

THE SOURCE OF THE NILE EXCURSION



The Highlight: A brief, elegant retreat to the historic cradle of the River Nile, combining a calm forest nature walk with a private boat cruise to the river's geographic origin.

Your safari at a glance:

Day	Destination / Activity	Accommodation	Meal plan
1	Drive to Jinja – Mabira Forest Activity	The Haven Jinja	L-D
3	Optional Activities and return to Kampala		B-L

B = Breakfast	L = Lunch	D = Dinner
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Day 1: Kampala to Jinja via Mabira Forest & The Source of the Nile

Your private guide will pick you up from your hotel or residence in Kampala in a comfortable safari vehicle. You will head east out of the city along the Jinja highway. The drive takes you past bustling roadside markets and wide sugarcane and tea plantations.

Journey Beyond the wild...!

About halfway through the journey, you will stop at the **Mabira Forest Reserve**, one of the largest remaining tropical rainforests in central Uganda. Here, you will take a gentle 1-hour guided walk on foot under the cool, towering tree canopy to stretch your legs, spot forest birds, and look for rare monkeys like the Uganda mangabey or enjoy Zip-lining in the forest. After the walk, continue driving to Jinja town for a fresh lunch at a café overlooking the river.

After lunch, you will head to the jetty for a motorized **boat cruise to the official Source of the River Nile**. Your local captain will take you out into the calm waters where Lake Victoria meets the Nile. You will stand on the small wooden island marking the exact spot where the river begins its long journey north to the Mediterranean Sea. Afterward, you will drive slightly north of Jinja town to check into The Haven Lodge, arriving in time to watch the rapids change color as the sun sets.

Dinner and Overnight at **The Haven Jinja – Luxury bungalow** (B-L-D)



The Haven is a serene and calm lodge on the banks the Nile –the longest river in the world offering the perfect get-away. All the 9 luxury bungalows are very spacious, varying only slightly in set up offering the Luxury bungalow, luxury bandas, the family bungalow and the honeymooner. Each bungalow also has its very own private shaded terrace with a swinging couch and great view as well. The shower has hot running water and offers stunning views of the rapid. The restaurant, offering European cuisine with a touch of Africa, and bar are situated in the heart of the lodge overlooking the mighty river Nile and the waterfall. With the newly constructed pool, The Haven does not lack spots for you to relax and unwind.



Jinja lies on the shores of Lake Victoria and is famous for being the Source of the mighty river Nile. The colourful centre is characterized by old Asian-style buildings but the main attractions are found at a small distance from the city. In the Source of the Nile Gardens an obelisk monument was raised to commemorate the 19th century explorer Speke who discovered the origin of the world's longest river. From here you can make a boat ride to the true origin while enjoying the beauty of the Nile and the many water birds.

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Those who wish to experience great adventure can decide to go rafting the Source of the Nile. With rapids up till grade 5, the Nile is one of the world's best places for white-water rafting! Other activities include a quad bike safari along the shores of the Nile, bungee jumping, jet boat tour on the Nile,

Day 2: Morning Nile Adventures & Return to Kampala

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast on the lodge's open deck, listening to the roaring rapids right below you. Today, you can choose your own morning activity based on your pace:

For Adventure: Opt for a half-day Whitewater rafting trip down the rapids of the Nile.

For Leisure: Take a quiet quad biking or horseback riding safari along the dusty red paths through the local villages and farmlands running alongside the riverbanks.

Return to the lodge to freshen up, pack your bags, and enjoy a final hot lunch overlooking the water.

Begin your return drive back to Kampala. Your guide will navigate the highway, allowing you to relax and enjoy the countryside views. Arrive back in Kampala by late afternoon or early evening, where your guide will drop you off safely at your preferred location.

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Tour price in US Dollars / per person	
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Per person sharing in a double/ Twin	Price Per Person
Based on 2 adults travelling	US \$ 985
Based on 3 adults travelling	US \$ 850
Based on 4 adults travelling	US \$ 780
Based on 5 adults travelling	US \$ 740
Single Room Supplement	US \$ 70

Included in the price:

- Ground transport in a customized 4X4 Safari Land Cruiser
- Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary

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- Meals as described in the itinerary
- AMREF Flying Doctors Insurance
- VAT for hotels and lodges outside Kampala

Exclusions:

- International flight
- Visa (USD \$50, available online)
- Optional activities
- Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- Items of personal nature
- Tips

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Prices are subject to change. Availability of accommodations and activities is not guaranteed; reservations will be made after receiving confirmation of the final itinerary and the requested deposit. Should any of the included accommodations not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable accommodation, which might affect the final quoted price. For more clarity please consult our website www.greatlakessafaris.com for the more detailed Terms & Conditions.

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