### HIGHLIGHTS OF UGANDA

Spend your vacation exploring the highlights of Uganda and discover the very best the country has to offer. Explore the beautiful national parks in search for Chimpanzees and Gorillas and take boat cruises to experience the nature from a different angle.

Tour Code: HU

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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| **Murchison Falls boat cruise:**  **Chimp Trekking:** | Game viewing and boat cruise  Chimp trekking in Budongo and Karinzu Forests | **Queen Elizabeth National Park:**  **Gorilla trekking:** | Game Drive and Kazinga Boat Cruise  Search for Gorilla’s at the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park |

**QUICK FACTS**

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| **Tour type:**  **Duration:**  **Start & End:**  **Country visited:** | Small group lodge safari  11 days  Entebbe, Uganda  Uganda | **Meals:**  **Vehicle:**  **Group Size:** | 10 x Breakfast  10 x lunches  09 x Dinners  4x4 safari vehicle  2x4 vehicle for transfers  Min. 4\* / Max. 12 |

# DEPARURE DATES 2023

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| **MONTH** | **TOUR START** | **TOUR END** | **TYPE** | **MONTH** | **TOUR START** | **TOUR END** | **TYPE** |
| **January** | 26/01/2023 | 05/02/2023 |  |  | 19/08/2023 | 29/08/2023 |  |
| **February** | 28/02/2023 | 10/03/2023 |  | **September** | 01/09/2023 | 11/09/2023 | F |
| **April** | 03/04/2023 | 13/04/2023 | F |  | 17/09/2023 | 27/09/2023 |  |
| **May** | 07/05/2023 | 17/05/2023 |  | **October** | 04/10/2023 | 14/10/2023 |  |
| **June** | 25/06/2023 | 05/07/2023 | F | **November** | 07/11/2023 | 17/11/2023 |  |
| **July** | 29/07/2023 | 08/08/2023 |  | **December** | 11/12/2023 | 21/12/2023 |  |
| **August** | 14/08/2023 | 24/08/2023 | D |  | 26/12/2023 | 05/01/2023 | D |

D – German guided departures / F – French guided departures

# ITINERARY

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

## DAY 1: ENTEBBE

Meet and Greet at the Airport, transfer to your hotel.

**Accommodation:**                          Best Western Premier Garden Hotel or similar

## DAY 2: ENTEBBE TO MURCHISON FALLS                                                                        BLD

You will be met and collected from your hotel in Entebbe and driven to Murchison Falls. Visit the Ziwa Rhino and Wildlife Ranch en route, which has the honour of hosting the only wild rhinos in Uganda. Presently the sanctuary is home to nineteen southern white rhinos. The ranch has become increasingly popular with tourists for rhino trekking, bird watching, nature walks and relaxation.

We will enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing the drive to the spectacular Murchison Falls, located within one of Uganda’s oldest conservation areas. Excluding the stop, the journey will take approximately 7-8 hours. Murchison National Park is suited in the northern part of Albertine Rift Valley, where the massive Bunyoro escarpment amalgamates into the enormous plains of land traditionally inhabited by the Acholi people.

**Accommodation:**                           Paraa Safari Lodge or similar

**BreakfastL** Best Western Premier Garden Hotel

**Lunch:** Picnic lunch at Rhino Sanctuary

**Dinner:**                                      At Paraa Safari Lodge or similar

**Approx. distance:**                  370 km

**Approx. driving time:**                         8-9 hours (including game drives & game drive speed)

## DAY 3:  MURCHISON FALLS                                                                                          BLD

After an early breakfast, you will be taken on a morning game drive in Murchison Falls National Park in search of wildlife such as elephant, buffalo, giraffe, hartebeest and oribi. Continue to the launch site for a boat ride combined with a cheese and wine cruise.

A highlight of any visit to Murchison Falls Conservation Area is the launch trip to view the magnificent Murchison Falls. The scheduled boat trip normally departs in the morning and afternoon.  Hippos and crocodiles are abundant and you will see plenty of game and bird life. The voyage takes about three hours.

Return to the lodge for lunch, followed by an evening game drive.

**Accommodation:**                   Paraa Safari Lodge or similar

**Breakfast:**                                             At Paraa Safari Lodge

**Lunch:**                                                   At Paraa Safari Lodge

**Dinner:**                                                  At Paraa Safari Lodge

## DAY 4: MURCHISON FALLS – KIBALE                                                                            BLD

After an early breakfast, you will depart for Kibale National Park via Fort Portal, passing through verdant countryside and traditional homesteads and farms. Picnic lunch will be provided.  Kibale National Park contains one of the loveliest and most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda. Forest cover, interspersed with patches of grassland and swamp, dominates the northern and central parts of the park on an elevated plateau.

**Accommodation:**                               Turaco Treetops Lodge or similar

**Breakfast:**                                             At Paraa Safari Lode

**Lunch:**                                                   At Turaco Treetops Lodge

**Dinner:**                                                  At Turaco Treetops Lodge

**Approx. distance:**                  342 km

**Approx. driving time:**                      6-7 hours

## DAY 5: KIBALE        BLD

Trek man’s closet genetic relative, the cheeky chimpanzee on a trekking excursion in the Budongo Forest.

In the afternoon you will go for a guided walk in Bigodi Swamp to look for different bird species like the Shining Blue Kingfisher, Blue Throated Roller and other rare specifies and also find the fruiting trees, which attract Narina Trogon, Pied Hornbill, Yellow Spotted, HairBreasted and Yellow-Billed Barbets.

**Accommodation:**                               Turaco Tree Tops Lodge or similar

**Breakfast:**                                         At Turaco Treetops Lodge

**Lunch:**                                                  At Turaco Treetops Lodge

**Dinner:**                                            At Turaco Tree Tops Lodge

## DAY 6: KIBALE – QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK                        BLD

After an early breakfast, enjoy a beautiful morning drive through the dramatic landscape of the Crater Lakes. In the afternoon transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park. This National Park is understandably Uganda’s most popular tourist destination. The Park has [diverse ecosystems](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/queen-elizabeth-national-park/areas-of-interest), which include sprawling savanna, shady, humid forests, sparkling lakes and fertile wetlands.

**Accommodation:**                             Park View Safari Lodge or similar

**Breakfast:**                                            At Turaco Tree Tops Lodge

**Lunch:**                                             Lunch pack from Turaco Tree Tops Lodge

**Dinner:**                                               At Park View Safari Lodge

**Approx. distance:**                              219 km

**Approx. driving time:**                         4.5 Hours

## DAY 7: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK                                                                  BLD

After breakfast, we continue our journey to explore the National Park on a morning game drive. In the afternoon go on a boat excursion on the Kazinga Channel which has the world’s largest concentration of hippos and Nile crocodiles.

**Accommodation:**                               Park View Safari Lodge or similar

**Breakfasts:**                                     At Park View Safari Lodge

**Lunch:**                                              Lunch at Mweya Safari Lodge

**Dinner:**                                        At Park View Safari Lodge

## DAY 8: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK – BWINDI                                                   BLD

After breakfast, enjoy game viewing via Ishasha to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park (the drive is approximately 4 – 5 hours). Afternoon at leisure or enjoy one of the various optional activities available in the area (time permitting).

**Accommodation:**                   Mahogany Springs Lodge or similar

**Breakfast:**                                          At Park View Safari Lodge

**Lunch:**                                                 Mahogany Springs Lodge

**Dinner:**                                                Mahogany Springs Lodge

**Approx. distance:**                               220 km

**Approx. driving time:**                         6-7 hours (including game drives & game drive speed)

## DAY 9: GORILLA TREKKING – BWINDI                                                                       BLD

After an early breakfast, you will be taken to the Park Headquarters for a short briefing after which you will enter the forest and start your Gorilla trek (please note that a drive may be required to your trekking starting point). The trekking can be quite strenuous, so a good walking fitness is essential!

You then will have the opportunity to Interact and work with the women of the Buhoma community to weave baskets from grass collected from Bwindi Impenetrable forest. These baskets serve as an income for the women of this community. Sit and relax in the gardens as the women will get you started showing you the skills needed to weave. Enjoy lovely home-made doughnuts and cinnamon bread during a tea break.

**Accommodation:**                   Mahogany Springs Lodge or similar

**Breakfast:**                                            At Mahogany Springs Lodge

**Lunch:**                                                 Lunch pack from Mahogany Lodge

**Dinner:**                                                 Mahogany Springs Lodge

## DAY 10: BWINDI – LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK                                                          BLD

After breakfast, you will depart Bwindi and drive to Lake Mburo National Park (approximately 4-5 hours’ drive).  Enjoy a late afternoon boat cruise.

**Accommodation:** Mihingo Lodge

**Breakfast:**                                        At Mahogany Springs Lodge

**Lunch:**                                               Picnic lunch from Mahogany Springs Lodge

**Dinner:**                                               Mihingo Lodge

**Approx. distance:**                            250 km

**Approx. driving time:**                       4.5-5.5 hours

## DAY 11: LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK TO ENTEBBE/KAMPALA                                   BL

After breakfast, you will do a morning game drive within the National Park. You will then depart from Lake Mburo to Kampala/Entebbe. Time permitting you can stop for curio shopping and a photo opportunity at the Equator (approximately a 5-6 hour drive).

**Breakfast:**                                            At Mihingo Lodge

**Lunch:**                                            Picnic lunch from Mihingo Lodge

**Approx. distance:**                         260 km

**Approx. driving time:**                       7-8 hours (including game drives and game drive speed)

***Please note:***

***Departure flights to be booked for late evening, alternatively we will be happy to assist you with additional pre and post tour accommodation.***

# PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

# TRANSPORT:

Jenman African Safaris uses fully equipped, customized, 4x4 safari vehicles, Toyota Land Cruisers, or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, all window seats for game viewing and a music system. These non-air-conditioned vehicles are equipped with pop-up roofs to facilitate the best game viewing. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle roof rack or trailer to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.

# TRAVELLING TIMES AND DISTANCES:

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered.

Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer.  Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

# ACCOMMODATION:

For this accommodated safari, we make use of mid-range lodge accommodation. Your accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and permanent tented chalets with en-suite facilities. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

# MEALS:

Breakfast and dinner will be prepared by the lodge where you are staying. They will also prepare lunch or a lunch pack depending on the itinerary for the day. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

**TIPPING GUIDELINES FOR GUIDES**

It is recommended that you tip between $5 - $10 per person per day.

# VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit Uganda, prior to departure.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

# MAKING YOUR TRAVELS MEANINGFUL:

The Grow Africa Foundation (163-738 NPO) is the responsible tourism initiative started by Jenman African Safaris and Hideaways. The focus of Grow Africa is to make a positive impact on the environment, society and economy in the places we travel to. We do this by instigating and supporting local social and environmental projects.

**Your booking makes a difference:** With every booking to the value of R10,000 / US$1,000 / EUR1,000 or more a donation of R50 / US$5 / EUR5 will go to the Grow Africa Foundation.  Click here to see the projects your booking is supporting: <http://www.jenmansafaris.com/about-us/grow-africa/>

# RULES:

**For conservation reasons, visits to the gorillas are tightly controlled. The following rules apply and must be strictly adhered to:**

• No one with a communicable disease (e.g. flu, diarrhoea) is allowed to enter the park.

• Stay together in a tight group while with the gorillas, don’t surround them.

• Don’t get closer than 7 metres (21 feet) to the gorillas.

• Don’t eat or smoke when with the gorillas or within a distance of 200 metres from the gorillas.

• Turn away from the gorillas if you have to sneeze or cough. Cover your nose and mouth in the process.

• Burry all human faeces a minimum of one foot deep and ensure that the hole is properly covered.

* If a gorillas moves into your direction, please move out of his way slowly.
* While being close to the animals, please do not make any funny noises and try not to move quickly

• Don’t leave litter. All litter must be carried out of the park and disposed of properly.

• No person under 15 years is allowed to track gorillas.

• Don’t spit on vegetation or soil when in the park - use a handkerchief.

• Your group must not be more than 8 tourists and must all be over 15 years old.

**For more information regarding the attractions, accommodations and areas visited on this tour, we invite you to click through to the tour listing on our website** [**www.jenmansafaris.com**](http://www.jenmansafaris.com)**. You will also find information regarding availability and possible extensions to our scheduled tours. Our reservations office is at your service and we look forward to welcoming you to Jenman online!**

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