

## **8 DAY UGANDA BIRDING SAFARI AND WILDLIFE TOUR.**

*The 8 days Uganda birding safari and wildlife tour gives the travelers chance to experience both Uganda's wildlife and also to discover the most famous bird species in Uganda. This is the best safari for every visitor who like wildlife as well as birds because Uganda is one of the best birding destinations in the world. This safari takes you to all the best birding and wildlife destinations in the pearl of Africa.*

### **Day 1: Birding in Mabamba swamp and transfer to Lake Mburo National Park.**

After breakfast, you will be picked start your birding expedition in Mabamba swamp. The swamp is located in Kasanje Sub County in Wakiso district about 50 kilometers southwest of Kampala. The site is the most accessible for spotting the legendry shoebill stork. Birding at mabamba swamp will give you an opportunity to get acquainted with one of Uganda's most virgin swamps. You will canoe through papyrus swamp and proceed to the unscathed attractiveness of the wetland, in search of the shoebill and other papyrus swamp dwellers, like saddle-billed stork, malachite kingfisher, African jacana and other swamp species. After proceed on the journey to the Equator and have lunch then head to Lake Mburo national park where you will arrive in the evening. ***Mihingo safari lodge (L) Arcadia cottages(M) Mburo Eagle's nest(B)***

### **Day 2: Birding and boat cruise on Lake Mburo.**

After a hearty breakfast, start the birding /game drive in Lake Mburo national park. This park is the smallest savannah national park in Uganda and protects about 330 bird species and variety of mammal species that includes antelopes, zebras, warthogs and baboons and many others. Look out for the famous bird species, which include papyrus yellow and white winged warbler, African fin foot, saddle billed stork and grey crowned

crane. After the activity head back to the lodge for lunch and later in the afternoon, go for a boat cruise on Lake Mburo. This activity will give you a chance to spot wildlife that will be feeding and nesting on the shores of the lake. At the end of the boat cruise, head back to the lodge for dinner and overnight. ***Mihingo safari lodge (L) Arcadia cottages (M) Mburo Eagle's nest (B)***

**Option;** *You can visit the cattle farming communities and learn about their prized long horned cattle, participate in the milking or churning of butter ,listen to the folklore that is the basis of their rich culture and history .*

### **Day 3: Transfer to Queen Elizabeth national park.**

After having breakfast, transfer from Lake Mburo national park to Queen Elizabeth national park. The drive will offer you great scenic views of the landscapes and other attractions in the western region. Have lunch in the park and rest for the evening, enjoying the park views at the balcony of your hotel. ***Mweya safari lodge (L) Ihamba safari lodge (M) Simba safari camp***

### **Day 4: Game drive and boat cruise on Kazinga channel.**

Today will begin early and go for a morning game drive in order to view the nocturnal and the early risers in the park. You're assured to spot elephants, buffaloes, waterbucks, antelopes, lions, leopards and many other wildlife. Breakfast will be had in the wild In the afternoon, go for a boat cruise along the legendary Kazinga channel where you will see large concentrations of wildlife along its shorelines; these include hippos, elephants, buffaloes and this place is also a magnet for birds, therefore chances of spotting a number of birds on the boat cruise are high. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. ***Katara lodge, (L) Ihamba safari lodge M)***

### **Day 5: Birding and transfer to Bwindi impenetrable forest national park.**

Wake up and have breakfast and then go for bird watching along Kasenyi plains in search for popular birds that include; white winged, African reed, greater and lesser swamp warbler, black-chested and brown snake eagle

and many others. Queen Elizabeth national park is a bird haven and one of the best birding destinations in Uganda and it also hosts some bird species which cannot be found elsewhere in Uganda. Head back to the lodge for lunch and in the late afternoon, transfer to Bwindi impenetrable national park where you will arrive in the late evening. At ***Gorilla safari lodge (L) Bakiga lodge (M) Broadbill forest camp (B)***

### **Day 6: Gorilla trekking n Bwindi impenetrable National park.**

After having an early breakfast, you will prepare to set off for the great adventure of gorilla trekking in the misty hills of Bwindi. You will head to the park headquarters for a vital briefing regarding these gorillas and the trek will begin while the guide is a head of you and from a hike through the park, as you search for the critically endangered mountain gorillas.

While trekking, travelers are only allowed to spend one hour in the presence of these peaceful giants. And at the end of the trek, head back to your lodge for refreshment and lunch. Then spend the entire evening at the lodge. ***Gorilla safari lodge (L) Bakiga lodge (M) Broadbill forest camp (B)***

### **Day 7: Birding and transfer to Lake Bunyonyi.**

After having breakfast, head to birding in Bwindi impenetrable forest where you will encounter a number of bird species and also primates at the end. Go for lunch at the lodge and transfer to Lake Bunyonyi for relaxation. Arrive at the lake in late evening. Dinner and overnight at the lodge. ***Arcadia cottages (L) Bunyonyi Safaris resort (M) Supreme Adventure Park (B)***

### **Day 8: Boat cruise and transfer to Kampala.**

After having breakfast, go for the boat cruise on Lake Bunyonyi and get an opportunity to spot some of the 29 islands on this lake and also spot the birds on the lake. Retire back to the lodge and then transfer to Kampala.

**End of safari**