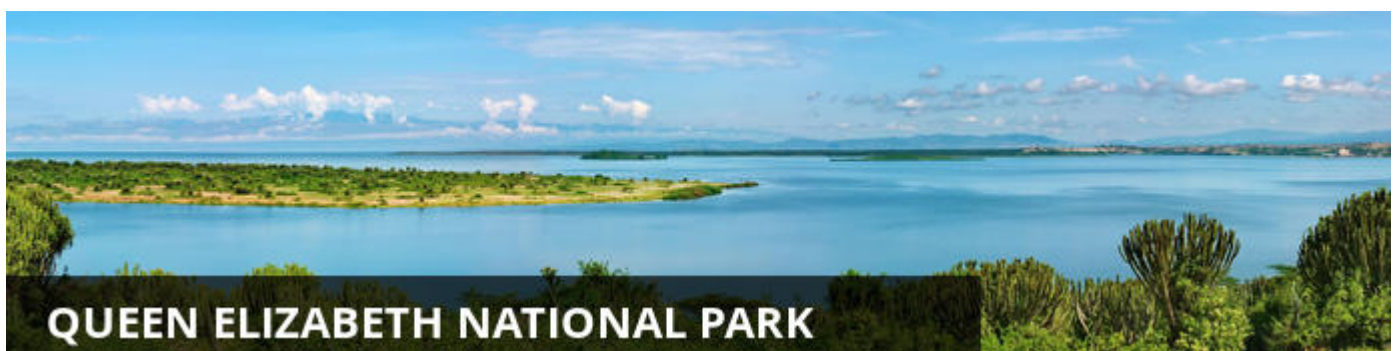
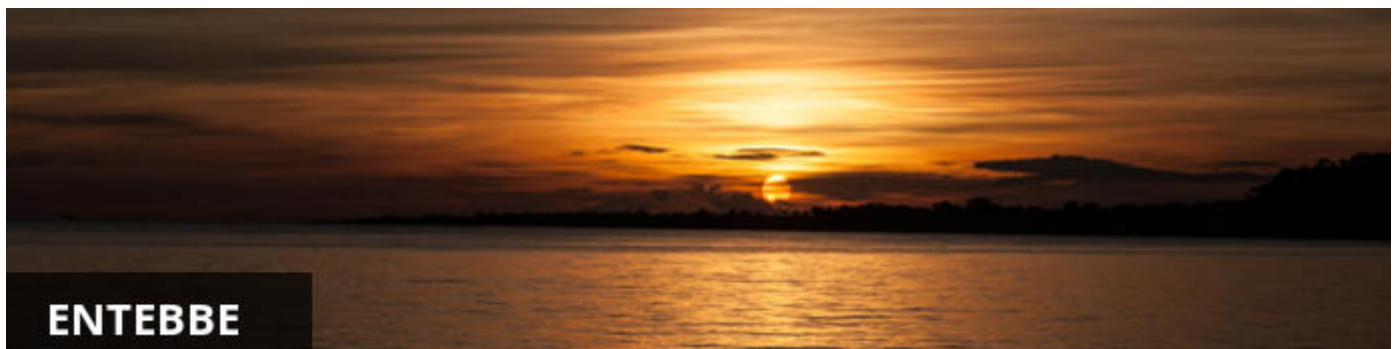

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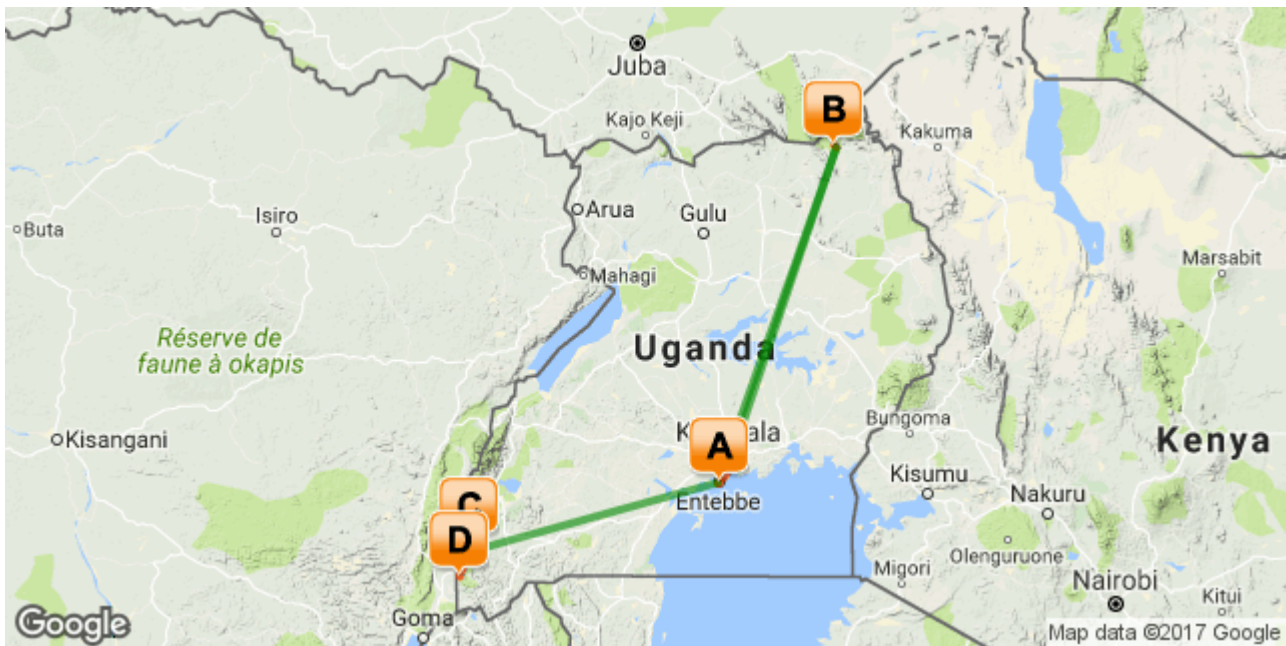
Entebbe - Kidepo Valley National Park - Queen Elizabeth National Park - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

8 Days / 7 Nights

5 Persons

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Overview

Uganda has a unique combination of cultural and wildlife experiences that are not available in any other country.

On this seven night / eight day tour we return to the Karamojong people and have the option of meeting with the rarely visited Ik Tribe in the North. We visit the wildlife experiences of the Kidepo Valley National Park, which is largely unknown by many tourism operators, so you won't be troubled by dozens of safari vehicle crossing into your view or chasing the wildlife.

Then we fly to the south where we look for the most unusual of lion behaviours: tree-climbing! After that we move to the Bwindi Impenetrable forest to spend time with our close relatives, the mountain gorillas. There are only about 800 of these magnificent creatures on the planet and there are none in captivity anywhere.

Do this while you can.

Watch the highlights of our 2016 Uganda tour here: <https://vimeo.com/189586374>

The tour starts and ends at Entebbe International airport.

A minimum of five confirmed travelers is required for this tour to operate.

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Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis
The Boma Hotel Entebbe	Entebbe	1	B&B
Apoka Safari Lodge	Kidepo Valley National Park	3	FI
Wild Frontiers Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Queen Elizabeth National Park	1	FI
Wild Frontiers Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	2	FI

Key

RO: Room only

SC: Self Catering

HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and breakfast

B, B&L: Bed, breakfast and lunch

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast

FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive

Price

USD9,750 per person twin/share

Single Supplement: USD750

Included

Overnight stays and meals in Lodges on Full Board

In cases where warm lunches are not provided, clients shall have packed lunch

Charter flight to Kidepo Valey and return

Charter flight to Kihikihi (QEII National Park) and return

Gorilla Permit

A professional and experienced English speaking Guide.

Fuel & Transportation in 4*4 Vehicle with pop up roof

Mineral Water in the vehicle

All relevant government tax.

Drinks except for premium brands at Apoka Safari Lodge

Excluded

International Flights to and from Entebbe, Uganda

Drinks, Tips, souvenirs, and any personal purchases

Any Optional activities or those not included in the program.

Day 1: The Boma Hotel Entebbe, Entebbe (Thu, 14 September)

Entebbe

The former seat of Uganda's government, Entebbe just a short drive from the current capital and offers plenty to keep visitors amused. Tourists can while away days on the beaches along the banks of Lake Victoria, stroll around the fields and forests of the Botanical Gardens, or pay a visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a haven for country's remaining chimps.

Day Itinerary

ARRIVAL ENTEBBE

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport in Uganda and after finalizing the formalities, you shall be welcomed by your guide, who will then drive you to your hotel.

Overnight: The Boma Hotel Entebbe

The Boma is situated on the outskirts of Entebbe and only 5 minutes from Entebbe International Airport. The Boma Guesthouse is ideally suited for business and recreational travelers alike.

The Boma is an ideal stopover for passengers inbound on late evening or outbound on early morning flights. The Boma will arrange all airport transfers leaving you relaxed in the knowledge of not having to travel to or from Kampala at night or in the early hours of the morning. Our staff and management team ensure guests receive a personable service and enjoy hospitality standards which are in keeping with the tradition of this charming lakeshore town.

The Boma consists of six bedrooms decorated along African themes, all of which have their own private bathrooms. A residents' and diners' bar set in a landscaped garden with lake views combine to provide a charming and relaxed "country house" experience. The main house includes a private dining veranda and living room for overnight guests. Although a pre-booked dining service is provided to non-residents, the premises retains a quiet atmosphere to guarantee a peaceful night's rest for residents. The Boma's walled compound has twenty-four hour security and car parking. A full breakfast and airport transfers are included in the standard rate.



Meet and Greet

Arrival Entebbe

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Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Apoka Safari Lodge, Kidepo Valley National Park (Fri, 15 September)

Kidepo Valley National Park

One of Uganda's most stunningly beautiful reserves, Kidepo Valley stretches across wide swathes of savannah studded with hills and rock clusters, and is traversed by the forest-flanked Lorupei River. It is home to roughly 80 mammal species (28 of which are found at no other park in the country) and is particularly well known for its rich population of raptors.

Day Itinerary

FLY TO KIDEPO NATIONAL PARK

Today we fly to Kidepo National Park. The park lies in the rugged, semiarid valleys between Uganda's borders with Sudan and Kenya, some 700km from Kampala. Gazetted as a national park in 1962, it has a profusion of big game and hosts over 77 mammal species as well as around 475 bird species. Kidepo is Uganda's most isolated national park is also the most magnificent, for Kidepo ranks among Africa's finest wildernesses.

Overnight: Apoka Safari Lodge

APOKA SAFARI LODGE

Kidepo Valley National Park, Northern Uganda

Apoka is located on a picturesque kopje overlooking the Narus river valley in the South-western sector of Kidepo Valley National Park. The Park itself is located in the far North-eastern section of Uganda, bordering Sudan to the North, the Napore Mountains to the West, and the Morungole Mountains to the South. The Kenyan border is just 5 kilometers from the Park's Eastern boundary. At the crossroads of Kenyan, Sudanese and Ugandan ecosystems, Kidepo provides an amazing wildlife experience in a remote and pristine wilderness.

When you close your eyes and think of Africa, the landscape you imagine – the jagged hills, the golden grasses, the plains dotted with wildlife, the soft glowing light – is likely to be Kidepo. This is Uganda's most remote park, far away from city life (Kidepo has been voted 3rd best park in Africa by CN TRAVELER, 2013).

The vast golden green plains punctuated with craggy, rocky outcrops, reveal an even bigger sky at night. Under a canopy of impossibly bright stars, this is where we are reminded that the earth is round.

Wildlife in Kidepo is abundant. Lions, leopard, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, zebra (this is Uganda's only park where giraffe and zebra are found together), possibly Africa's largest herds of buffalo, hartebeest, waterbuck, bushbuck, warthog...the list is endless. Better still, much of it can be seen from the privacy of your veranda or your outdoor bathtub, but the best way to see the wildlife is up close: on foot, or in one of our open-top Landcruisers.

The rooms at Apoka have been built with comfort in mind. Everything is handmade by local craftsmen, everything is large and capacious. 10 expansive rooms with natural canvas walls surround a rocky kopje with endless views across the savannah. With inside sitting rooms and private verandas there are plenty of places to relax, read and sprawl. Big hand-hewn beds with soft duvets are draped with mosquito nets, hand-woven woolen carpets, oversized dressing gowns...you may be as far away from the city as you'll ever be, but you won't miss a thing.

Step outside to a sheltered terrace and slip into your own outdoor stone bathtub, big enough to fit the whole family.

The swimming pool at Apoka Lodge – deep and cool – has been carved out of the big rock. This is the kind of pool that makes you want to jump in, splashing and yelling, feeling like a kid again.

Do you want stride out across the savanna and walk with zebras? Spend time in a Karamojong village learning about their traditional way of life? Enjoy a sundowner in the arms of a massive fig tree? Sit and watch a breeding herd of elephant frolicking in the mud? This is the place for you.

Come and drink in the view, come and feel the lion's roar in your chest. Come and stay awhile...

Quick Snapshot

Activities lists and more detailed information can be sent – kindly contact us for this

Where : Kidepo Valley National Park, Northern Uganda

Access : Regular scheduled & charter flights from Entebbe (1.5 hours) | road (11 hours)

Rooms : 10 extra-large rooms (6 double | 4 twin)

Activities : Game drives | game walks | cultural & community activities | bush & private meals

Highlights : Most remote park in Uganda with some of the very best game viewing | exquisite landscape | authentic cultural experiences | pool | excellent food | wi-fi



Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 3: Apoka Safari Lodge, Kidepo Valley National Park (Sat, 16 September)

Day Itinerary

VISIT THE KARAMAJONG COMMUNITY OR OPTIONAL: VISIT THE IK COMMUNITY

Today you will have an optional visit to the Karamajong community or walk to the Ik people. The Ik people sometimes called Teuso, are an ethnic group numbering about 10,000 people living high in the mountains of Morungole northeastern Uganda near the border with Kenya, next to the more populous Karamojong and Turkana peoples and in the Kidepo Valley Park Region of Northeastern Uganda. Getting to the Ik village is such an amazing experience since it involves an all-day venture up and down the steep mountains with a guide who speaks the Ik Language. You have to be physically fit to climb the mountains – the peak of Mount Murongole is 2,749 meters above sea level. The trail is 8 kilometers long (16 kilometer round trip) and quite a tough climb to the villages. You are welcome to give donations in any form.

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

**Day 4: Apoka Safari Lodge, Kidepo Valley National Park
(Sun, 17 September)**

Day Itinerary**NATURE WALK AND GAME DRIVE**

After your breakfast, start your drive through the Narus Valley where you will have a nature walk. In the afternoon, you will enjoy another game drive Kidepo National Park is a savannah landscape that extends in all directions, It is home to elephant, zebra, giraffe, huge herds of buffalo, warthog, duiker, Jackson's Hartebeest, lion, leopard, cheetah and hundreds of bird species., Buffalos, and Elephants. Other animals that may be seen roaming around include: Jackal Roan Antelope, waterbuck, Eland, Oribi, Klipspringer, Lions etc. The park boasts of being the highest concentration of birds endemic to Uganda like: Ostrich, Kori bustard, vultures, pygmy falcon, hornbills, eagles etc.

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 5: Wild Frontiers Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Queen Elizabeth National Park (Mon, 18 September)

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Volcanic craters, grassy plains, tropical forest and giant lakes connected by a channel groaning with hippos are what you will see at the Queen Elizabeth National Park. The park has almost 100 types of mammal and 606 different bird species, including the peculiar shoebill, the Kasinga Channel alone is said to contain the world's largest concentration of hippos, and other wildlife includes buffalo, the rare aquatic sitatunga antelope, giant forest hog, Uganda kob, Defassa waterbuck and elephant. And at Kyambura Gorge you can see habituated chimpanzees.

Day Itinerary

FLY TO KAJJANSI-CONNECT TO ENTEBBE AND FLY TO KIHIFI GAME DRIVE IN ISHASHA SECTOR

After breakfast you will fly to Kajjansi Airstrip from Kidepo, you will then drive to Entebbe and fly to Kihifi Airstrip. On arrival, you will drive to Ishasha, the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park. In Ishasha you will have a game drive in search of the unique tree-climbing lions. Only here the lions have the habit of climbing the trees.

Overnight: Wild Frontiers Ishasha Wilderness Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Ishasha Wilderness Camp is situated inside the southern Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park on the Ntungwe river, and is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy the wilderness. This exclusive camp offers quality accommodation and services in this unspoilt remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park famous for its tree climbing lions that can sometimes be spotted resting in the branches of the large fig trees in the area.

Each of the ten spacious framed canvas rooms, situated in the wooded area besides the river, is comfortably furnished and with its own private en suite bathroom and dressing area providing running water, hot water 'bush' showers and a flushing eco friendly toilet. A central lounge / dining area, under a cool thatched roof, provides a comfortable environment for meals and relaxing during the day. A shaded area beside the river offers al fresco dining and an evening 'fireplace' for guests to relax with sundowners and share their day's experience.



Included

Fully Inclusive

Day 6: Wild Frontiers Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest (Tue, 19 September)

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

The Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is where you have the best chance of spotting a mountain gorilla family going about their business. Once you have your permit you are led across the rugged terrain and through the awe inspiring jungle to where the gorillas were seen yesterday and then you track them down. Aside from the amazing gorilla interactions there are numerous forest walks and 346 species of birds to track down, many of which are amazingly coloured.

Day Itinerary

GAME DRIVE IN ISHASHA SECTOR, DRIVE TO BWINDI

After breakfast you will have another morning game drive in Ishasha discovering other hiding spots that the tree climbing lions enjoy. Afterwards you will proceed to Bwindi Impenetrable National park. The park is home to the endangered mountain gorillas. This fascinating mountain forest hosts chimpanzees and spectacular birds. There are 23 of the 24 Albertine Rift endemic bird species including Blue-throated Broadbill, bar-tailed Trogon and other beautiful forest species. You shall go to bed earlier this evening, since you should be fit for gorilla trekking the next day.

Overnight: Wild Frontiers Buhoma Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Buhoma Lodge commands spectacular and uninterrupted views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park home to the rare and elusive Mountain Gorilla. The original Buhoma Homestead has been completely and now offer a top quality, intimate lodge for guests' enjoyment. Situated within the National Park, less than five minutes walk, from the start of the gorilla trekking point.

Eight, comfortable cottages have been carefully built, each with its own private verandah, allowing wonderful views of the forest canopy of the National Park. Inside the spacious cottages, guests will find comfortable beds, a well appointed en suite bathroom with flushing toilet and a hot shower and also some rooms with bath tubs. An elevated lounge area, complete with bar and dining facilities, offers a cosy, comfortable environment, to discuss the day's activities around the fireplaces which add atmosphere and warmth in the cool evenings.

As part of the lodge's commitment as an organization with a responsible tourism policy, Buhoma has designed the lodge using sustainable local materials where possible, with the emphasis being on natural products, which has, in turn, given support to the local communities and businesses. Supplies are obtained, as far as possible from local sources and staff are also generally recruited locally and trained on site. The lodge's water supply is gravity fed and solar power is used for lighting with power points limited to a central area allocated for recharging cameras and videos.

Meals are freshly prepared with many local ingredients, offering a balance of international and locally flavored cuisine with most meals being of several courses. The bar has a selection of local and imported beverages and friendly local staff will attend to guests' needs. Hot beverages are available throughout the day on a self service basis, but, are delivered to cottages with early morning wake up calls as required, allowing guests to savour the early morning sounds of the forest awakening.



Included

Fully Inclusive

Day 7: Wild Frontiers Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest (Wed, 20 September)

Day Itinerary

GORILLA TREKKING

This morning you will get up very early for gorilla trekking. Trekking the Mountain Gorilla is one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The trek will take between 2 and 6 hours, but is well worth the effort. You will be led by an experienced ranger who will tell you interesting facts about flora and fauna and the lifestyle of the Gorillas. As an alternative to gorilla trekking, there are several walks that can take you. The Munyaga waterfall Trail takes about 3 hours and goes through parts of the park where there are elephants

Activities

Gorilla Trekking

Gorilla Trekking

Wake early for a hearty breakfast to give you the energy needed for gorilla trekking. Before 8:00am, report to the ranger station for registration and a talk by one of the rangers. The guides will then take you through the bush, pushing your way through the undergrowth, to track the gorillas. (Please note this trek can take from 30 minutes to 5-6 hours). A reasonable degree of fitness is required, as well as a sturdy pair of walking shoes. Sit in the forest among the gorillas, listening to them 'talk' to one another, and marvel at the sheer size of the dominant male, the Silverback. It is an extraordinary feeling sitting in the dense rainforest knowing you are with a few of the last remaining mountain gorillas. It's amazing to think there are only about 650 of these beautiful creatures left.

Included

Fully Inclusive

Day 8: Departure (Thu, 21 September)

Day Itinerary

FLY BACK TO ENTEBBE

After breakfast, you will fly back to Entebbe enjoying the beautiful aerial view of south western Uganda, the hills and thick vegetation as well as the farming practiced by the locals. Afterwards you will arrive at the Airport and catch your flight back home.

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
15 Sep	Charter	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Kidepo Airfield			
18 Sep	Charter	Kidepo Airfield		Kajjansi Airfield			
18 Sep	Charter	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Kihihi Airstrip			
21 Sep	Charter	Kihihi Airstrip		Entebbe International Airport [EBB]			

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
14 Sep	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	The Boma Hotel Entebbe		Transfer
15 Sep	The Boma Hotel Entebbe	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Transfer
15 Sep	Kidepo Airfield	Apoka Safari Lodge		Transfer
18 Sep	Apoka Safari Lodge	Kidepo Airfield		Transfer
18 Sep	Kajjansi Airfield	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Transfer
18 Sep	Kihihi Airstrip	Wild Frontiers Ishasha Wilderness Camp		Transfer
19 Sep	Wild Frontiers Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Wild Frontiers Buhoma Lodge		Transfer
21 Sep	Wild Frontiers Buhoma Lodge	Kihihi Airstrip		Transfer

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