of the mountain gorillas.

Along the way you will enjoy the scenic views of the incredible landscapes and learn interesting facts about the highland farming conducted by the local communities of the area.

Once in Bwindi, you will check in to your pre-booked accommodation and settle in for dinner and overnight stay.

Main Destination: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Gorillas)

Accommodation: Bakiga Lodge

Budget lodge located just outside Bwindi NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 7

Gorilla trekking and transfer to Bunyonyi

On this day, you will have an early morning breakfast and then set out into the dense jungles of Bwindi, in the company of a ranger guide in search of the majestic mountain gorillas. While on this trek you will learn about the fascinating behaviours and characteristics of the amazing creatures.

After the trek, you will then transfer from Bwindi to Lake Bunyonyi where you will check in to a new accommodation and spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing and resting.

Later in the evening, dinner will be served followed by your overnight stay.

Main Destination: Lake Bunyonyi

Accommodation: Hawk's Eye Lodge Bunyonyi

Budget lodge located in or near Lake Bunyonyi

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 8

Transfer to Entebbe International Airport

On this last day, you will rise to a convenient breakfast and thereafter embark on your transfer back to Entebbe International airport for your return flight back home. Your arrival at the airport will mark the end of your trip.

Main Destination: Entebbe International Airport (Entebbe)

Accommodation: No accommodation (End of tour)

Meals & Drinks:

Breakfast & lunch (Dinner not included)

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

End of tour

Additional accommodation can be arranged for an extra cost.

You'll be dropped off at the airport.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees (For non-residents)
- Gorilla permits (One per person, non-resident)
- 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
- Roundtrip airport transfer
- Meals(As specified in the day-by-day section)
- Drinking water(On all days)

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
- Some meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)

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?

Request a quote and we will tailor it to your dates and group: **gorillatreking.com/safari/8-day-uganda-budget-safari-murchison-falls-and-gorilla-trekking/**

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