

UGANDA CRATER LAKE TOURS



Best of Uganda Tour (Tour duration 9 days)

Uganda Crater Lakes Tours is proud to present a tour itinerary which showcases the best of Uganda. Accommodation recommended is moderate and upscale options. We are happy to accommodate any requests with regards to changes in accommodation, food and itinerary to suit your needs. Please contact us and we will be happy to help.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit 5 National Parks in Uganda; Queen Elizabeth National Park, Murchison Falls National Park, Kibale National Park, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Lake Mburo National Park
- 2x Day Game Drive (Safari), 1x Evening Game Drive (Safari), 1x River Safari, 2x Boat cruises
- Gorilla Trekking at Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
- Chimpanzee Trekking at Kibale
- Ishasha tree climbing lions
- Cultural/Community walks

ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrival

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport. You are met by your Guide who will transfer you to the guest house in Entebbe. Check in and after a rest, your Guide will give you an introduction to Uganda, also known as the "Pearl of Africa", and the tour itinerary.

Recommended accommodation: African Roots Guest House
(<http://africanrootsgh.com/>)

Day 2

Transfer to Murchison Falls National Park & Evening Game Drive

After breakfast, we will drive to Murchison Falls National Park. The drive is between 4-6 hours. On the way, we will pass through the capital city, Kampala, where you have the opportunity to change your money if needed. Murchison Falls National Park is situated in Northwest Uganda, and is famous for one of the world's most powerful waterfalls, Murchison Falls. This is also the largest national park in Uganda, and offers a Safari with a wonderful array of animals such as giraffes, birds, leopards, African Elephants, etc.

We arrive for lunch at Red Chilli. After which, we head for an evening Game Drive in the northern part of the park.

Recommended accommodation: Red Chilli (<https://redchillihideaway.com/>)

Day 3

Morning Game Drive and River Safari

Wake up at 6am. After an early morning breakfast, we do a Game Drive in the northern part of the park. You will have the chance to view African Elephants, Giraffes, Topi, Buffaloes, Porcupines and Hippos at the Nile delta.

In the afternoon, we go for a 1hr 30 min hour boat ride (River Safari) on the River Nile where you will see the hippos, Nile crocodiles basking with their jaws open, birds, etc. At the end of the boat ride, you will hike through rocky terrains to the top of the most famous waterfall in East Africa, Murchison Falls, and view the falls from above. Your driver will then pick you up and bring you back to your accommodation.

Day 4

Transfer to Fort portal

After breakfast, we drive along the Albert escarpment. This is one of the best view points in East Africa, with a fantastic view of the Congo Blue Mountains. The drive takes 5-6 hours and we will bring a packed lunch. Possibility to do a cultural walk to visit the neighboring villages in the afternoon.

Recommended accommodation: Isunga lodge (<https://isungalodge.com/>)

Day 5

Chimpanzee trekking at Kibale forest & Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Breakfast at 6am. Kibale forest park is 795sqkm and is best known for its primate population with over 1000 chimpanzees and 13 other primate species. Kibale has the most number of chimpanzees in Uganda and Africa as a whole! But man's closest relative is not all the park has to offer. You can also see the uncommon L'Hoests monkey and the East Africa's largest population of the threatened Red Colobus monkeys. Lunch at Isunga Lodge.

In the afternoon, we drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park, named after the Queen of England. This park is 1978sqkm with over 600 bird species and 900 mammals. We will pass through the fascinating landscapes of Ndali-kasenda crater lakes en route to Kasese.

Once in the park, we will go on a boat cruise at 5pm.

Recommended accommodation: Mweya Safari Lodge (<https://mweyalodge.com/>)

Day 6

Tree climbing lions & Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

We wake up early and go for a Game Drive in the Kasenyi plains in search of lions, leopards, hyenas, Uganda kobs, elephants, buffaloes, waterbuck, etc. After the Drive, we have breakfast at Bunyampaka. After breakfast, we head to Ishasha, the home of tree climbing lions in the northern sector where the most amazing games are found. We will also explore the flats of Lake Edward.

We then drive towards Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Our drive is on the "murrum" road, so be prepared for a bit of "African massage" as we hit the misty and thick forests.

Recommended accommodation: Bakiga lodge (<http://bakigalodge.org/>)

Day 7

Gorilla trekking

In the morning with a park ranger, you will go on a Gorilla trek in search of a family of Gorillas. Depending on the situation and location of the family, the trek can last between 2-4hours. Once found, we spend an hour with these gentle and intelligent Giants. In the afternoon, we can relax at the accommodation or take a cultural walk to visit the Batwa community.

Day 08

Lake Mburo national park

Early morning breakfast and transfer to Lake Mburo. This beautiful jewel of a park is found en route to the Albertine rift and offers a great view of Impala, Buffaloes, Topi, and large herd of Zebras. There is also a large bird life. In the afternoon, we will go for a boat ride.

Recommended accommodation: Arcadia lodge (<http://www.arcadialodges.com/lake-mburo.html>)

Day 09

Nature walk & Transfer to Entebbe

Early Morning breakfast and walk through park with the Guide and return at 9am. Have a shower and then transfer to Entebbe for early dinner.

Bid farewell to your Guide and the Pearl of Africa! Departure either same night or day after.

Recommended accommodation: African Roots Guest House
(<http://africanrootsggh.com/>)

PRICES

Prices quoted here is only a guide. Exact prices will vary due to the number of guests, time of the year and availability of the accommodation.

For 3 people, all costs included (ie. vehicle, driver/guide, entrance fees, permits, accommodation and food): USD 9450

For 3 people, costs without accommodation and without food (ie. vehicle, driver/guide, entrance fees and permits): USD 5370

PAYMENT

A deposit of 20% should be made to confirm the tour. The deposit is paid through Western Union, and must be paid by latest one month before the start of the tour:

1. Visit a Western Union or Agent in a location near you
2. Complete the Send Money Form
 - First Name of recipient: Noah
 - Last Name of recipient: Ataryebwa
 - Country of recipient: Uganda
 - Reason: Tour Deposit Payment
3. Choose "Cash Pickup and Next Day Speed"
4. Give Western Union or Agent the completed form with the applicable funds (including transaction fee) in cash or card
5. Send the tracking number (MTCN) to Noah via Whatsapp or email

The remaining 80% costs of the tour to be paid in cash on arrival.

Kind regards,
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