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Introduction

11 days trip of photography in one of the world's top locations, the 'Pearl of Africa. One gorilla trek in Uganda to meet the world's last remaining Mountain Gorillas as well as chimpanzees face to face. Landscapes ranging from Afromontane forests, equatorial savannahs, to papyrus swamps.

Highlights.

- Kibale forest National park
 - Queen Elizabeth National park
 - Bwindi impenetrable national park
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Key

Lux FB: Full Board

Transfers

Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
Entebbe Airport	Entebbe Airport	TBA	Transfer Shuttle (Transfer)

Day 1:

Arrival in Uganda. Fast night Accommodation at The Boma Guest house/Airport Guest house in Entebbe.
Accommodation: Boma Guest house

Meals Plan: bed and breakfast.

Day2:

Birding to Mabamba. Early breakfast and transfer to Mabamba Swamp 25 km west of Entebbe. Move to Mabamba swamps a board a canoe as we look out for the exceptional Shoebill Stork, African Water rail, Allen's & Purple Gallinule (swamp hen) Squacco, Goliath, Purple, Grey Herons, a variety of Egrets, ducks etc. There are also chances of encountering the elusive Sitatunga Antelope adapted to swampy habitats. Overnight stay at The BOMA Guest house/Airport Guest house.

Day 3: Kibale National Park

Drive from Entebbe to Kibale forest national park. (4 hours' drive). Lunch en route and Overnight.

Accommodation: Primate lodge / Kibale Forest Camp.

Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 4: Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Kibale National Park: An exclusively day in Kibale forest national park which supports 13 species of primates. The 795km² Kibale National Park contains one of the loveliest and most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda. This is home to a host of forest wildlife, most famously 13 species of primate including chimpanzee. Forest cover predominates in the northern and central parts of the park on the elevated Fort Portal plateau. Kibale is highest at the park's northern tip which stands 1590m above sea level. Northern Kibale is also the wettest area, receiving a mean annual rainfall of up to 1700mm, mostly during March-May and September-November. The climate is generally pleasant with a mean annual temperature range of 14-27°C. Temperatures are highest (and rainfall lower) in the south where the terrain drops down onto the hot rift valley floor and forest gives way to open grassland. Southern Kibale adjoins Queen Elizabeth National Park and together these protected areas maintain a 180km long migration corridor for-wildlife which extends from Ishasha, the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth NP, to the Sebitoli forest in the north of Kibale. The Kibale-Fort Portal area is one of Uganda's most rewarding areas to explore. The park lies close to the tranquil Ndali-Kasenda crater area. One day chimpanzee habituation Experience

The Chimpanzee Habituation Experience (CHEX) allows you to search for a community of chimpanzee which is under-going habituation. Habituation is a process whereby wild animals get used to human presence without altering their natural behaviour. This takes a half day and early visitors may be able to see the spectacular scene of chimps de-nesting between 6:00 -6:30 am, feeding, copulating, hunting, breast feeding, resting, patrolling and displaying until they build new nests and retire for the night around 14.00 pm. The Habituation experience runs throughout the year. To enjoy this activity, you will need packed lunch, enough water and raingear. This activity is guided by the park ranger guide and where necessary one may ask for a porter who may help carry your rucksack during the experience.

Accommodation: Primate lodge / Kibale Forest Camp.

Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 5: Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP). QENP has a number of mammal species and a remarkable 612 species of birds. Residents of the park include elephants, Cape buffalo, Uganda kob, waterbuck, warthog, giant forest hog, lion, leopard and hyena. Lunch at Mweya Safari lodge. Afternoon game drive along the crater zone to photograph the stunning crater lakes.

Accommodation: Mweya Safari Lodge / Queen Elizabeth Bush Lodge.

Meals Plan: Full Board.

Queen Elizabeth national park. Early morning game drive to Kasenyei Kob mating area for lion and other game viewing. Return to the lodge for lunch Launch trip on the Kazinga channel in the afternoon for a magnificent water safari on Kazinga channel and Lake Edward. Photographic and game viewing opportunities abound as you pass through the huge herds of hippos and watch animals coming to drink at the water edges. Bird life is colourful and abundant.

Accommodation: Mweya Safari Lodge / Queen Elizabeth Bush Lodge.
Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 7: Ishasha Queen Elizabeth NP– Bwindi Impenetrable NP

After breakfast drive to Ishasha sector with a possibility of tracking and seeing the tree climbing lions restricted to the Ishasha sector. Ishasha sector is an ecosystem that extends to DR. Congo and animals here range freely including the Elephants. Lunch and overnight stay at the Ishasha Jungle Lodge F/B

Accommodation: Ishasha Jungle Lodge F/B
Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 8: Ishasha Queen Elizabeth NP– Bwindi Impenetrable NP:

After an early breakfast, half day game drive in Ishasha and then travel to Bwindi impenetrable National park in the afternoon hours. Ishasha is the home to the famous Ishasha Tree Climbing Lions. Ishasha lies 100Km south of the northern sector of QENP and provides a true wilderness experience. Lunch at the Ishasha Wilderness Camp. Afternoon drive to Bwindi, for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Engagi lodge / Buhoma community camp.
Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 9: Bwindi

This day will be spent tracking the Mountain Gorillas. As time spent with the gorillas is restricted to only one hour per visit, each primate lover will have one opportunity to visit the mountain gorillas getting breath-taking photographs with these majestic animals.

Accommodation: Engagi lodge / Buhoma community camp.
Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 10: Lake Mburo national park

Drive to Lake Mburo national park. Evening game drive in anticipation to see the Impalas, zebras. Elands and many more animals and birds.

Accommodation: Mihingo lodge / Eagles nest.
Meals Plan: Full Board.

Day 11

Morning game drive and transfer to Kampala/Entebbe airport

The price is categorised with inclusion of costs of one chimpanzee tracking, all the way driving to Mabamaba - Kibale – Queen Elizabeth National Park - Bwindi – and back to Entebbe/Kampala via Lake Mburo National Park

Price includes

- All entry fees to national parks including activities mentioned in the itinerary.
- All transport and transfers in a luxury 4x4 jeep, full board accommodation, and meals for the duration of the safari.
- One Gorilla permits per guest; one in Uganda.
- And one chimpanzee habituation experience permit per guest in Kibale forest national Park.
- Gorilla permit will be obtained a cost of USD 600/600 in Uganda during the low and high season.
- Low season (April, May and November).

Price excludes

- Return airfares to and from Entebbe (Uganda).
 - All gratuities and tips for guides, rangers, drivers, and park and hotel staff.
 - All drinks, visa fees, laundry services, items of a personal nature.
 - All costs of insurance, passports, immunizations.
 - Meals on the arrival day.
 - Accommodation in Entebbe on the last day.
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