



UGANDA SIGNATURE SAFARIS



## *11 Days Best of Uganda Safari*

Entebbe, Murchison Falls, Kibale, Queen Elizabeth N.Park,  
Bwindi, Entebbe/Depart

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### Itinerary

Embark on this 11 days as you experience a stunning countryside, beautiful landscapes, great wildlife encounters with a touch of Gorilla Life - treks and hikes upclose with these gentle primates.

#### 📍 | Day 1:

##### *Arrival Entebbe - Transfer The Boma Entebbe*

Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will proceed to clear with immigration and customs formalities; thereafter, met by Primate Expeditions Ltd representative and transferred to The Boma Entebbe (normal check in at 1400 hours). Rest of the afternoon at your leisure.

**The Boma Entebbe-Standard BB**

#### 📍 | Day 2:

##### *Entebbe - Murchison Falls National Park (approx 6 hours)*

Early breakfast embark on your journey to the Western circuit; enjoy the stunning countryside. A stop at Ziwa Rhino sanctuary for a guided walk-in search of the Rhinos here, proceed for lunch at Masindi. Thereafter proceed to Murchison Falls National Park - approx. 6 hours. We drive in a beautiful landscape; land gets flat towards the north as you head to the bottom of the Victoria Nile. Hike to the top of the falls; proceed to Paraa Safari lodge, an evening game drive en route to the lodge for dinner and overnight

**Paraa Safari Lodge - Superior Room, LDBB**



#### 📍 | Day 3:

##### *Murchison Falls National Park*

Another day in the park! Morning game drive in the northern bank of river Nile as we look out for the elephant, lion, Cape buffalo, Rothschilds giraffe, hartebeest, Oribi, bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, spotted hyena and if lucky you could even spot the leopard. We will be back in time to have breakfast and lunch at the lodge. In the afternoon we take a shared waterfall & sundowner boat cruise at 1530 hours upstream to the "bottom of the falls". The Nile here gets calm at the base of the falls, we stop a few meters from the "Devil's Cauldron", where it compresses 47 mt to squeeze through a 6-meter canyon dropping 40 mt with a thunderous roar. En-route, marvel at the, hippos, crocodiles and over this 17 km stretch you may see elephants as well as a lot of bird species like Goliath heron, pelican bee-eater, kingfisher, hornbill, cormorant and the rare shoebill stork. Upon return at the jetty, your driver will pick us from the top and then drive back to the lodge.

**Paraa Safari Lodge - Superior Room, LDBB**



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### 📍 | Day 4:

#### *Murchison Falls National Park*

Another day in the park! Today, you may opt for an early morning shared scheduled delta safari down the Victoria Nile (extra costs indicated) – your guide meets you at the other end and enjoy a mid-morning game drive enroute to the lodge. Lunch at the lodge. Another afternoon game drive.

**Paraa Safari Lodge-Superior Room LDBB**

### 📍 | Day 5:

#### *Murchison Falls National Park – Kibale, (approx. 6 hours)*

This day we drive to Kibale Forest Reserve via Hoima and Fort Portal, in a breathtaking landscape that forms the Albertine western Rift Valley. You will have a few stops on the way - sightseeing as we pass verdant countryside, traditional homesteads and farms. You will arrive at Primate lodge for lunch – you may opt for a chimp trek and other primate including: l'hoestes, red colobus, blues, red tailed and gray– cheeked mangabey this afternoon or do it the next morning. All meals and overnight at the lodge

**Primate Lodge - Luxury Cottages, LDBB**



### 📍 | Day 6:

#### *Kibale - Queen Elizabeth National Park*

An easy morning, check out after breakfast and drive via Fort Portal and Kasese, brief stop at the Equator. Continue cutting across the Queen Elizabeth National Park to the southern end that is Ishasha sector, check in at Ishasha Wilderness Camp for lunch. Late afternoon game drives returning to the Camp before dusk for dinner and overnight.

**Ishasha Wilderness Camp - Standard room, LDBB**

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### Day 7:

#### *Queen Elizabeth National Park*

Another day in the park with early morning and late afternoon game drives. A host of other optional activities – see hereunder. All meals and overnight at the Camp.

**Ishasha Wilderness Camp - Standard room, LDBB**

### Day 8:

#### *Queen Elizabeth - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Reserve*

An early morning game drive, back to the camp for breakfast. Check out and drive via Kihhi local trading center, through remote Ugandan villages to Bwindi Impenetrable NP, home of the endangered mountain gorilla. Check in at Mahogany Springs lodge for lunch; afternoon at leisure – you may opt for a guided visit to Ride4Woman local project, a local school (subject to being in session) – this at no extra costs.

**Mahogany Springs Lodge - Superior rooms & suites, LDBB**

### Day 9:

#### *Murchison Falls National Park*

Early morning departure from the lodge to the trailhead at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park for your mountain gorilla trekking experience. After the briefing (touches on aspects of gorilla behavior, details on the gorilla family you'll trek as well as safety precautions) your adventure will start! Gorilla trekking can be strenuous, and a certain level of fitness is required. Trekking can take from 30 minutes to three-quarters of the day, so one needs to prepare for both. Coming face-to-face with a mountain gorilla is one of the most memorable wildlife encounters in Africa, if not the world. Mountain gorillas (*Gorilla beringei beringei*) are a critically endangered species. At least 400 mountain gorillas inhabit the Bwindi Mountains and live at altitudes from 1,160m - 2,607m above sea level. There is a feeling of mutual understanding as you watch them in their home, going about their daily business. Youngsters will often show off, jumping to demonstrate their motor skills. Silverbacks may beat their chests as a sign of dominance, an exhilarating experience! Or they may sit peacefully as a family, chomping on bamboo and grooming each other, watching you with the same intrigue you are showing them. Gorilla trekking is for sure a life-changing and once-in-a-lifetime experience. Daily visits have an impact on gorilla activity patterns and are a source of animal stress – therefore the firm justification for the "only spend one-hour" rule. This is adequate time for photography and observing these great primates in their natural habitat. Afterwards, return to base where your driver will be waiting to transfer back to the Buhoma area (where your lodge is located) to continue with bird watching.

**Mahogany Springs Lodge - Superior rooms & suites, LDBB**





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### | Day 10:

#### *Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Reserve*

Another day in the Bwindi, you may opt for a second gorilla trek or just a guided forest walk or community walk or tree planting session at the lodge – all these at extra costs.

**Mahogany Springs Lodge - Superior rooms & suites, LDBB**



### | Day 11:

#### *Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Reserve - Entebbe*

Morning transfer to Kihikihi airstrip for your schedule flight departing at 0945 hours back to Entebbe, upon arrival at 1125 hours, met and transferred to The Boma Guest House for dayroom usage till 1800 hours. Later, transfer back to the airport for your onward flight.

### **End of Primate Expeditions services**