

Uganda

10-day Adventure

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August 2026 | 10 Days

\$9,980 per person, twin share
Solo Supplement: \$890

Tour Highlights

- Trekking to see mountain gorillas in the wild - something that will never leave you
- The shy, friendly locals who will want to practice their English with you
- The plethora of animals in the wild - elephants, hippos, big cats, chimps and more
- The country's stunning natural beauty - mountains, jungle, lakes and rivers
- Accommodation at jungle lodges



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Tour overview

If you like close encounters with wildlife, friendly people and stunning scenery, Uganda might just be the best place to visit in all of Africa. This wonderful country offers the complete African wildlife experience, with the added bonus of the mountain gorillas.

Ten national parks cover a significant portion of the countryside. In the North East, you can spot the big cats, the savannah animals and a fantastic variety of birdlife. Down west, you'll see a plethora of elephants, hippos, chimps and more. And then there's the mountain gorillas. There are just 880 of these majestic primates left in the wild, and you are assured of seeing them in their natural habitat on this tour. Put simply, Uganda offers a wildlife experience second to none.

However, it's not all about the wildlife. Churchill was right... Uganda is the pearl of Africa! With stunning scenery, much of the country lies on a plateau that ascends to over 5,100 metres at Mount Stanley in the south, the 3rd-highest peak in Africa. The landscape is a combination of jungle, grasslands and land that has been cleared for farming. Uganda shares Lake Victoria - the largest tropical lake in the world - as its eastern border with Kenya and Tanzania.

Uganda is a landlocked nation about the size of Victoria. The West first took real notice of Uganda in the early 70's when the dictator Idi Amin took power. Dubbed "the butcher of Uganda", Amin was a military official who, after seizing power, was responsible for the expulsion and murder of hundreds of thousands of people, namely anyone who disagreed with his ways. He died in exile in 2003. Today, the country is at peace. Visitors are attracted by the gorillas which are protected from poachers around the clock. It is a safe place to visit and the hospitality industry is well-trained in providing service with a smile.

While the recent past of this struggling nation cannot be ignored, it is well and truly open for business. You will be greatly rewarded by visiting. Not just for the gorillas, but also for the people, the magnificent scenery and the culture.



Activity rating: Active

You must be capable of walking 10,000 steps daily and handling your own luggage. On some days, the group will travel on unsealed roads in 4WD vehicles. On the gorilla trek, you'll spend a full day navigating mountainous terrain.

Wednesday 12th August DEPARTURE

Depart Australia for flight to Entebbe (likely with Emirates).

Day 1, Thursday 13th August ENTEBBE

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport in the afternoon and transfer to the K Hotel for one night. The guesthouse is charming and conveniently located just 10 minutes from the airport. **D**

Day 2, Friday 14th August ENTEBBE — KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

Take a short flight from Entebbe to Kasese at 10:30 hrs (1 hr 15 duration). Transfer 60 km to the Mountains of the Moon Lodge for a 2-night stay. **D**

Day 3, Saturday 15th August KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

Today, the forest opens its doors for a chimp-tracking experience. After a pre-tracking briefing, we will start our hike adventure into the forest. Follow the footsteps of a large, habituated family of chimpanzees, with over 120 individuals, making Kibale one of the best locations in Africa for chimp viewing. En route, your guide will explain more about the forest and its inhabitants, including other primates and birds. Upon sighting the chimpanzees, we will stay with them for an hour as they continue their daily routine – growling, grooming, feeding, and caring for the young ones. In the afternoon, we will transfer to Bigodi Village for a community walk that will bring us closer to the local tribe in this area, accompanied by a local guide who can teach us about traditional customs and lifestyles. We will follow the village path, visit a primary school and traditional homesteads, and learn more about the crops in the fields. **B/L/D**

Day 4, Sunday 16th August KIBALE NATIONAL PARK — QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we head via the crater lakes area via Kasese to Queen Elizabeth National Park, where we will spend two nights at Enganzi Lodge (approx 155 km, 2-3 hrs drive). We will cross the Equator as the road passes through the Queen Elizabeth National Park. This afternoon, we will enjoy a game drive in the National Park. Continue to our lodge, located in the heart of Queen Elizabeth National Park, for a 2-night stay. **B/L/D**

Day 5, Monday 17th August QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Stretching from the crater-dotted foothills of the Rwenzori ranges in the North, along the shores of Lake Edward to the remote Ishasha River in the South, Queen Elizabeth National Park encompasses a diverse range of habitats, including savanna, wetlands, and lowland forest. Besides fantastic wildlife sightings, the park is famous for its volcanic features, including volcanic cones and deep craters. Combined with Kibale National Park in the north and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in the south, this is one of Africa's most remarkable safari regions. The morning will be spent on game drives in this prime game viewing area, with elephants, Uganda Kobs, baboons and buffalo in the grassland thickets of North Kazinga and the savannah lands of the Kasenyi Plain. After lunch, we will head out for an afternoon boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, where we will have the opportunity to view a large concentration of hippos and various other animals, including crocodiles, warthogs, and a wide range of birds. This is a truly amazing experience that rivals other great African wildlife adventures. Return to the lodge for dinner. **B/L/D**

Day 6, Tuesday 18th August QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK — BIWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

After breakfast, we will depart for the southwestern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park for a game drive in the Ishasha Plains, well known for its tree-climbing lions. (approx 160 kms, 5-6 hrs drive). We will then head on a scenic road to Buhoma on the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. On the way to Bwindi, we will visit the Ishasha Community Upliftment Group. The community group has been established as an organisation dedicated to conserving the area's biodiversity by mitigating threats to ecosystems. Communities struggle to grow their crops while the game incursions raid them as an easy food source. We'll also visit a local school before arriving late in the afternoon at the village of Buhoma for a three-night stay at Mahogany Springs wilderness lodge. **B/L/D**

Day 7, Wednesday 19th August BIWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST GORILLA TREK

Another highlight awaits us today: a meeting with the gentle giants of Bwindi! Only 880 individual mountain gorillas exist in the wild. 400 of them can be found in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. After a very early breakfast, we'll be transferred to the nearby National Park offices to be allocated a gorilla family and an expert tracker. After a long day in the forest, we will be driven back to the lodge for a hot shower, dinner, and to compare our photographs. **B/L/D**

Day 8, Thursday 20th August BIWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Two options today. First, you may choose to undertake another gorilla trek (subject to permit availability) or second, to undertake a 2-3 hours scenic walk on the Waterfall trail that follows the Munyanga River through one of Uganda's most pristine tracts of rainforest – passing beneath tree ferns and orchids and with chances of seeing monkeys – and ending at a 33 metres high waterfall, before retracing your steps to the lodge. The walk is mainly flat, but there are some steeper sections overall; you'll walk around 10km. If you prefer, you can stay and relax at the lodge and/or visit the local village with its craft shops and cafes. **B/L/D**

Day 9, Friday 21st August ENTEBBE

After breakfast, we will transfer (1.5 hours) to Kihiki airstrip for a flight back to Entebbe for our 12:05 flight (2 hours duration). Return to our accommodation at the K Hotel for a one-night stay. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. **B/D**

Day 10, Saturday 22nd August ENTEBBE TO AUSTRALIA OR ON YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

Today, depart Uganda for home. If you are heading back to Australia, your flight from Entebbe is most likely via Dubai. For those travelling on to Malawi for the Zambia and Malawi tour, flights will likely be via Nairobi (all flights to be advised). **B**





Accommodation

Our hotels are carefully chosen to capture the local atmosphere and set you up in an ideal location. You can expect accommodation that comprises a mix of standard hotels, boutique-style hotels, and smaller, independently owned establishments. Below are some of the hotels on this tour. Final hotels may change, and a complete list will be shared with you.

K Hotel, Entebbe
www.khotels.ug

Mahogany Springs Wilderness Lodge
www.mahoganysprings.com

Enganzi Lodge
www.enganzilodge.com

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