

THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY SAFARI



The Highlight: *A comprehensive wildlife experience across the classic savannahs of the Kasenyi Plains and a scenic water safari along the Kazinga Channel, framed by the Rwenzori Mountains.*

Your safari at a glance:

Day	Destination / Activity	Accommodation	Meal plan
1	Drive to Queen Elizabeth NP	Elephant Plains Lodge	L-D
2	Game Drive & Boat Cruise	Elephant Plains Lodge	B-L-D
3	Drive back to Kampala		B-L

B = Breakfast	L = Lunch	D = Dinner
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Day 1: Kampala to the Equator & Queen Elizabeth National Park

Today, your professional guide will pick you up from your hotel or residence in Kampala in a private 4x4 safari vehicle. You will drive southwest out of the city, watching the urban landscape fade into the countryside of central Uganda.

Journey Beyond the wild...!

After about two hours, you will make a stop at the **Kayabwe Equator Crossing**. Here, you can stand in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres at the same time, take photos, and watch a quick demonstration showing how water drains differently on either side of the line. Afterward, continue the drive through the rolling green hills of Mbarara town, where you will stop for a hot lunch.

Drive past vast banana plantations and tea estates as you drop down into the scenic **Great Rift Valley**. As you enter Queen Elizabeth National Park, you will immediately start scanning the roadside for wild elephants and olive baboons. You will arrive at the ridge of Elephant Plains Lodge in the late afternoon to check in, unpack, and enjoy a cold drink while watching the sunset over the savannah.

Dinner and Overnight at **Elephant Plains Lodge – Luxury cottage (L-D)**



Elephant Plains Lodge is situated on the edge of the Queen Elizabeth National Park, one of Africa's finest national parks, Uganda Lodges newest lodge, Elephant plains, has stunning views over Kasenyi plains, Lakes George and Kikorongo and the lush savannah of the park. The lodge offers spacious luxurious en-suite rooms with large windows for breath-taking views of the extensive Queen Elizabeth National Park from the comfort of your bed – complete with large luxury bathrooms with his and hers sinks, shower and bath combination. The lodge will also have a swimming pool for guests to relax after a day of game viewing.



Queen Elizabeth National Park is Uganda's most popular, accessible and most scenic park. Primarily associated with open savannah, it has the largest recorded mammal species in comparison to other parks in the country. The park stretches to the west by the remote Ishasha River and along the shores of Lake Edward, to the north by Kasese and the crater-dotted foothills of the Rwenzori to the east by Lake George, the Kyambura Gorge and to the south the Kigezi Wildlife Reserve.

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Day 2: Savannah Wildlife Drive & Kazinga Channel Boat Safari

An early start with a cup of coffee before heading out into the **Kasenyi Plains**. This open savannah is the primary mating ground for the Uganda Kob (a native antelope), which naturally attracts large predators. With the help of your guide, you will search for lions, leopards, massive savannah elephants, cape buffaloes, and elegant waterbucks before the sun gets too hot.

Return to the lodge around 11:00 AM to rest, enjoy a fresh multi-course lunch, and relax by the infinity pool overlooking the park below.

In the afternoon, drive down to the Mweya jetty for a **2-hour boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel**. This natural 32-kilometer waterway connects Lake Edward and Lake George and is a major highlight of the park. You will cruise safely just meters away from giant pods of hippos, massive Nile crocodiles, and countless colorful water birds. Elephants and buffaloes frequently walk down to the banks to drink and swim right next to the boat. Return to the lodge for a quiet, relaxed dinner.

Dinner and Overnight at **Elephant Plains Lodge – Luxury cottage** (L-D)

Day 3: Exploding Crater Lakes & Return to Kampala

Enjoy your breakfast on the lodge deck. Before leaving the park area, your guide will take you on a scenic drive through the **Katwe Explosion Craters**. You will get incredible panoramic views of the Rwenzori Mountains and the vast plains below.

After proceed with the return journey toward Kampala, stopping along the way for a hot lunch and a chance to buy local crafts or souvenirs.

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 \$ 1,880
Based on 3 adults travelling	US \$ 1,645

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Based on 4 adults travelling	US \$ 1,525
Based on 5 adults travelling	US \$ 1,455
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
- Chimp 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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