

THE PRIMATE & WILDLIFE EXPEDITION



The Highlight: A classic twin-park journey showcasing the rich biodiversity of Western Uganda, moving from the dense primate capital of Kibale Forest to the open savannah plains of Queen Elizabeth.

Your safari at a glance:

Day	Destination / Activity	Accommodation	Meal plan
1	Drive to Kibale Forest NP	Primate Lodge Kibale	L-D
2	Chimp Tracking & Bigodi Swamp Walk	Primate Lodge Kibale	B-L-D
3	Transfer to Queen Elizabeth NP	Elephant Plains Lodge	B-L-D
4	Game Drive & Boat Cruise	Elephant Plains Lodge	B-L-D
5	Drive back to Kampala		B-L

B = Breakfast	L = Lunch	D = Dinner
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Day 1: Kampala to Fort Portal & Kibale Forest

At about 7:00am, your private guide will pick you up from your hotel or home in Kampala in a comfortable 4x4 safari vehicle. You will drive west out of the city, traveling along the smooth Mityana-Kyenjojo highway. The drive is scenic, taking you past vibrant fruit markets and rural towns.

You will arrive in the clean, green town of **Fort Portal**, tucked beneath the shadows of the Rwenzori Mountains. Here, you will stop at a lovely garden restaurant for a hot lunch.

After lunch, continue driving for another 45 minutes out of town and deep into the lush canopy of the **Kibale Forest National Park**. You will check into Primate Lodge, settle into your room, and enjoy a peaceful afternoon listening to the sounds of red-tailed monkeys jumping through the trees above the lodge. Enjoy a fresh dinner in the heart of the jungle.

Dinner and Overnight at **Primate Lodge Kibale – Luxury cottage** (L-D)



Primate Lodge Kibale (Luxury cottages) are beautifully located in the heart of Kibale Forest. Each has a spacious bedroom, en suite bathroom with hot running water and a private veranda that overlooks the forest. The main lodge has a spacious dining room, serving local and international meals, with an adjacent bar and open lounge area. The lodge is located just 7 minutes away from the Chimpanzee Tracking/Habituation start point.



***Kibale Forest National Park** harbors the greatest variety and concentration of primates found anywhere in East Africa. Not less than 13 different species are living in this small area of 560 sq km, including Black-and-White Colobus Monkeys, Blue Monkeys and Grey-cheeked Mangabeys. More important, the dense forest hosts a population of more than 1,000 chimpanzees, allowing visitors the unique opportunity to view these great apes in their natural environment. Just outside the national park you will find Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, offering a number of walking trails in the Magombe Swamp.*

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Day 2: Chimpanzee Tracking & Bigodi Swamp Guided Walk

Walk right out of your room to the park briefing centre located just a short distance from the lodge. After a safety briefing from the Uganda Wildlife Authority rangers, you will walk on foot into the ancient tropical rainforest to **track wild chimpanzees**. Kibale is home to over 1,500 chimps, offering the best sightings in East Africa. You will spend one hour watching them socialize, groom each other, and swing through the high fruiting trees.

Return to the lodge for a fresh lunch and a hot shower to wash off the forest dust.

In the afternoon take a short drive to the **Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary**. A local community guide will lead you on a 2-hour walk along wooden boardwalks over the swamp. This rich eco-system is a haven for primates you can easily spot up to 8 different monkey species and rare birds like the bright blue Great Blue Turaco. Return to the lodge for a quiet evening.

Dinner and Overnight at **Primate Lodge Kibale – Luxury cottage** (B-L-D)

Day 3: Travel to Queen Elizabeth NP via the Crater Lakes

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast under the forest canopy before checking out. Your guide will take you on a scenic drive south through the **Kasenda Crater Lakes region**. This stunning area features dozens of deep, extinct volcanic craters filled with pristine green-blue water and surrounded by small tea farms.

You will drop down out of the highlands and cross the equator, watching the thick forest instantly dissolve into the wide, flat savannahs of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Arrive at Elephant Plains Lodge on the ridge in time for lunch.

Spend a relaxed afternoon enjoying the incredible views from the ridge or swimming in the infinity pool. At 4:30 PM, your guide will take you on an introductory **late-afternoon game drive** across the plains to see families of elephants and herds of antelopes grazing as the sun goes down.

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



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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 Kasenye 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.

Day 4: Savannah Wildlife Drive & Kazinga Channel Boat Safari

An early start with a cup of coffee before heading out into the **Kasenye 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** (B-L-D)

Day 5: Scenic Return Journey to Kampala

Enjoy a final breakfast looking over the valley. Pack your bags and begin your return drive toward Kampala. You will travel via the southern route through Mbarara town, where you will stop at a peaceful hotel restaurant for a hot lunch.

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Make a final stop at the **Kayabwe Equator Crossing** for souvenir shopping and a coffee break before driving the final stretch back into the city, arriving by late evening.

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Tour price in US Dollars / per person Nett & Non-Commissionable – Valid for 2027	
Per person sharing in a double/ Twin	Price Per Person
Based on 2 adults travelling	US \$ 3,160
Based on 3 adults travelling	US \$ 2,830
Based on 4 adults travelling	US \$ 2,660
Based on 5 adults travelling	US \$ 2,560
Single Room Supplement	US \$ 880

Additional surcharges to be added to the package (non-commissionable)	
Price per person in US dollars	Price Per Person
Chimpanzee Permit	US \$ 300

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
- 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

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- 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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