

Pearl of Africa Tours and Travel Limited offers

Pre and Post Conference Tours

1. Lake Mburu National Park: Itinerary Lake Mburu National Park: 2 days/1 night

This attractive park of rolling hills and open grassy valleys, interspersed with thickets, woodlands and rich wetlands, is the only place in Uganda where impala still occur and is the best place to see large herds of eland (Africa's largest antelope). Other antelope species that may be sighted in the park include topi, bushbuck, sitatunga, common duiker, klipspringer, oribi, Defassa waterbuck and Bohor reedbuck. A safari walk here can be most revealing. All of your senses come in to play when experiencing the African bush. It is one of only two Ugandan national parks where Burchell's zebra still occurs.

In addition to a game drive, many visitors enjoy a boat trip on Lake Mburo, the largest of the five lakes that lie within the park boundaries. The lake and lush fringing vegetation support healthy populations of buffalo, warthog, bushpig and hippopotamus.

Birdwatchers will enjoy the more than 250 species of birds found in Lake Mburo. It is probably the best place in Uganda to see acacia-associated birds. Also of special interest to birders are the swamps, the place to see six so-called papyrus endemics, including the striking papyrus gonolek and the highly localized papyrus yellow warbler (recorded nowhere else in Uganda).

Distance from Kampala: 230km; estimated transit time: 3 hrs

Day 01: Meet and greet at your Hotel @ 0700hrs: Transfer to Lake Mburo via the Equator: Lunch at Mihingo Lodge: Afternoon boat ride / evening game drive: Dinner and overnight at Mihingo Lodge or similar

Day 02: Breakfast: Morning game drive / safari walk: Transfer to Kampala: Lunch en route:

Tour Price

USD 370: Per person minimum of 04, Maximum of 7 per vehicle. The size of this tour is limited only by availability of Accommodation. We reserve the right to alter the accommodation to similar accommodation if necessitated by availability.

USD 70: Single room supplement

Price includes 1 night's accommodation, transportation in 4x4 safari vehicle with fuel and driver/guide, 4 meals, park entrance fees, all activities as noted in the itinerary including 1 game drive, 1 safari walk and 1 boat ride.

2. Murchison Falls National Park

This is the largest park in Uganda, covering over 4000 sq. km, and is one of the most spectacular parks in all of Africa. Renowned for its scenic beauty and the spectacular falls from which it gets its name, Murchison Falls NP supports an abundance of flora and fauna to delight the visitor. From rolling savannah and tall grasslands to thick bush and woodlands, the diversity of this park never ceases to amaze visitors and residents alike.

No visit to Murchison Falls would be complete without a visit to the magnificent falls. They can be viewed from the top where the Nile River narrows from 50 meters to crash through a 7-meter gorge,

falling 45 meters to the rocks below. The three-hour cruise to the base of the falls is also unforgettable. One can experience the majesty of the Nile while onboard, viewing abundant wildlife along the banks. The more adventurous traveller may want to hike the trails around the falls, while the avid birdwatcher will want to seek out some of the 424 species identified in the park. Fishermen can test their skills above and below the falls, waiting patiently for 20-100 kg Nile Perch. Other game fish found in the Nile include Barbel, Electric Catfish and Tiger fish.

While on game drives, Cape buffalo, Rothschild's giraffe, Uganda kob, hartebeest and waterbuck are commonly seen. You may also spot oribi, bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, the shy sitatunga, bush duiker, warthog and bushpig. Large carnivores found in the park include lion, leopard and spotted hyena. Chimpanzees and olive baboons head the list of six species of primates found in the park. Crocodile and hippo will be seen along the banks of the Nile. Some of the more common birds that can be seen include Goliath heron, Egyptian geese, pelican, bee-eaters, kingfishers, hornbill, cormorant, saddle-bill stork and the rare Shoebill stork. A boat cruise to the delta is a highlight for the avid birdwatcher.

Distance from Kampala: 300km; estimated transit time: 5 hrs.

2A. Itinerary for Murchison Falls : 02 days / 01 night

Day 01: Meet and greet at your hotel - 0600hrs: Transfer to Murchison Falls - 06hrs: Lunch: Afternoon boat cruise on the River Nile - 03hrs: Dinner and overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge or similar.
Day 02: Breakfast: Early morning game drive - 04hrs: Visit to the Top of the Falls: Transfer to Kampala: Lunch en route: Drop off

Tour price:

USD 370: Per person minimum of 04, Maximum of 7 per vehicle. The size of this tour is limited only by availability of Accommodation. We reserve the right to alter the accommodation to similar accommodation if necessitated by availability. USD 50: Single room supplement

Price includes transport in 4x4 Safari Minibus with fuel and driver/guide, 1 night's accommodation, 4 meals, park entrance fees, all activities as noted in the itinerary.

2B. Itinerary Murchison Falls National Park: 03 days / 02 nights

Day 01: Meet and greet at your hotel - 0700hrs: Transfer to Murchison Falls - 06hrs via the Rhino Sanctuary: Lunch: Afternoon Chimp tracking: Dinner and overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge or similar

Day 02: Breakfast: Early morning game drive - 04hrs: Afternoon boat cruise on the River Nile - 03hrs: Dinner and overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge or similar

Day 03: Breakfast: Visit to the Top of the Falls: Transfer to Kampala: Lunch en route: Drop off at your hotel:

Tour Price

USD 645: Per person minimum of 04, Maximum of 7 per vehicle. The size of this tour is limited only by availability of Accommodation. We reserve the right to alter the accommodation to similar accommodation if necessitated by availability. USD 100: Single room supplement

Price includes RT transport in 4x4 Safari Minibus with fuel and driver/guide, 2 night's accommodation, 7 meals, park entrance fees, all activities as noted in the itinerary.

3. Queen Elizabeth National Park 03 days / 02 nights

As one of the outstanding treasures of Uganda, Queen Elizabeth National Park has recently been designated a Biosphere Reserve for Humanity under UNESCO. It is the most popular and easily accessible game reserve in Uganda. The park covers 2000 sq. km and includes a remarkable variety of eco-systems, from semi-deciduous tropical forest to green meadows, savannah and swamps. A total of 95 mammal species has been recorded here, the highest for any Ugandan national park. It is the home of the famous tree-climbing lions, the Uganda kob and other antelope species, as well as elephant, buffalo, hippos, baboons and chimpanzee.

A total of 547 confirmed and 15 unconfirmed bird species have been recorded in Queen Elizabeth. This is one of the highest totals in the world and is truly remarkable for such a relatively small reserve. Species recorded include the Shoebill stork, black bee-eater, 11 types of kingfishers and a variety of raptors, including several falcons and eagles. In the crater lakes, spectacular flocks of flamingos gather, creating the image of a moving pink carpet. The launch trip along the Kazinga Channel between Lakes George and Edward is a memorable way to view the abundant game in Queen Elizabeth and to see an astounding number of bird species.

In the eastern section of the park is Kyambura Gorge where visitors can climb through a tropical forest in hopes of catching a glimpse of a variety of primates, including chimpanzees.

In the more isolated Ishasha sector of the park, visitors can move through the woodlands in search of tree-climbing lions perched on the boughs of ancient fig trees. To the southeast, travellers can explore newly opened trails in the Maramagambo forest.

Distance from Kampala: 440km; estimated transit time: 6 hrs

Day 01: Meet and greet at your accommodation - 0630hrs: Transfer to Queen Elizabeth - 07hrs: Lunch en route: Short evening game drive: Dinner and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge or similar

Day 02: Coffee and biscuits: Early morning game drive - 04hrs: Breakfast: Lunch: Afternoon boat cruise on the Kazinga channel - 02hrs: Dinner and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge or similar

Day 03: Breakfast: Morning Chimp tracking in kyambura gorge: Transfer to Kampala: Lunch en route: Drop off at your hotel:

Tour Price

USD 680: Per person minimum of 04, Maximum of 7 per vehicle. Limited only by availability of Accommodation. We reserve the right to alter the accommodation to similar accommodation if necessitated by availability. USD 100: Single room supplement

Price includes RT transportation in 4x4 Safari Minibus with Fuel and Driver/Guide, 2 night's accommodation, 7 meals, park entrance fees, all activities as noted in the itinerary.

4. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park Itinerary for Gorilla Trekking: 03 days / 02 nights

This park is home to more than half of the world's wild mountain gorilla population and was declared a Natural World Heritage Site in December 1994. World Heritage Sites are internationally recognized as natural features of outstanding beauty or scientific value.

The landscape here is rugged, with deep valleys running between steep sided hills and ridges with barely a square kilometer of the park flat. There are continuous stands of both lowland and montane rainforest with a dense undergrowth of herbs, vines and shrubs (hence the name impenetrable).

This area is regarded as one of the most biologically diverse forests in Africa with the richest faunal community in East Africa. There are estimated to be 120 species of mammals (more than any other national park in Uganda except Queen Elizabeth) and is the only park where chimpanzees and gorillas co-exist together. There are an estimated 360 species of birds, including 23 localized species found only along the Albertine Rift Valley and 14 found nowhere else in Uganda.

The pristine rainforests of this park, *one of the largest natural forests in East Africa*, are home to approximately 300 species of butterfly (including two endangered species of swallowtails), 200 native tree species and many species of reptiles and amphibians (including one species of frog that may be new to science).

The rugged terrain makes gorilla trekking strenuous work and visitors should be prepared for up to 8 hours of hiking (good physical condition is a must). A maximum of only 16 permits per day are available for advance booking, so confirmation 4-12 months in advance is required to avoid disappointment. Some permits are available on short notice-please inquire with us.

Distance from Kampala: 550km; estimated transit time: 9 hours

Day 01: Meet and greet at your accommodation - 0630hrs: Transfer to Bwindi - 09hrs: Lunch en route: Dinner and overnight at Buhoma Homestead or similar

Day 02: Breakfast: Gorilla tracking: Lunch: Dinner and overnight at Buhoma Homestead or similar.

Day 03: Breakfast: Transfer to Kampala: Lunch en route: Drop off at your hotel:

Tour Price

USD 1440: Per person minimum of 02

USD 1315: Per person minimum of 03

USD 1250: Per person minimum of 04

USD 1215: Per person minimum of 05

USD 1190: Per person minimum of 06

USD 1160: Per person minimum of 07

USD 65: Single room supplement

Prices include: Ground transportation with an English speaking driver / guide, 01 Gorilla permit per person where applicable, all activities as mentioned in the itinerary, park fees and accommodation.

The limiting factor for this tour is the number of available gorilla permits. For that reason, we recommend that clients book as far in advance as possible. Maximum number of permits on any given day in Uganda is 32. Deposit of \$600 USD per person required when booking gorilla trekking safaris.

Notes on Gorilla Tracking

Please note that gorilla tracking is a strenuous activity and one should be physically fit to enjoy this tour. Minimum tracking age is 15 years. Anyone with signs of communicable diseases will NOT be allowed to track .

While possession of a gorilla permit is a guarantee of trekking and sighting the gorillas, the quality of the gorilla trekking cannot be guaranteed. Maximum time allowed with the gorillas will NOT exceed ONE hour.

We strongly recommend the following: Rain poncho (lightweight), long-sleeved shirt, waterproof trousers, sturdy hiking boots, leather gardening -type gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent and any necessary medications must be brought by yourselves either from your home town or from Kampala. Still Cameras and Camcorders are allowed, but bring batteries and film from Kampala.

On confirmation, please advise the following details: Full names as they appear in your passports , Nationality, Passport numbers, and Date of Birth.

Please understand that gorilla permits are booked on a "first come first served" CASH basis and therefore can be snapped up by anybody. Please do make a decision as soon as you can in order to avoid disappointment.

All Safari Prices Exclude:

Airport transfers, airfare to/from Uganda, visa (\$50 USD pp available at the airport upon arrival), all beverages, tips, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, plus anything not mentioned above.

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