

THE CLASSIC NILE & SAVANNAH SAFARI



The Highlight: A traditional journey into Uganda's oldest conservation area, tracking rhinos on foot and chimpanzees by canopy, concluding with a private launch cruise to the base of the historic Murchison Falls.

Your safari at a glance:

Day	Destination / Activity	Accommodation	MP
1	Drive to Murchison Falls NP – Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary	Pabidi Lodge Budongo	L-D
2	Game Drive, Boat Cruise & Top of the Falls	Pabidi Lodge Budongo	B-L-D
3	Chimp Trekking in Budongo & Transfer to Kampala		B-L

B = Breakfast	L = Lunch	D = Dinner
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Day 1: Kampala to Budongo Forest via Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary

Today at about 7:00am, Your professional guide will pick you up from your residence or hotel in Kampala in a private 4x4 safari vehicle. Leaving early helps avoid the heavy city

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traffic. You will drive north along the smooth, paved Gulu highway through the historical Luweero Triangle, enjoying views of rural markets and green countryside.

After about three hours of driving, you will turn off into the **Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary**. This is the only place in Uganda where you can see wild rhinos. A specialized sanctuary ranger will lead you on a walk on foot to track these massive animals at a safe, close distance. It is an incredible opportunity to see them up close in their natural habitat. Afterward, you will have a hot lunch at the sanctuary's restaurant.

Continue north for another two hours, entering Murchison Falls National Park through the southern gate. The landscape immediately changes into a towering tropical rainforest, the **Budongo Forest Reserve**. You will drive down the quiet forest tracks straight to your lodge to settle in, unpack, and listen to the sounds of the jungle as evening sets in.

Dinner and Overnight at **Pabidi Lodge Budongo – Luxury tented room (LD)**



Pabidi lodge offer an extraordinary blend of luxury and adventure. With 10 luxury tented rooms 8 standard size, 1 larger room, and 1 honeymoon suite – the lodge offers exceptional experience in one of Uganda's most beautiful settings, including a swimming pool, fire pit, luxurious toiletries, laundry facilities, minibars, a restaurant, and a bar. A spa is also in the pipeline, enhancing the lodge's appeal. Ideally located about 10 minutes from primary forest activities like chimp trekking and bird watching and just a 30-minute drive to Murchison Falls National Park to enjoy thrilling game drives, Pabidi Lodge ensures guests are never far from the action. Guests can also enjoy boat rides to the falls and climbs to the top for breathtaking views.



Murchison Falls National Park is the largest protected area in Uganda. The waterfall for which the park is named is the most electrifying sight of its type in East Africa. The southern part is mostly covered by dense woodlands and harbors one of the most varied forest faunas in East Africa, and is a premier sight for bird watchers, as well as one of the best- and most affordable - places to track chimpanzees.

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The northern part is mostly covered by green grasslands with scattered acacia trees, borassus palms and riverine woodlands. The world's longest River Nile is thronged with hippos, crocodiles, waterbucks and buffaloes. Wildlife includes lions, Leopards, elephants, giraffes, buffaloes, hartebeests, oribis, Uganda kobs and so much more.

Day 2: Morning Savannah Safari & The Boat Cruise to the Base of the Falls

You will wake up early and drive to the northern sector of the park, crossing the Nile River to reach the open savannah plains. This morning **game drive** is your chance to see the park's big wildlife when they are most active. You will look for Rothschild giraffes, lions, leopards, herds of cape buffaloes, elephants, and various antelopes like the Jackson's hartebeest.

Return to the lodge to freshen up and enjoy a relaxed lunch on the veranda.

You will drive out of the forest canopy and head down to the Nile River jetty. Here, you will board a spacious launch boat for a **3-hour cruise up the Nile River**. The boat takes you safely along the riverbanks, where you will see dozens of hippos, giant Nile crocodiles basking in the sun, and families of elephants coming down to drink and bathe. The boat stops at a safe distance from the bottom of **Murchison Falls**, giving you an incredible view of the river exploding through a narrow rock gorge. You will return to the jetty at sunset and drive back into the quiet forest for dinner.

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Day 3: Chimpanzee Tracking & Return to Kampala

After an early breakfast, you walk right over to the Budongo eco-tourism center for a safety briefing. Accompanied by an expert forest ranger, you will walk into the ancient mahogany forest to **track wild chimpanzees**. Budongo has an excellent success rate for sightings. Once you locate the chimpanzee community, you will spend one full hour watching them feed, play, groom each other, and call out from the high branches.

After the trek, you will begin your journey back toward Kampala. You will stop at a scenic restaurant along the route for lunch.

Arrive back in Kampala in the 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

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Based on 2 adults travelling	US \$ 2,060
Based on 3 adults travelling	US \$ 1,835
Based on 4 adults travelling	US \$ 1,730
Based on 5 adults travelling	US \$ 1,660
Single Room Supplement	US \$ 440

Included in the price:

- Ground transport in a customized 4X4 Safari Land Cruiser
- Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- Chimpanzee Permit in Budongo
- AMREF Flying Doctors Insurance
- VAT for hotels and lodges outside Kampala

Exclusions:

- International flight
- Visa (USD \$50, available online)
- Domestic flight by Aerolink per 11-seater Caravan (max. weight allowed 15kg in soft luggage)
- 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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