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Uganda

Gorillas and Chimps

15 nights

Brief Itinerary



- Day 1 Fly Entebbe
- Day 2 Road transfer to Kampala, Emin Pasha Hotel 1 night, B&B
- Day 3 Drive Fort Portal, Ndali Lodge 3 nights, FB
- Day 6 Drive Semliki Valley Wildlife Reserve, Semliki Safari Lodge 3 nights, FB
- Day 9 Drive Queen Elizabeth National Park, Jacana Safari Lodge 3 nights, FB
- Day 12 Drive Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National, Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge 3 nights, FB (or alternative Rwanda add on)
- Day 15 Drive Entebbe, fly home

Day 1

Today you will check in for your overnight flight to Entebbe, Uganda.

Day 2

On arrival you will be met and transferred to Kampala to stay at the Emin Pasha Hotel for the night on a B&B basis.

Emin Pasha Hotel is Kampala's first boutique hotel, an equatorial version of the country house hotel. Set in leafy, landscaped gardens, the main house, where the reception, library and sitting rooms are located, was originally built in the 1920's as a private residence for a British entrepreneur.



Day 3

This morning you will be met by your English speaking guide who will drive you to Fort Portal (5 hours) to stay at Ndali Lodge for 3 nights on a full-board basis.

Leaving the Lake Victoria basin, on the drive you pass through Ugandan villages and beautiful agricultural countryside where you see people tending their traditional crops of millet, sorghum, beans and maize. Upon reaching Kyanjojo, in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains (Mountains of the Moon), you drive through a sea of green tea plantations and into Kibale Forest, one of the eastern-most extensions of West Africa's unique forest habitats.

The owner-run Ndali Lodge is set high above Lake Nyanabuga and has breathtaking 360° views. Its location at 1500m above sea-level makes for a cooler climate. Built from local materials, in harmony with its spectacular setting, the lodge has eight individual en-suite cottages. On one day you will track chimpanzees and other primates in the Kibale Forest, and on the other you will go for a forest walk in the Bigodi Forest.



Day 6

This morning you will be driven by your guide to Semliki Valley Wildlife Reserve (2 hours), where you will stay at Semliki Safari Lodge for 3 nights on a full-board basis.

Semliki is Uganda's first protected wildlife area with chimpanzees, elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, antelope, and the rare forest elephant. Semliki Safari Lodge is the only accommodation in over 500 square kilometres of wilderness and, with a maximum of 16 guests, it offers a truly private experience. Built out of local materials, the lodge feels traditional and rustic, and has eight large canvas tents with permanent thatched roofs, with en-suite bathroom with running water and a private veranda with stunning panoramic views. Activities include night game drives, walking safaris, chimpanzee tracking and boat trips.



Day 9

This morning you will be driven by your guide to Queen Elizabeth National Park where you will stay at Jacana Safari Lodge for 3 nights on a full-board basis.

Jacana Safari Lodge has seven luxury chalets constructed from natural local materials, in harmony with its forest setting. Each spacious chalet is individually decorated and has an enclosed veranda with large windows, giving panoramic views over the crater-lake. You can savour a chilled sundowner or dine al fresco in privacy on your private balcony, served by your personal waiter. Activities include nature walks, hiking into one of the spectacular gorges, canoeing, fishing, chimpanzee viewing at the Kyambura Gorge, sundowner cruises, game drives and cultural visits to a local village.



Day 12

Today you will be driven by your guide to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park (5 hours) where you will stay at Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge for 3 nights on a full-board basis.

Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge is a new lodge which opened in August 2008 on the southern side of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. Set high up in the clouds on the Nteko Ridge, the views are breathtaking, and the lodge's cottages each have their own sitting room with open log fire and en-suite bathroom. From here you can start tracking gorillas from the doorstep. Activities also include a forest walk and a community visit.

Day 15

Today you will be driven back to Entebbe (10 hours) in time to check in for your overnight flight back to the UK.

[OR ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN EXTEND YOUR TRIP TO RWANDA:](#)

Day 12

You will drive south towards Rwanda staying one night on the way at a small lodge on Lake Bonyonyi on a half-board basis.

Day 13

This morning, you will take a boat trip on Lake Bonyonyi and then continue across the border to the Parc National de Volcans where you will stay at Volcanoes Lodge for the next 3 nights on a full-board basis.

Rwanda is best known for its primates and was Africa's first gorilla destination. Set on a stunning hillside overlooking the Virunga volcanoes and Lake Ruhondo and Lake Bulera, Volcanoes Camp is a newly constructed permanent camp with excellent food and service, as well as being stylish. In addition to gorilla tracking you can climb a volcano, track the golden monkey, visit the Karisoke Centre which Dian Fossey set up, or go for gentle strolls around the picturesque villages around the lakes.



Day 15

Today you will be driven to Kigali where you will check in for your overnight flight back to the UK via Nairobi.

The price includes:

Offsetting your emissions with Climatecare
Private English-speaking driver-guide for duration of your trip
Transfer to Emin Pasha Hotel
All accommodation on a shared basis in double rooms
Meals as indicated
Drinks as indicated
Laundry at most camps/lodges
All National Park fees
All game viewing activities with a qualified guide as indicated
Gorilla permit x 1 per person
Chimp permit x 1 per person at Kibale forest

The price does not include:

International flights from the UK
Local airport taxes
Staff tips
Meals and drinks as indicated
Laundry at Emin Pasha Hotel
Travel insurance
Items of a personal nature
Visas

All quotes are subject to alteration due to availability at time of booking, currency fluctuations, fuel and rate increases, park fee increases and government action.