

A luxury 9 day tour of Uganda, taking in the spectacular scenery and beautiful wildlife of three of its national parks in a classic safari style

EXPLORERSTRAIL



THE FAR HORIZONS

Journeys Discovering Africa

LUXURY TOURS



DAY 1: ENTEBBE - KAMPALA

Today you arrive at Entebbe International Airport, where we will meet you for a welcome drink and a briefing at your hotel.

Emin Pasha Hotel
Meal Plan: Dinner

DAY 2: KAMPALA - LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK

Today we will travel west (5 hours, 200km, 120 Miles) to Lake Mburo National Park. Upon arrival, we will enjoy lunch at our lodge, overlooking a waterhole often frequented by Zebra and antelope. In the evening we will enjoy the thrill of a night game drive around the park, perhaps being lucky enough to spot one of Lake Mburo's nocturnal predators – Lion, Leopard and Hyena.

Mihingo Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board



DAY 3: LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK

This morning we enjoy a game walk. Our guides and rangers will ensure that this will be a highlight of your trip. Alternatively, you can experience the park on a horseback safari – a unique way to view game in Uganda. This afternoon, we enjoy an optional boat trip on Lake Mburo to view the area's hippo and birdlife population, or laze by the pool overlooking the plains far below.

Mihingo Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 4: LAKE MBURO – ISHASHA, QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

We continue our journey west by private charter flight to Ishasha, the wild and remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth NP.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board



DAY 5: ISHASHA

This area of Queen Elizabeth National Park is remote but with a sense of exclusivity. There is prolific plains game, but the prime attraction is its large lion population, with a frequency of sightings higher than anywhere else in Uganda. Uniquely, they have learned to climb trees to escape the midday heat, and one is often rewarded by the sight of lions relaxing in one of the enormous fig trees. We will go on morning and afternoon game drives to try to spot them, as well as the great herds of Kob and Elephant.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 6: ISHASHA, QENP – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

We take a game drive out of Ishasha and continue to the mist covered heights of Bwindi, home to Uganda's Mountain Gorillas.

Gorilla Forest Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 7 & 8: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

The grand finale of our trip: our encounter with Mountain Gorillas. Today's activities may be among the most challenging and exciting you have ever undertaken. The gorillas we are allowed to track belong to either one of seven habituated family groups. For up to five years each, these groups have undergone an extremely delicate process that has gradually brought them to tolerate the presence of humans for a brief period every day, allowing a few privileged visitors to interact with them in the wild.

The gorillas are not tame, and are completely wild animals. However, experienced guides will accompany us on our tracking.

Gorilla Forest Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board



DAY 9: BWINDI – ENTEBBE - DEPARTURE

Today we take a private charter to Entebbe and depart on our international flight home.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch



MAIN TOUR PRICE

Green Season: 01 April—20 June; 01 November—15 December
US\$ 8,720* per person sharing a twin
US\$ 698 single room supplement

Mid Season: 01 Jan—31 March
US\$ 8,948 per person sharing a twin
US\$ 1,145 single room supplement

High Season: 21 June—31 October; 16—31 December
US\$ 9,327** per person sharing a twin
US\$ 1,291 single room supplement

*Green Season Discount:

Book an Explorers Trail tour with The Far Horizons and get \$299 off the price of your safari per person. Offer only valid for travel in the Green Season in 2012.

**Early Bird October Offer:

Receive \$375 discount off the High Season tour price if you book an Explorers Trail tour with The Far Horizons by 29th February 2012. Offer only valid for bookings travelling within the month of October 2012.

Minimum group size: 2 travellers
Maximum Group Size: 6 travellers
Minimum age: 15 years
Maximum age: No maximum age

A general level of basic fitness is normally recommended for Gorilla and Chimp tracking. However, if you have any disabilities or believe your fitness levels may be an issue, do let us know. We have a history of helping clients who are differently-abled or who have certain conditions and we will do our best to help.

Available dates: check online at <http://bit.ly/rqv4yn>

We retain the right to substitute the accommodations shown above with other suitable accommodations if there is no availability, and we retain the right to run the itinerary in a reverse direction to fit the availability of accommodations.

INCLUDED IN THE MAIN TOUR PRICE

Accommodation in standard twin rooms
Meals as indicated in the daily meal plan
All road and air transfers as indicated
2 gorilla tracking permits per person
Services of an English speaking driver guide
Park fees
All activities described in the itinerary, unless specified as extras
Mineral water, tea and coffee in the vehicle
Medical Evacuation Insurance (to Nairobi)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE MAIN TOUR PRICE

International Air Fares, entry visa fees, domestic and international departure tax
Beverages other than those in the vehicle
All expenses of a personal nature
Tips and gratuities to your driver guide, park guides, hotel/camp staff etc

Full terms and conditions at <http://bit.ly/sbnwZu>

WHAT TO PACK

FOR TRACKING:

A small, lightweight day backpack
Light, waterproof hiking boots or shoes
Walking socks
Waterproof trousers/pants
Waterproof jacket or poncho, with hood (or waterproof hat)
Lightweight, quick-dry hiking trousers
Short-sleeved shirt or T-shirt
Water bottle or canteen (boiled water and a packed lunch will be provided by your camp)
A camera or video-camera with high-speed settings (or 800ASA speed film minimum—no flash photography is allowed when tracking)

GENERAL:

Long-sleeved shirts and trousers
Short-sleeved shirts, T-shirts and shorts
A down / fleece vest or safari jacket
Travel alarm clock
A sweatshirt or sweater for chilly evenings and early mornings
Sunscreen & after-sun care
Insect repellent (tropical formula recommended)