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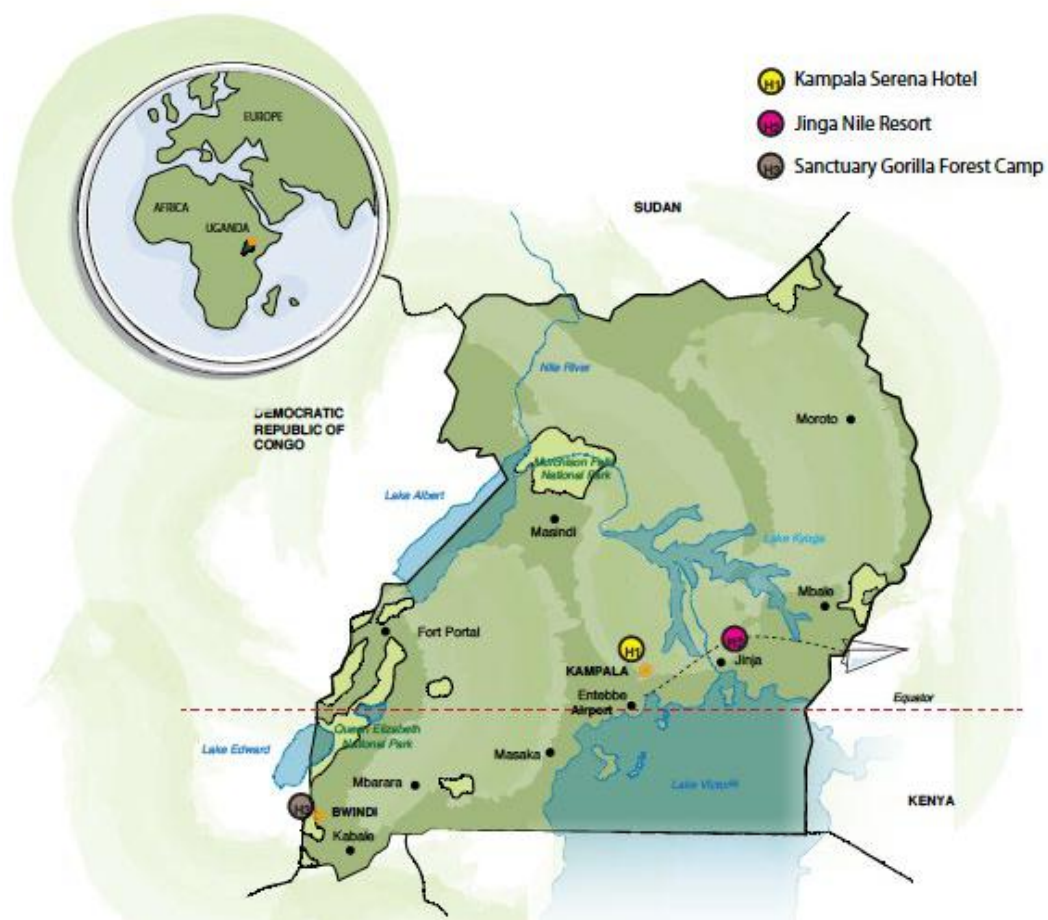
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Introduction



Uganda, officially the Republic of Uganda, is a landlocked country in East Africa. Uganda is bordered on the east by Kenya, on the north by South Sudan, on the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on the southwest by Rwanda, and on the south by Tanzania. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda lies within the Nile basin, and has a varied but generally equatorial climate.

Uganda has two official languages: Swahili and English. Luganda, a southern language, is widely spoken across the country, and multiple other languages are also spoken. Uganda's currency is the Ugandan Shilling. Ecologically, Uganda is where the East African savannah meets the West African jungle. Where else but in this uniquely lush destination can one observe lions prowling the open plains in the morning and track chimpanzees through the rainforest undergrowth the same afternoon, and then the next day navigate tropical channels teeming with hippos and crocodiles before setting off into the misty mountains to visit the majestic mountain gorillas?

Uganda has 60 protected areas, including nine national parks: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Rwenzori Mountains National Park (both UNESCO World Heritage Sites), Kibale National Park, Kidepo Valley National Park, Lake Mburo National Park, Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, Mount Elgon National Park, Murchison Falls National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, and Semuliki National.

The country is fortunate to harbour Lake Victoria, the second largest lake in the world forming the source of the Nile, the second largest river in the world. Most famous for its gorilla trekking expeditions, friendly Uganda is also home to classic game reserves and is rapidly making a name for itself as an excellent chimpanzee tracking and bird watching destination.

The country does have a checkered past, however since 1986, the country has initiated substantial political liberalization and general press freedom, and instituted broad economic reforms after consultation with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, and donor governments. Consistently ranked among Africa's fastest growing economies since 1986, Uganda has experienced a steady expansion of infrastructure and a corresponding increase in international investment and tourism.

Easy Access



Entebbe International Airport (EBB) is the principal international airport in Uganda and is located near the town of Entebbe on the shores of Lake Victoria, approximately one hour's drive from the capital city, Kampala.

A variety of international carriers fly into Entebbe, notably; Emirates, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, British Airways, Brussels Airlines and KLM.

African connecting flights: South African Airways (Johannesburg / Entebbe), Kenya Airways, RwandaAir & Ethiopian Airlines
There are no other major airports, apart from airstrips for charter flights.

Approximate driving times:
Entebbe / Kampala – Jinja (using 4x4 vehicles - 3hrs)
Entebbe – Murchison Falls (suggest charter)
Entebbe – Queen Elizabeth Park (suggest charter)
Entebbe – Bwindi (suggest charter)

Climate

Uganda experiences a temperate climate even though the majority of the country is with the Tropics. Average temperatures are around 21.5°C or 71°F, dropping to a minimum of 12°C or 54°F at night time, with altitude also affecting this.

Being on the equator, rainfall ranges between 1,000 and 2,000 millimetres each year, but depending on time of year these can be short bursts which give rise to clearer skies.

Although it's regarded as a year-round activity, the best time to visit Uganda for gorilla trekking is during the country's two dry seasons: January and February and from June to September. Game viewing in Uganda's savannah parks is best at the end of the dry seasons - February and March and September/early October - when wildlife is concentrated around water sources. Bird watching is fantastic all year round but is at its peak between November and April when migrant species are present. We'd recommend avoiding a Uganda safari during the heavy rains of April and May.



KAMPALA

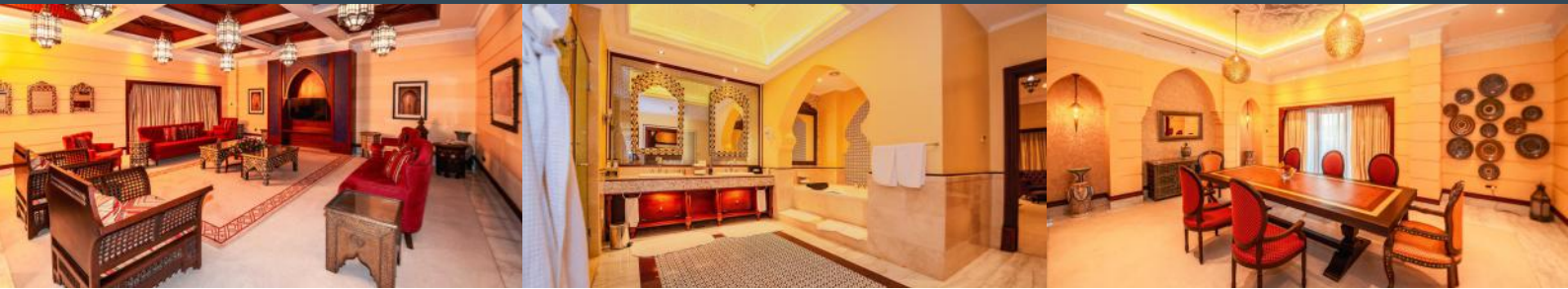
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Min Temp °F	83.2	83.9	83	80.9	80	80	80	80	80.3	80.9	80.90	81.8
Rainfall mm	46	62	116	167	146	80	80	110	122	136	130	75

HOTELS

SANCTUARY GORILLA FOREST CAMP



Hotels



Kampala Serena Hotel | 5* Property | 113 rooms | www.serenahotels.com

Deluxe Suite - 33
Executive Room - 64
Suites - 16

Ideally located at the very heart of Entebbe Kampala, the hotel is a blend of 5 star polish, pan-African panache, social style and business reliability.

It stands amidst 7.2 acres of landscaped grounds and water gardens. An oasis of cool and green, encircled by the seven hills of Kampala, this 152-room hotel is the focal point of national, regional, business, political and social life.

Drawing its architectural inspiration from the abundance of Uganda's lakes and rivers, the hotel has been created around a central water theme, which manifests itself both in the extensive water gardens and in the hand-carved panels and shimmering mosaics with which it is decorated. The hotel is situated in central Kampala, 40 kilometres from Entebbe International Airport.

Inspirationally styled as a showcase for Ugandan art, the hotel offers three restaurants and two bars: Bambara Residents' Lounge with Bedouin Terrace; The Lakes - an all-day brasserie; The Mist - cocktail bar; The Explorer - an Italian bistro; The Pearl of Africa - a fine-dining experience and The Sesse Pool Terrace Bar and Café.

This hotel is ideal for large groups and conferences, with the Kampala Serena International Conference Centre seating up to 1,500 guests, a garden auditorium, a rooftop terrace and a rock-sculptured pool terrace available for private events.

Additional features include the Maisha Mind Body and Spirit Spa (which houses a 25-metre pool, state-of-the-art gymnasium and cardio studio, Aerobic studio offering workouts to include; cardiovascular, kick boxing, dance, yoga, Tai chi and 'stretch and sculpture'), an extensive swimming pool area, a running track in the grounds and a golf course nearby.



Exterior



Guest villa

Hotels



Hotel No. 5 | 5* Property | 10 rooms | www.mantiscollection.com

Luxury Twin Room – 5
Luxury Double Room – 5

Tucked away in the serene, leafy suburbs of Entebbe, Hotel No.5 offers a stylish retreat for discerning travelers. From the moment you arrive, you'll be greeted with warmth and genuine hospitality, setting the tone for an intimate and relaxing stay.

Elegant rooms open out onto lush gardens and a sparkling swimming pool, creating a peaceful haven where you can truly unwind. Lounge by the pool, indulge in a soothing spa treatment, or keep up your fitness routine at the well-equipped gym—whatever your pace, Hotel No.5 caters to your comfort.

Dining here is an experience in itself, with thoughtfully crafted menus complemented by a curated international wine list, all served with care and pride. Renowned for its impeccable attention to detail and personalized service, Hotel No.5 is the ideal choice for a restful escape in the heart of Entebbe.



Exterior



Guest villa

Hotels



The Boma | 5* Property | 16 rooms | www.andbeyond.com

Double Room - 10
Twin Rooms - 4
Triple Rooms - 1
Budget Rooms - 1

The Boma Hotel Entebbe is a charming boutique retreat that embodies the spirit of Ugandan warmth and hospitality. Tucked away in a peaceful suburb of Entebbe, this tranquil oasis is just a few minutes from Entebbe International Airport and the scenic shores of Lake Victoria, making it the perfect gateway to your Ugandan adventure.

Each room at The Boma Hotel is designed with comfort and character in mind, blending traditional African touches with modern amenities. From cozy beds and en-suite bathrooms to private verandas that open onto lush, tropical gardens, our elegant accommodations offer a restful sanctuary after a day of travel or exploration.

Savor the flavors of Uganda and beyond at our on-site restaurant, where a fusion of European cuisine and local dishes awaits. Whether you're dining in our airy open-plan space or enjoying a candlelit dinner under the stars, each meal is prepared with care and served with pride. And when it's time to relax, our refreshing swimming pool and tranquil setting provide the perfect backdrop for unwinding.

What truly sets The Boma Hotel apart is our commitment to personalized service. Our friendly and attentive team is always on hand to help, from arranging airport transfers to organizing local tours and experiences. With nearby attractions like the Entebbe Botanical Gardens and the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, your stay at The Boma Hotel is more than just a stopover—it's the start of an unforgettable journey.



Exterior



Guest villa

Hotels



Lake Victoria Serena Resort & Spa | 5* Standard | 122 rooms | www.serenahotels.com

Deluxe Room - 112
Suites - 10

Styled to replicate the lines of a classically rustic Roman villa, Lake Victoria Serena Resort & Spa lies on the shores of Lake Victoria in the Kigo District. The resort is twenty minutes' drive from Entebbe International Airport and twenty minutes' drive to the centre of Kampala. NB: the resort does not have direct lake access but does have lovely views.

A gracious terracotta and cream palace, the central citadel is encircled by broad café and cocktail terraces. Above the marble reception, where a Roman fountain plays, white-arched galleries rise to a clear glass atrium, through which shafts of light illuminate the fountained courtyard below.

The standard rooms are housed in typically Tuscan-style villas, widely spaced around the terraced rose gardens. Adjacent to the pool deck, the Maisha Mind Body and Spirit Spa contrasts the gleaming state-of-the-art technology of its gymnasium and cardio studio with the rustic arches of the Spa.

Dining & Events

The hotel features The Citadel - an all-day brasserie, and The Kigo - a cocktail bar. The Lake View Pool Terrace bar and café, with panoramic views, is ideal for private cocktails and social events. Housed on its own dedicated floor, the hotel's conference centre features a 450 sq. metre conference room, which can be divided into 3 smaller rooms and accommodates up to 300 guests. For events the hotel offers the option of an exclusive poolside cocktail reception on the Lake View Terrace, which also features its own stage and dance floor.



Guest room



Dinning

Hotels



Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | 5* Standard | 10 rooms | www.sanctuaryretreats.com

Luxury tented rooms - 10

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is located deep inside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in south west Uganda. The main area features a comfortable lounge and bar area as well as the main dining area while the mini spa offers a wide selection of treatments.

Located within the National Park, Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp offers guests an unrivalled location, including the best bird and wildlife viewing in the Bwindi area. Due to its unique location, it's not unusual for the gorilla families to visit the camp itself.

The eight tents at Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp are stylish and spacious, each featuring two queen sized beds. In addition to the comfortable warm beds, each tent has a huge bathtub that looks straight into the jungle canopy ideal for soaking tired muscles after a day spent observing and meeting gorillas. Observe rare forest species while soaking in the tub, followed by a cocktail on the private viewing deck served by your personal attendant.

Dining & Events

The bar and dining cottage overlook the rain forest and a raised natural platform is built for open-air dining. The chef prepares a silver service dinner with four to five courses each evening.

Private charter flights depart daily from Entebbe or Kajansi airstrip (about 25km from Entebbe). Smaller groups can land at Kayonza airstrip, then drive about 25 kilometres (40 minutes' drive) to the camp. Larger groups land at the new Kihhi airstrip or Ishaha, then drive about 60 kilometres to camp.



Guest room



Exterior

Hotels



Buhoma Homestead | 4* Standard | 10 rooms | www.ugandaexclusivecamps.com

Chalet - 10

Buhoma Lodge commands spectacular and uninterrupted views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park home to the rare and elusive Mountain Gorilla. The original homestead has been completely renovated and now offers a top quality, intimate lodge. The lodge is ideally situated within the National Park, less than five minutes' walk from the start of the gorilla trekking point.

Ten comfortable cottages have been carefully built, each with its own private veranda, allowing wonderful views of the forest canopy of the National Park. Inside the spacious cottages you will find comfortable beds, a well-appointed en suite bathroom with flushing toilet and a hot shower and also some rooms with bath tubs.

Activities include Gorilla Trekking, forest walks, birding and cultural interaction.

Meals are freshly prepared with many local ingredients, offering a balance of international and locally flavoured cuisine.

Access is best by charter flight (flying time 1hour 15 minutes), in light aircraft, from Entebbe international Airport. There are two airstrips nearby (Kihikihi and Kisdoro airstrips).



Exterior



Guest room

Hotels



Mahogany Springs | 5* Standard | 12 rooms | www.mahoganysprings.com

Superior Suite - 8
Family Suite - 2
Honeymoon Suite - 2

Mahogany Springs Lodge offers privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. The lodge is set back on the pristine waters of the Munyanga River and faces the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. A great advantage is that the property is within walking distance of the base camp, from where the gorilla trekking starts.

The Main Building boasts a wrap-around terrace for panoramic views of the river and forest as well as housing the restaurant. The living room at Mahogany Springs is a great place to relax, grab a book from the library, watch a DVD or just chill out by the fireplace after a long days trekking.

All the rooms at Mahogany Springs are suites. The six Superior Suites can be twin, double or triple. These suites are spacious with large double doors and beautiful windows. Each Suite has its own private terrace with panoramic views of the surrounding area. The Presidential Suite is two bedroomed.

The lodge is the ideal place to stay when undertaking the Gorilla Trekking. Gorillas have even been known to visit the lodge and coming face to face with one of these peaceful creatures is an indescribable experience.

Other activities include bird watching, tree planting on the property, nature walks and an opportunity to meet the Batwa – The Batwa tribe better known as the Pigmies only began leaving their forest homes around 15 years ago and still live locally.

Access is best by charter flight (flying time 1 hour 15 minutes), in light aircraft, from Entebbe international Airport. There are two airstrips nearby (Kihiki and Kisdoro airstrips).



Hotels



Jinja Nile Resort | 4* Property | 140 rooms | www.madahotels.com

Set on over 30 acres on the banks of the River Nile, Jinja Nile Resort commands a strategic location providing a panoramic view of the great River Nile. The property has been beautifully landscaped with lush lawns, palm trees and tropical plants.

Jinja Nile Resort is 80 km from Kampala City, 4km from Jinja Town and less than 5 minutes' drive from Kimaka Airstrip. Both the famous Bujagali Falls and the source of the Nile are only 4 km from the resort.

The resort has 140 guest rooms. The rooms are colonial-type cottages and allow for plenty of privacy. Each room has an en-suite bathroom, a small sitting room, a work desk and a private balcony.

The Resort Health Club is well equipped and for recreation and entertainment, the resort offers a free-form deck swimming pool, badminton, a professional pool table and darts. The hotel also has a squash court and a tennis court for the more active guests.

Dining & Events

The hotel offers three restaurants. The Main Restaurant comfortably seats up to 150 guests at a time. It has a terrace, which overlooks the swimming pool, and offers an excellent view of the Nile and the surrounding countryside.

The equally spacious conference dining room is located near the conference halls and allows fast and effective service to conference participants. Snacks are served to the guests at the pool-side Terrace.

The riverside Conference Centre has three conference halls, three meeting rooms and a boardroom. The largest venue can seat 200 guests classroom style. Additional entertainment, as well as a sunset river cruise can be used to enhance any event.



Guest room



Exterior

Hotels



Lemala Wildwaters Luxury Lodge | 5* Hotel | 10 rooms | www.lemalacamps.com

Standard Suite - 8
Private Pool Suite - 2

Set on approximately six hectares of Kalagala Island, Wildwaters Lodge offers a truly unique escape in the heart of the River Nile, just 25km downstream from Jinja in eastern Uganda. Accessible only by boat, the lodge sits dramatically on granite rocks surrounded by the roar of cascading rapids, creating an adventurous and unforgettable setting for your stay.

Guests can dive into a variety of thrilling activities in the nearby Jinja adventure hub—from adrenaline-pumping white-water rafting and bungee jumping to more laid-back options like horse riding or fishing. Nature lovers will also be in paradise, with the chance to spot some of Uganda's 1,000+ bird species, including turacos, cuckoos, hawks, and eagles. Keep an eye out for giant otters and monitor lizards gliding through the waters around the island.

Despite its wild surroundings, Wildwaters Lodge is also a haven of tranquility—perfect for honeymooners or couples seeking a romantic escape. After a day of excitement, unwind at the riverside spa, where the soothing sounds of the Nile create a calming atmosphere like no other. Whether you're here for adventure, relaxation, or just to soak in the breathtaking views, Wildwaters offers a sensory experience you won't forget.



Exterior



Guest room

HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights

Lake Victoria and Ngamba Chimpanzee Island

Lake Victoria is the largest tropical lake in the world. The lake was named after Queen Victoria, by John Hanning Speke, an officer in the British Indian Army who discovered it. Located on Ngamba Island, 23km from Entebbe in Lake Victoria, the Chimpanzee Island consists of 100 acres, of which 98 acres are forested and separated from the human camp by an electric fence.

It was established in 1997 by the Born Free Foundation (UK), International Fund for Animal Welfare (USA), the Jane Goodall Institute (Germany and Uganda), The Uganda Wildlife Education Centre Trust (UWECT) and the Zoological Board of New South Wales (Australia) to protect the endangered Chimpanzee population.

You can enjoy a half day excursion on the island, arriving by speedboat from Entebbe. The boat journey times are approximately 50 minutes each way by speedboat or 90 minutes each way by a traditional motorised boat. You can view either a morning or afternoon feeding of the chimpanzees from the visitors' platform, hear an informative talk by sanctuary staff & enjoy lunch. Capacity: 25 guests

Murchison Falls and Queen Elizabeth National Park Adventures

Experience Uganda's wild spirit in two of it's most breathtaking destinations:

Murchison Falls National Park where the mighty Nile River explodes through a narrow gorge, creating the world's most powerful waterfall—a spectacular sight that stirs the soul. But that's only the beginning. This park teems with life: elephants, lions, giraffes, leopards, and countless bird species roam the savannahs and riverbanks and Queen Elizabeth National Park showcases Uganda's incredible biodiversity. Spot tree-climbing lions in Ishasha, cruise the Kazinga Channel among hippos and crocodiles, and trek into Kyambura Gorge in search of wild chimpanzees. Explore it all while staying at some of Uganda's finest lodges.

Nile Safari Lodge

For the ultimate in eco-luxury, Nile Safari Lodge offers stylish, private villas overlooking the Nile. Relax in an infinity pool with river views and set off on tailored boat cruises, game drives, or hikes to the falls.

Pakuba Safari Lodge

Comfort and adventure go hand-in-hand at Pakuba Safari Lodge. Nestled inside the park, it offers unbeatable proximity to wildlife. It's not uncommon to spot giraffes or antelopes wandering near your room after a day exploring Uganda's oldest and largest national park.

Volcanoes Kyambura Lodge

A former coffee processing plant reborn into a chic eco-retreat, Volcanoes Kyambura Lodge overlooks the vast savannahs and the dramatic "Valley of the Apes." It's the ideal base for chimpanzee trekking, birdwatching, and exploring local conservation projects.



Murchison Falls



Ngamba Island

Highlights

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Queen Elizabeth National Park is Uganda's most popular game reserve for Uganda safaris and certainly one of the most scenic. It stretches from the crater-dotted foothills of the Rwenzori range in the north, along the shores of Lake Edward to the remote Ishasha River in the south, incorporating a wide variety of habitats that range from savannah and wetlands to gallery and lowland forest. This remarkable diversity is reflected in its bird list of over 550 species, the largest of any protected area in Africa. The area is also famous for its tree climbing lions. The Main Camp and Park HQ at Mweya is a convenient base for exploring the sites in the northern part of the park, whilst the road network running from Ishasha Camp and Ranger Post, 80 km to the south, provides access to the Ishasha area. Game drives are either organised by the lodge with open vehicles, or with your personal local guide and vehicle.

Kampala

Kampala is the capital city of Uganda, with over 1.7 million inhabitants (Census 2012). Originally, like Rome, Kampala was founded on seven hills, each with its own particular function (Namirembe, Makerere, Kibuli, Kololo, Rubaga, Mulago and Old Kampala). It is named after "impala", which is an antelope species common in the region. Kampala is also the political capital of Buganda Kingdom, and hosts the Parliament (Bulange), the Royal Palace and the tombs of the kings (Kasubi tombs). The Buganda tribe represents over 20% of the whole population in Uganda and they speak Luganda, which is the spoken language in Kampala and most of Southern Uganda. Kampala is considered a modern and safe city, and offers visitors a variety of cultural and artistic sites, entertainment and the possibility of browsing through the shops and craft centres.

Queen Elizabeth Bush Lodge

For those seeking an authentic safari experience close to nature, Queen Elizabeth Bush Lodge provides rustic charm and comfort right in the heart of the wilderness. Fall asleep to the sounds of the wild, and wake up ready for another day of exploration.

Elephant Plains Lodge

Perched high on the escarpment, Elephant Plains Lodge offers sweeping views across Queen Elizabeth National Park. Elegant cottages and a beautiful pool make this a serene retreat after days filled with adventure.



Kampala



Lake Edward Queen Elizabeth National Park

UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

GORILLA TREKKING



Unique Activities

Gorilla Trekking

Uganda is perhaps one of the best locations in the world to view these endangered animals. Located high in the hills near Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, the Gorillas are fiercely protected and access is limited to preserve the gentle giants for future generations.

Bwindi is the only Gorilla trekking location in Uganda that has 99% guaranteed viewing. It is to the west of the country on the border of Rwanda. Access is by light aircraft from Entebbe Airport (approximately 1hour 15minutes). It would take approximately 8hrs by vehicle from Kampala, which is not recommended.

A minimum 2 night stay is recommended in the region as the trekking is a full day activity. Departure is in the morning and continues until the Gorilla family is located. This can involve up to eight hours of walking so participants do need a certain level of fitness. You then are permitted a maximum one hour to observe the animals (this is to ensure that the animals are not over-exposed to humans).

This activity can be arranged for groups, although small groups, as the challenge is getting enough permits for one specific day. Also, for groups of over 20 guests one would need to split the group over various lodges. Having said that, it is a remarkable activity for those clients who want a truly extraordinary and life-changing experience. Uganda also has many other interesting activities to combine with Gorilla Trekking, white water rafting at the source of the Nile River, would be one!

Gorilla Habituation Experience

Imagine spending up to four unforgettable hours deep in Uganda's ancient forests, observing a gorilla family as they gradually grow accustomed to human presence. The Gorilla Habituation Experience offers a rare and intimate adventure beyond ordinary trekking. Accompanied by expert researchers and rangers, you'll witness playful juveniles, nurturing mothers, and powerful silverbacks as they go about their daily lives. This behind-the-scenes journey not only brings you closer to these incredible creatures but also supports crucial conservation efforts. Held exclusively in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Gorilla Habituation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to truly connect with one of the world's most endangered species.

Batwa Tribe Experience

Learn about and interact with the local Batwa People. This full day activity involves a three hour walk followed by about an hour spent with the Batwa. The walk back to camp is two hours. The visit includes a music performance, visitation by the goddess, hunting and gathering demonstration and an opportunity to see how they live. The Twa tribe who are also known as the Batwa are the oldest inhabitants of the Great Lakes region of Central Africa. They speak the same language as the Hutu and Tutsi groups of Rwanda. The first records of the Batwa were made by the Egyptians over 4,000 years ago. They described them as short statured people living near the "Mountains of the Moon" extolling their abilities as dancers and story tellers.



Batwa Tribe Experience



Gorilla Habituation Experience

Ride 4 A Women

Ride 4 a Woman is a community-driven organization in Bwindi, Uganda, supporting women facing poverty, HIV, domestic violence, and lack of education. Founded in 2009, it empowers women through skills training, microfinance, and community projects, helping over 300 women from 11 villages.

Visitors are welcome to stay, dine, shop, and engage with the center, directly supporting local women as they build better lives for themselves and their families.

Unique Activities

Chimpanzee Tracking

Uganda is the home of different species of primates, such as chimpanzees, black and white colobus, red tailed monkeys, blue monkeys, golden monkeys and bush babies. The Chimpanzee trekking is an enriching experience that Uganda offers to its visitors and this activity is possible in Kibale National Park, Budongo Forest and Kyambura Gorge (in Queen Elizabeth National Park). Uganda counts an estimated number of 5,000 chimpanzees and there are many habituated families.

Safari

Apart from the renowned Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi, Uganda also offers completely unspoiled safari experiences, particularly in Queen Elizabeth National Park, located about a four-hour drive from Bwindi. This diverse park is home to over 95 species of mammals and around 612 species of birds, making it a wildlife enthusiast's paradise. Visitors have the chance to spot the famous Big Five — elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, and even rhino in nearby conservation areas — along with other incredible wildlife. The unique tree-climbing lions of Ishasha have become a signature highlight here, with only one other known population at Lake Manyara in Tanzania.

Given that it is approximately a seven-hour drive from Kampala to Queen Elizabeth National Park over challenging roads, it is highly recommended that guests charter flights in and out of the park via light aircraft for a more comfortable and scenic journey.



Chimpanzee Tracking



Tree-climbing lions

Unique Activities

White water rafting on the Nile River

Established in 1907, Jinja is the second largest town in Uganda. It lies in south eastern Uganda, approximately 54 miles (87 km), by road, east of Murchison Falls. Travelling time by vehicle, from Murchasin Falls, is approximately three hours. The town is located on the shores of Lake Victoria, near to the source of the Nile River.

This is the starting point for the white water rafting route, which is widely regarded to be as exhilarating as the more famous Zambezi Gorge below Victoria Falls. About 10 kilometres down river from the town is a series of impressive rapids and fantastic scenery. The white water rafting activities have three options: half day, full day and two days of activity, from a minimum of 5 kilometres to 30 kilometres. All levels and ages are considered.

Other adventure activities in the area include:

- Jinja
- Nile cruise
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Tandem Kayaking
- Fishing
- Horse riding
- Quad-biking
- Mountain Biking
- Paragliding
- Bungee jumping
- Wild Nile Jet boat



River Rafting



Bungee Jumping

Dining-Out

Ugandan cuisine consists of traditional and modern cooking styles, practices, foods and dishes, with English, Arab, Asian and especially Indian influences. The cuisine varies in complexity, from the most basic; a starchy filler with a sauce of beans or meat, to several-course meals served in upper-class homes and high-end restaurants. Most tribes in Uganda have their own speciality dish or delicacy. Many dishes include various vegetables, potatoes, yams, bananas and other tropical fruits. Chicken, fish (usually fresh, but there is also a dried variety, reconstituted for stewing), beef and mutton are all commonly eaten.

The starch traditionally comes from ugali (maize meal) or matoke (boiled and mashed green banana). Kampala, the capital, offers a variety of restaurants with varied cuisines. In other more remote areas meals would be served exclusively at the lodges.

As with some other African cities, most of the best restaurants are found within hotels. The Lawns Restaurant & Lounge Bar in Kampala is one of the few restaurants that serve a variety of game meat. Indian and Chinese restaurants are readily found in Kampala.

The Ndere Cultural Centre in Kampala is a wonderful off-site venue for a special evening or gala dinner home to the Ndere dance troupe. Daily buffets and local entertainment is offered, and this can be privatised.

The Ndere Troupe captures the amazing cultural songs, dances and use of unique instruments from the 56 nationalities (tribes), weaves them with humorously informative stories and presents them in a musical extravaganza.



Bush Cuisine



Traditional Cuisine