

13 DAYS UGANDA RWANDA GORILLA SAFARI

Uganda and Rwanda safari is a blend of two countries that are similar but yet differ in one way or another, it's a safari that will take you to the rift valley belt in Uganda with its unique formations animals and water icons such as the Murchison falls, the culture aspect is everywhere as you transverse the western part of Uganda .in Rwanda don't miss the canopy and intore dancers.

Day 1: Arrival & transfer to Murchison Falls National Park.

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by our representative who will transfer you to your hotel for a briefing on the safari and your deserved rest at **Cassia lodge or Bougainvillea hotel**

Day 2- Murchison falls

Today you depart for the Murchison falls. The journey will take 7 hours with a stopover at Zziwa rhino sanctuary a home to the rhinos alongside spectacular views of Lake Kyoga. The zziwa rhino sanctuary is a program meant to reintroduce the rhino back in Uganda after extinction from poaching in the 80s.Lunch will be in masindi town there after continue your journey to the Murchison national park with a game drive enroute. Arrive at your lodge for dinner and overnight at **Murchison River Lodge or Paraa Safari Lodge (C) or Pakuba Lodge (M). (FB)**

Day 3: Game viewing and launch trip.

After the morning breakfast, you will transfer to the delta circuit where you will have a spectacular views of the beautiful acacia savanna vegetation, Jackson's hartebeest, Uganda Kobs, lions, waterbuck, buffalos, oribi, elephants and baboons browsing in the lovely savanna grasses. In the afternoon, you will drive to the bottom of the falls for launch cruise providing you with great views of various bird species such as Abyssinian ground hornbill, grey crowned crested crane, African fish eagle, goliath heron, malachite kingfisher and shoebill stork alongside water animals such as Hippos, crocodiles and waterbucks among others. Dinner and overnight at the lodge **Murchison River Lodge or Paraa Safari Lodge (C) or Pakuba Lodge (M). (FB)**

Day 4: Transfer to Kibale forest national park

You will have a morning breakfast and then transfer to kibale forest national park. This will take you approximately 7-8 hours with lunch en-route. Reach kibale in the evening. Dinner and overnight at **Primate Lodge or Crater Safari Lodge (C) or Chimpanzee Forest Guest House or Isunga Lodge (E) FB**

Day 5: Chimp trekking in Kibale Forest & transfer to Queen Elizabeth National park

After an early breakfast, transfer to the national park headquarters for briefing before trekking. At 8:30am, transfer to the starting point for trekking trails and then hike into the forest searching for the chimpanzees. Trekking time will vary between 30 minutes to 6 hours depending on the movements of the chimpanzees and where they slept the previous night. Besides the chimpanzees, you will also encounter other animals like grey checked mangabey, L'Hoest monkey, the red-tailed monkey and vervet monkeys among others. Return to the Lodge for refreshment and lunch. Thereafter in the evening transfer to Queen Elizabeth national park. Dinner and overnight at ***Mweya Safari Lodge or Elephant plains lodge (C) Ihamba Lakeside Safari Lodge (M) Enganzi Lodge (E). Full Board***

Day 6: Game drives & kazinga channel launch cruise

You will wake up very early and at 6:00am drive to the open savannah grasses for game viewing. There you will see a variety of animals such as herds of elephants, buffalos, impalas, warthogs, waterbucks, antelopes, topis and Uganda kobs, lions and leopards browsing in the park. The game drive will then return to the lodge for late breakfast and the rest waiting for hot lunch. After lunch at 2:00pm, transfer to Kazinga channel for a launch cruise. The channel connects lakes Edward and George and will provide you with a clear view of various birds such as ibises, yellow billed stork, Hammer-kop, African fish eagle, and African kingfisher alongside animals such as buffalos, elephants, crocodiles and Hippos on the water shores. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge ***Mweya Safari Lodge or Elephant plains lodge (C) Ihamba Lakeside Safari Lodge (M) Enganzi Lodge (E). Full Board***

Day 7: Ishasha game drives- Bwindi forest national park

Have a morning breakfast, check out from the lodge and then drive to the ishasha southern sector of the national park a home to the tree climbing lions. You will have a stopover at Savannah hotel for lunch and then proceed to Bwindi forest national park reaching in the early evening. Dinner and overnight at ***mahogany springs lodge (L) Bwindi Gorilla forest camp (M) Bakiga lodge (B)***

Day 8: Mountain gorilla trekking – Batwa communities

After a very early morning breakfast, transfer to the national park headquarters for briefing about gorilla trekking. At 2:30am, you will hike into the jungle following

specific trails depending on the allocated mountain gorilla family. Trekking time will depend on the movements of the gorillas and where they slept the previous night. After meeting the gorillas, you will spend an hour observing their characters and taking photographs after which you will drive back to the lodge.

In the evening, you may visit the Batwa local communities who will tell you more about their traditional forest life. Dinner and overnight at the lodge ***mahogany springs lodge (L) Bwindi Gorilla forest camp (M) Bakiga lodge (B)***

Day 9: Transfer to Rwanda & Kigali city tour.

You will have a morning breakfast and then transfer to Rwanda which will take you roughly 3 hours via Kisoro kyanika border. On reaching Kigali, you will do a city tour to various tourism sites in the city such as the Kigali genocide memorial center, presidential palace and the Kigali convention Center among others having lunch at Frame tree village. Later, you will then proceed to Volcanoes national park for dinner and overnight at ***Mountain gorilla view lodge (C) Da Vinci gorilla lodge. (M) Gorilla solution lodge (B)***

Day 10: Mountain gorilla trekking and Ibyiwacu cultural village.

Early in the morning, have breakfast and transfer to volcanoes national park headquarters in kinigi for a simple briefing about gorilla trekking by the park rangers. From there, hike into the forest in follow of the allocated gorilla family with which you will spend an hour but although you spend an hour with the gorillas, the time to spend in the forest varies depending on the movements of the gorillas and where they slept the previous night. After trekking, go back to the lodge for refreshment. In the evening, you will transfer to Ibyiwacu cultural village where you will be introduced to Rwanda culture in form of traditional dances, songs and poems. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge ***Mountain gorilla view lodge (C) Da Vinci gorilla lodge. (M) Gorilla solution lodge (B)***

Day 11: Transfer to Nyungwe forest national park

After the morning breakfast, check out of the lodge and then transfer to Nyungwe forest national park with lunch en-route. The whole drive will take you roughly nine hours reaching the lodge in the evening. Dinner and overnight ***Nyungwe forest lodge (C) Nyungwe Top view hotel (M) Gisakura Guest House (B) FB***

Day 12: Chimpanzee trekking

You will have early morning breakfast and then transfer to the park headquarters for briefing about chimpanzee trekking. You will then get into the forest in follow of the chimpanzees with which you will spend an hour. You will also encounter

other animals such as elephants, monkeys and bird species among others. In the evening, you may go a community walk. Dinner and overnight at the lodge ***Nyungwe forest lodge (C) Nyungwe Top view hotel (M) Gisakura Guest House (B) FB***

Day 13: canopy walk and nature walks

After breakfast, you will go for canopy walk which will provide you with aerial view of the entire national park and wildlife and then go back to the lodge for lunch and relief. In the evening, you will go or nature walks where you will follow different trails in the forest leading to different sites in the forest. You will enjoy the fresh air in the forest together with the sweet sounds of birds singing up in the trees. Dinner and overnight at the lodge ***Nyungwe forest lodge (C) Nyungwe Top view hotel (M) Gisakura Guest House (B) FB***

Day 14: Departure

Have morning breakfast and drive to Kigali for the return flight