

UGANDA: THE PEARL OF EAST AFRICA

This 8 night / 9-day journey to Uganda covers the key highlights of what the country has to offer: gorilla trekking, chimps trekking, safari drives, boat trips on the Kazinga Channel and opportunity to visit Ishasha (known for its tree climbing lions).

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest: *Two days of trekking for mountain gorillas*

Kibale National Park: *Known for its large families of chimps among other primates*

Queen Elizabeth National Park: *stunning scenery and great game plus cruise on the Kazinga channel*

THE PROGRAM

DAY 01: ARRIVE ENTEBBE, UGANDA

Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met by a representative of Emmarosh Travel and transferred your hotel for overnight.

The Protea Hotel by Marriott, Entebbe is beach resort nestled on the shores of Lake Victoria in Entebbe barely a km from the International Airport. Guest accommodation comprises 4 standard rooms, 69 deluxe rooms, 2 junior suites and 12 executive suites on 3 floors. Room Amenities include an en-suite bathroom with separate bathtub and shower, Hair dryer, Minibar, Tea service, Coffee maker, Iron and ironing board and an electronic Safe and multi-channel satellite Television and free WiFi. Other resort services & amenities including the 'Tides' restaurant, the terrace, bar, elegant furnishings, a swimming pool, gym, a variety water sports and other games, a luxurious atmosphere, the outside terrace, superb lake views, meeting/conference rooms, complimentary high speed WiFi in the public areas as well as proximity to all the best spots around Entebbe for hanging and dining out.

Overnight: Protea Hotel (Deluxe Room)

DAY 02: ENTEBBE / KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast and briefing, you are driven to Kibale Forest National Park (approximately 6 hours). The drive is very scenic.

Kibale National Park encompasses the Kibale tropical rain forest situated west of Kampala at the foothills of the Ruwenzori mountain range. Considered Uganda's primates' paradise, her 766km² of both lowland forest and montane forest interspersed with patches of shrubs, herbs, ferns, broad leaf grasses as well as swamplands are home to over 13 different species of primates; large families of chimpanzees, black and white Colobus Monkeys, the rare L'Hoest Monkeys, red Colobus Monkeys, the nocturnal Potos, Mangabey, Blue Monkeys, Baboons and others. Other mammals found include forest elephants, buffalo, bushbucks, sitatungas, duikers, bush pigs, warthogs as well as leopard, African golden Cat, Serval Cat and Mongoose. There are also over 375 species of birds including the endemic ground thrush as well as over 200 species of trees. Activities in and around the park includes arguably the best Chimpanzee Tracking experience in East Africa due to the relatively even terrain and the large size of the habituated chimpanzee families, the incredible Chimpanzee Habituation Experience, guided Forest Hikes, Nocturnal

Hikes in search of Potos and other nocturnal animals, the Bigodi Swamp Hike as well as unrivaled nature, scenery and serenity.

Arrive at Kyaninga Safari Lodge early evening in time for dinner and overnight.

Kyaninga is a 5* bush lodge perched atop a pyramid-shaped hill overlooking Lake Kyaninga, one of the most beautiful of the many stunning crater lakes on the edge of Kibale forest National Park in western Uganda. Guest accommodation comprises 8 stylish log cabin cottages (2 are family cottages) lined along different contours of the hill, each set upon a wooden platform under a thatch roof and accessed via a series of stair(ed) wooden walkways. Room amenities include en-suite facilities (shower, bathtub and double basins), a 1x King size Bed or 2x Twin size Beds, crisp linen, mosquito nets, a sitting area and a private verandah/deck with stunning views to the shimmering Crater Lake below. Other lodge amenities include a main building comprising a spacious dining room, two viewing decks, a bar, lounge with library, an open fire place, swimming pool overlooking the lake, massage, a grass tennis court, solar power, a lodge garden for fresh produce and surrounding by natural vegetation.

Overnight: Kyaninga Safari Lodge B L D

DAY 03: KIBALE NATIONAL PARK – CHIMPS TREKKING

Enjoy a day of chimpanzee trekking.

Chimpanzee Trekking is unique and one of the most exciting 'primate experiences. The excursion begins at the Park Offices where guests meet their specialist Ranger/Guide for a briefing on the chimps as well as the trekking do's and don'ts. Afterwards you transfer, on foot or by car, to the trailhead where guests disembark and venture into the rain forest. Your hike until you find the chimps will usually last anything from 45min to 1hr/30mins, but could be longer or shorter, during which the guide tells you really lots of interesting things about the forest and the chimpanzees as well as other inhabitants of the forest including over 12 other primates species (black and white colobus, red colobus, potos, baboons, red tailed monkeys and others), forest elephants, duikers and other mammals as well as the forest vegetation, trees and shrubs and what the animals feed on and so much more; it is always very interesting. Your first notification that you are coming close to the chimps is normally their loud, and sometimes a little intimidating, howling, and screeching. Chimps are said to communicate in over 65 different sounds each of which tells them something different.

Once sighted, guests can only spend up to one hour with these creatures.

After this wonderful experience, guests are driven back to the lodge.

Afternoon spent at leisure before dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Kyaninga Safari Lodge B L D

DAY 04: KIBALE / QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK – SAFARI DRIVE

After a leisurely breakfast, a three-hour drive will take you to Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Queen Elizabeth National Park is Uganda's most popular place owing to her location, stunning scenery as well as diversity of habitats, wildlife, and activities. Straddled between Lakes George and Lake Edward and transected by the Kazinga Channel, a natural water canal that joins the

two lakes, her 1978km² are home to over 95 mammals species and over 500 species of birds; large schools of hippo, crocodiles and aquatic birds in the Kazinga channel as well as buffaloes, elephants and other terrestrials who come to drink and wallow by her shores; habituated chimpanzees in the Kyambura Gorge forest while the Mweya Peninsula and the Kasenyi plains are popular game viewing areas for Uganda kobs, lions, leopards, hyenas, elephants, large herds of buffalo, gazelles, Uganda kobs, many species of birds, butterflies and reptiles; the eastern stretches close to the Rwenzori mountains contains many volcanic craters some with lakes like the Katwe salt lakes while the drier southern savannah grass plains called Ishasha are famous for their black maned tree climbing lions often seen lazing up her fig trees; as well as leopards, topis, wildebeest and many other terrestrials. Activities within and around the park include game viewing drives, launch cruises on the Kazinga Channel, hiking and chimpanzee tracking in Kyambura Gorge, sightseeing around the Katwe Explosion Craters, lion tracking with an international researcher and hot air ballooning.

Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy lunch followed by afternoon game drive.

Mweya Safari Lodge is 4* safari lodge located on a wildlife infested peninsula on the Kazinga channel in the heart of the Queen Elizabeth National Park with magnificent views of the channel below. The lodge offers comfortable to luxurious accommodation in a colonial setting with a variety of room categories; comfortable and en-suite Standard Rooms with a simple safari atmosphere and views to Lakes George and Lake Edward as well as the Rwenzori Mountains from the balcony watching the warthogs graze; Air conditioned Deluxe Rooms with superior furnishings and views to the Kazinga Channel; Spacious Suites with separate bedroom and living room, natural wooden floors and minibar; 2 tastefully furnished family cottages i.e. "Rwenzori Cottage" and " Royal Cottage", the luxurious and exclusive, "Queens Cottage" and " Presidential Cottage" as well as 4 Luxury Tents right on the edge of the channel with amazing views from the private verandahs. Other lodge amenities include a spacious restaurant with an indoor and outdoor terrace overlooking the channel, high Continental, Indian and International cuisine., the Tembo terrace Bar, an infinity Swimming Pool and pool bar, a Health Club and Spa, an amply stocked Gift Shop, a Business Centre, Conference Facilities, Game drives, Boat cruises, tours to the Katwe Explosion Craters as well as Chimpanzee tracking.

Overnight: Mweya Safari Lodge B L D

DAY 05: QUEEN ELIZABETH N. P. – SAFARI DRIVE & CRUISE ON KAZINGA CHANNEL

After breakfast proceed to the Kasenyi plains for an early morning game drive in search of lions, Uganda kobs, large herds of buffalo and elephants and other early risers and nocturnal animals like hyenas, genet cats, if lucky even leopard.

In the afternoon, you will enjoy a 2½hrs Launch Cruise on the Kazinga Channel, famous for near guaranteed sightings of large schools of hippos, Nile Crocodiles, wallowing buffalo, elephants feeding on the banks of the canal, many species of water birds and so much more.

Time permitting, enjoy an afternoon game drive before being taken to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Mweya Safari Lodge B L D

DAY 06: QUEEN ELIZABETH / BWINDI NATIONAL PARK – TREE CLIMBING LIONS

After breakfast, check out with picnic lunches and drive south, via the park's Ishasha area that is famous for black-maned tree climbing lions, to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (the drive time

is approximately 3½hrs). With a game viewing drive and picnic lunches in the bush en-route, you exit the park early afternoon and continue to Bwindi, home of the rare mountain gorillas.

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is in southwestern Uganda. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, her 331km² of montane and lowland forest jungle forests accessible only on foot are one of the most ecological diverse places in Africa with over 220 species of trees (including the endangered brown Mahogany), over 100 ferns, 350 species of birds, 200 species of butterfly, many Moths, Reptiles and 120 species of mammals including Mountain Elephants, small antelope species, several carnivores (the side-striped jackal, African golden Cat, and civet Cat) and 10 species of primates including L'Hoest's monkey, Black & White Colobus Monkeys, Red-Tailed Monkeys, Vervet Monkeys, Chimpanzees. But by far her most famous residents are the rare and critically endangered Mountain Gorillas of which only 850 remain in the world and Bwindi is home to almost half. They are a major pull for thousands of tourist who, every year, come to encounter and marvel at these magnificent beings visiting the 10 habituated families residing in Buhoma (north), Ruhija (east) and Nkuringo (south) Bwindi, situated 535kms/9½hrs southwest of Kampala, is one of Uganda's most popular tourism destinations as well as home of the Batwa pygmy People.

After arriving at the Gorilla Forest Camp in late afternoon enjoy the balance of your day at leisure as you prepare for the big down awaiting.

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is an exclusive 5* tented bush lodge in the northern (buhoma) area of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda. Nestled atop a remote flat ridge deep inside Bwindi's impenetrable forest, guest accommodation comprises 8 luxurious, spacious and stylish tents tucked away into the forest each fitted with 2x Queen size Beds or 1x King size Bed as well as a spacious en-suite bathroom with hot and cold showers and a large bathtub with views to the forest canopy as well as a private verandah overlooking the forest. Renowned for great silver-service cuisine, service and hospitality, other camp amenities include a spacious main building comprising a kitchen and dining room, a comfortable lounge area, a well-stocked bar, a small library, room service, gorilla tracking, sedan chair, community visits, massage and camp fire when weather permits.

Overnight: Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp B L D

DAY 07: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK – GORILLA TREKKING

Enjoy an early breakfast before being taken to the park offices for your gorilla trekking excursion. This experience is considered one of the most breathtaking wildlife experiences in the world.

After registration, all participants are divided into groups of 8. Each group is allocated a gorilla family to trek for the day. Each group of 8 is led by a gorilla specialist guide. After briefing, you are transferred by car to the trailhead to begin trekking by foot.

Once sighted, guests can only spend one hour with the gorillas. Enjoy this unforgettable experience.

Return to the lodge for a well-deserved shower and lunch or relaxation then dinner depending on time of return.

If time permits, you may enjoy an evening community walk around the lodge and local area and possibly meet the Batwa pygmy people who live around the forest.

Overnight: Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp B L D

DAY 08: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK – GORILLA TREKKING

Enjoy another day of gorilla trekking as you visit another gorilla family.

Return to the lodge in the afternoon and spend time relaxing and enjoying the lodge facilities and Bwindi Forest before dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp B L D

DAY 09: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK / ENTEBBE / DEPART

After an early breakfast, you will be transferred back to Kihiki airstrip for your scheduled flight to Entebbe (09:45 a.m. / 11:25 a.m.).

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Protea Hotel where a dayroom is reserved for your comfort and convenience until 6:00 p.m.

In the evening, you will be transferred back to the airport for your international departure flight.

Dayroom: Protea Hotel B

PRICING INFORMATION:

These prices are valid for travel in 2020. Christmas and New Year surcharges will apply for any travel between Dec 15 – Jan 15, 2021. These holiday surcharges are NOT included in these rates. Single room supplement and solo traveler rates are on request only. Any travel during the peak time may be subject to updated terms and conditions.

TRAVEL DATES	JAN 6 - MAY 31 NOV 1 - DEC 12	SEP 1 - OCT 31	JAN 1 - 5; JUN 1 - AUG 31 DEC 15 – 31
LAND PRICING	\$6,190.00	\$6,980.00	\$7,570.00
COST OF PERMITS	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
INTERNAL AIR	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00

Please add the land cost with the cost of permits and the internal air to get the total per person pricing. Please ensure to look for your specific travel month.

Please note the cost of the permits is nonrefundable / nontransferable once purchased. Full payment of permits is required at the time of booking together with 25% deposit for the land and internal air program.

INCLUSIONS

All meet and assists

All transfers

Shared camp based 4WD Toyota Land Cruisers at Bwindi

Private 2WD Toyota Hiace Minivans in Entebbe city

Services of courteous and professional English-speaking driver/guide

Mineral water in the vehicles

Two days of gorilla trekking (permits quoted separately). This is a shared experience

One day of chimps trekking (permits quoted separately). This is a shared experience

Scheduled flight Bwindi/Entebbe (this flight is quoted separately)

Applicable Park entrance Fees

Accommodation at the indicated hotels as shown. Meals as shown (**B**-Breakfast; **L**-Lunch and **D**-Dinner)

Taxes.

EXCLUSIONS

Intercontinental flights

Entry Visa

Items of a personal nature such as crafts and curios shopping, laundry, bar drinks etc.

Tips and gratuities for your Driver/guide, Hotel or Restaurant Staff

International airport departure taxes, any other items not shown in the itinerary

Anything not mentioned under the inclusions

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit per person required at time of booking: A deposit of 25% of the program price plus the full cost of the permits (gorillas permit & chimps) is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 120 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request to secure confirmation. ***Please note all permits are nonrefundable / non transferrable once***

purchased. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance to cover any unexpected cancellations.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of e-mail receipt. Cancellations received by Emmarosh are subject to the following:

CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON

121 days prior to departure (or more): ***20% of the program price per person plus the full cost of the permits (gorilla trekking & chimps trekking).*** *The cost of permits is nonrefundable / nontransferable. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance.*

120-91 days prior to departure: 35% of program price

90-61 days prior to departure: 50% of program price

60 days prior to departure (or less): 100% of the program price

Changes to the Itinerary:

The guest will be responsible for any changes or cancellations made to the itinerary at their request or beyond their control, before or during travel, including expenses incurred due to a change, delay or cancellation of any flights. If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR

All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES WHERE APPLICABLE

Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with Emmarosh programs are subject to specific cancellation penalties.

