

# THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



**16 DAYS - THE UGANDA & KENYA VOYAGER SAFARI**





# SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

**The Uganda & Kenya Voyager Safari** takes you across Kenya and Uganda on a tour to explore all the wildlife wonders and magical landscapes these countries in East Africa have to offer. Your safari adventure starts with a scenic drive from Kigali in Rwanda to the ancient Bwindi Forest, an important UNESCO World Heritage Site and Uganda's most famous national park due to the large population of endangered mountain gorillas living in the bamboo forests of its interior. The park is comparatively small, occupying about 330 square kilometers of montane and lowland forests that can be accessed only on hiking trails established at main park entry points linked to the four sectors of the forest, Rushaga, Buhoma, Nkuringo, and Ruhija. Of the close to 1,000 mountain gorillas in this region, about 470 reside in the ancient Bwindi Forest, dating back to the last ice age and providing the backdrop for the 'Bucket List' adventure of tracking mountain gorillas in their natural habitat of dense bamboo thickets with enchanting views of tropical rainforests.

The second part of your safari takes you to the Kibale National Park. Situated in southwest Uganda, near the Rwenzori Mountains, the Kibale National Park was first gazetted as a protected area in 1932 and formally upgraded to national park status in 1993. It covers just 766 square kilometers of tropical forests interspersed with grasslands and represents the second most important bucket list experience Uganda has to offer, next to visiting the 'Gorilla Kingdom' in the ancient Bwindi Forest. Known also as the 'Empire of the Chimps', the Kibale Forest allows you to visit habituated chimpanzee troops in their natural habitat while enjoying sensational views of evergreen tropical rainforests. Of the more than 5,000 chimpanzees living in various forest reserves around Uganda, 1,400 live in the Kibale Forest, representing the highest concentration of primates anywhere in the world.

The third part of your safari takes you on an exhilarating white water rafting safari to the city of Jinja, located in eastern Uganda on the shores of Lake Victoria at the 'Source of the Nile'. Jinja is also the

starting point of the river's 6,650 km journey to the Mediterranean Sea. Jinja is known as the 'Adventure Capital of Uganda' due to its tourism developments, and a variety of exciting activities awaits the international traveler, such as white water rafting with Adrift, a popular and respected adventure operator with over 30 years of worldwide rafting experience. Other activities to explore include bungee jumping over the Nile River, horse riding safaris, quad biking, and sport fishing. Walking tours along the Nile and extensive boat tours present further exciting opportunities to discover exotic tropical bird species, such as the Ross and blue turacos, hawks, and fish eagles, or observe giant otters, and monitor lizards in the waters of the river, and even meet face-to-face with the largest crocs in the world.

The next part of your safari takes you to the Mara National Reserve, Kenya. The Mara, better known as the Maasai Mara, is the equivalent of the Serengeti in Tanzania, straddling the same migration paths that millions of wildlife traverse yearly during 'The Great Migration'. This provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1.5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season. The Maasai Mara is not just a natural wonder but also a testament to the successful conservation efforts of the Maasai people and various organizations.

To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, on the border between Kenya and Tanzania, where more than 3,000 crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear and their attempt to swim across the river. Add to that 3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later. The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-established attraction for tourists and is a natural spectacle, unlike anything the international traveler can expect to experience in this world.



The fifth part of your safari takes you to the Ol Pejeta and Loisaba Wildlife Conservancies, near the Mount Kenya National Park. Mount Kenya NP was first listed as a Forest Reserve in 1949 and was gazetted as a national park in 1968 to protect its unique montane landscapes, wildlife, and surrounding environments. The British explorer Joseph Thompson is again credited with officially verifying the existence of the mountain in 1883 and climbed part of it in the process. Thompson was also the first to climb the Aberdare mountain range and Mount Elgon in neighboring Uganda during the same year of extensive explorations. Mount Kenya is an ancient extinct volcano that stands at 5,199 meters and is the second-highest mountain in Africa after Mt. Kilimanjaro. The park covers 715 square kilometers of montane landscapes and features a dozen glaciers, all receding rapidly, with four peaks surrounding the glacial valleys.

Today, the area below the actual national park is known as the Laikipia Plateau and offers wildlife experiences that are truly unique to this particular region of Kenya. These experiences are especially notable in the rhino conservation efforts of various privately owned and managed wildlife farms. These conservancies, situated adjacent to the Mount Kenya National Park, offer a different perspective on wildlife conservation and should be considered for further exploration during your stay in this region.

**Ol Pejeta Conservancy:** Located on the Laikipia Plateau, this conservancy is not just one of the largest black rhino sanctuaries in East Africa. It's a beacon of hope, home to two of the world's last remaining northern white rhinos and the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. But its mission goes beyond wildlife. It's about supporting the people living in its vicinity, ensuring that wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare, and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

**Loisaba Wildlife Conservancy:** Loisaba is a 58,000-acre wildlife conservancy and working ranch located on the Laikipia Plateau. Two permanent rivers and abundant springs make Loisaba attractive to

wildlife throughout the year. The conservancy is a haven for more than 260 species of tropical birds and 50 species of mammals, with three lion prides and numerous leopards and cheetahs. Alongside the more common wildlife, the conservancy provides habitat and a migration corridor for 800 elephants, large herds of buffalo, dozens of the endangered Grevy's zebra, towers of reticulated giraffes, and the greater kudu.

The sixth part of your safari adventure takes you to the Amboseli National Park, which is perched on the border with Tanzania, just below the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro. Established in 1974, it spans 390 square kilometers of mostly lowland savannahs, seasonal swamps, and marshes, with Lake Amboseli as its centerpiece. This park, which was declared an important UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991, has a rich history. Amboseli is famous for its free-ranging elephant families, which have been researched for decades by the Amboseli Elephant Research Project (AERP), with one in particular called 'Echo', the most researched elephant in the world and the subject of many books and another, an impressive bull named 'Tim', whose size and tusks became iconic. Other wildlife in the park includes lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyena, buffalo, impala, wildebeest, Maasai giraffe, and Grant's zebra, with the swamps also home to dozens of tropical bird species. The park is committed to conservation, with various initiatives in place to protect the wildlife and their habitats.

The last part of your classic Kenya safari takes you to the Tsavo West National Park which was established in 1948 and covers more than 9,000 square kilometers. Combined with Tsavo East, which covers almost 14,000 square kilometers and other protected areas in this region, it makes up the greater Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA). In addition to the fantastic landscapes and views, Tsavo West also has a few of the more exciting wildlife stories to tell, such as the one surrounding the two man-eating lions of Tsavo who killed dozens of railway workers and local tribespeople in 1898 during the construction of a railway bridge across the Tsavo River. Although no longer in use, the railway bridge still stands today, and the lions were eventu-



ally killed by the bridge construction supervisor, Col. John Henry Patterson, whose book about the events was immortalized in the movie 'The Ghost and the Darkness' starring Michael Douglas and Val Kilmer.

In addition to its incredible game viewing opportunities, the park also offers excellent rock climbing locations, considered the most demanding in East Africa. The region between Tsavo West and Chyulu Hills also features extensive cave systems and lava tubes, which developed due to prehistoric volcanic activities. At the heart of the park, however, are the magnificent Mzima Springs, featuring dozens of crocodiles and hippos, with elephants and other Big 5 visiting daily. Other wildlife roaming the Tsavo West National Park are eastern black rhinos, which are secluded in the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary, hippos, buffalos, elephants, lions, and leopards with smaller animals such as the bushbaby, hartebeest, lesser kudu, and Maasai giraffes also spotted in the park.

- **Day 01 - Arrival in Kigali to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.**  
Arrival and scenic drive to the Bwindi Impenetrable NP.  
Transfer Route *Rwanda to Uganda*.
- **Day 02 - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.**  
*Gorilla Tracking* in the Bwindi Forest. *Explore Batwa Cultural Trail*.  
Activity Options *Gorilla Habituation Experience • Explore Bwindi Forest Trails*.
- **Day 03 - Bwindi Impenetrable NP to Kibale National Park.**  
Scenic drive to the Kibale National Park. *Crater Lakes Hike*.
- **Day 04 - Kibale National Park.**  
*Chimpanzee Tracking* in the Kibale Forest.  
*Explore Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary*.  
Activity Options *Chimpanzee Habituation Experience*.
- **Day 05 - Kibale NP to Jinja.**  
Transfer to Jinja, the Source of the Nile.

- **Day 06 - Jinja.**  
*White Water Rafting* and *Source of the Nile Cruise*.  
Activity Options *Horseback Safari*.
- **Day 07 - Jinja to Mara National Reserve.**  
Transfer to the Mara National Reserve.  
Transfer Route *Uganda to Kenya*.
- **Day 08 - Mara National Reserve.**  
*Game Drive* and *Nature Walk* in the Mara NR.  
Activity Options *Hot Air Balloon Safari*.
- **Day 09 - Mara National Reserve.**  
*Game Drive*, *Bush Breakfast* and *Explore Maasai Boma*.
- **Day 10 - Mara NR to Mount Kenya National Park.**  
Scenic drive to the Mount Kenya NP. *Visit Lake Nakuru*.
- **Day 11 - Mount Kenya National Park.**  
*Game Drive* in the Loisaba WC and *Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer*.
- **Day 12 - Mount Kenya NP to Amboseli National Park.**  
Scenic drive to the Amboseli NP.
- **Day 13 - Amboseli National Park.**  
*Game Drive* and *Nature Walk* in the Amboseli NP.  
Activity Options *Hot Air Balloon Safari • Night Game Drive*  
*Explore Maasai Boma*.
- **Day 14 - Amboseli NP to Tsavo West National Park.**  
Transfer to the Tsavo West National Park. *Game Drive*.
- **Day 15 - Tsavo West National Park.**  
*Game Drive* and *Nature Walk Mzima Springs* in the Tsavo West NP.  
Activity Options *Night Game Drive • Explore Maasai Boma*.
- **Day 16 - Tsavo West NP to Departure from Nairobi.**  
Return drive to Nairobi and departure from Kenya.



#### ❑ Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price

Bwindi Impenetrable NP - **Gorilla Tracking Permit**.  
Bwindi Impenetrable NP - **Explore Batwa Cultural Trail**.  
Kibale NP - **Crater Lakes Hike**.  
Kibale NP - **Chimpanzee Tracking Permit**.  
Kibale NP - **Explore Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary**.  
Jinja - **White Water Rafting**.  
Jinja - **Source of the Nile Cruise**.  
Mara NR - **Game Drives x 2**.  
Mara NR - **Nature Walk**.  
Mara NR - **Bush Breakfast**.  
Mara NR - **Explore Maasai Boma**.  
Lake Nakuru NP - **Visit Lake Nakuru**.  
Mount Kenya NP - **Game Drive**.  
Mount Kenya NP - **Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer**.  
Amboseli NP - **Game Drive**.  
Amboseli NP - **Nature Walk**.  
Tsavo West NP - **Game Drives x 2**.  
Tsavo West NP - **Nature Walk Mzima Springs**.  
Scheduled charter flights listed in the itinerary.  
English-speaking driver and tour guide.  
Road transfers with 4 x 4 safari vehicles, including fuel.  
National park and conservation fees listed in this itinerary.  
Gorilla, chimp and other wildlife permits listed in this itinerary.  
Meals as specified in this itinerary and mineral water.  
Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.

#### 4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

**Day 01 - 02** 2 nights @ Gorilla Valley Lodge - FB.  
**Day 03 - 04** 2 nights @ Kibale Forest Camp - FB.  
**Day 05 - 06** 2 nights @ Adrift River Club - FB.  
**Day 07 - 09** 3 nights @ Sarova Mara Game Camp - FB.  
**Day 10 - 11** 2 nights @ Sarova Maiyan Hotel - FB.  
**Day 12 - 13** 2 nights @ Amboseli Sopa Lodge - FB.  
**Day 14 - 15** 2 nights @ Severin Safari Camp - FB.

#### 5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

**Day 01 - 02** 2 nights @ Bwindi Lodge - FB.  
**Day 03 - 04** 2 nights @ Kibale Lodge - FB.  
**Day 05 - 06** 2 nights @ Wildwaters Lodge - FB.  
**Day 07 - 09** 3 nights @ Fairmont Mara Safari Club - FB.  
**Day 10 - 11** 2 nights @ Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club - FB.  
**Day 12 - 13** 2 nights @ Angama Amboseli - FB.  
**Day 14 - 15** 2 nights @ Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge - FB.

#### ❑ Safari Activities & Services Not Included In Safari Price

Cost of international/local flights not listed in this itinerary.  
Cost of mandatory visas and health certificates.  
A valid **Yellow Fever** certificate is mandatory for Uganda and Kenya.  
A **Tourist Visa** for Uganda can be obtained online here:  
<https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/help/visa>  
A **Tourist Visa** for Kenya can be obtained online here:  
<https://evisa.go.ke/>  
Cost of medical, travel, and any other personal insurance.  
Cost of personal expenditures such as gratuities and tips.  
Cost of hotels and lodges listed as **Lodge Options** in this itinerary.  
Cost of activities listed as **Activity Options** in this itinerary.

## SAFARI PRICE OPTIONS

Our tours include all major activities, park and conservation fees, permits required for viewing gorillas, chimpanzees, and other wildlife, and a full-board meal plan as specified. The group price options in the following tables are based on high-season hotel/lodge rates and may be subject to change without prior notice.

Other hotel/lodge options are listed in the **Detailed Safari Program** below in this document. Please ask our reservations staff for additional lodge options and available activity rates by location and based on your specific requirements. All prices listed here are **Per Person Sharing in a Double / Twin Room**, and **Single Traveler Supplements** are available on request:





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#### 4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

##### Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 10,579
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 9,660
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 9,201
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 8,925
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 8,741

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser

#### 5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

##### Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 24,706
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 23,787
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 23,327
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 23,052
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 22,868

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser

## LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

### Day 01 - Arrival in Kigali to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

Arriving in Rwanda, your appointed driver/guide will collect you from the Kigali International Airport for a briefing on your upcoming tour and a scenic drive to the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda. The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is situated in south-western Uganda, was first established as a Crown Forest Reserve in 1932, and gazetted as a national park in 1991. The ancient Bwindi Forest is an important UNESCO World Heritage Site and is Uganda's most famous national park due to the large population of endangered mountain gorillas living in the bamboo forests of its interior. The park is comparatively small, occupying about 330 square kilometers of montane and lowland forests that can be accessed only on hiking trails established at main park entry points linked to the four sectors of the forest, Rushaga, Buhoma, Nkuringo, and Ruhija.

Of the close to 1,000 mountain gorillas in this region, about 470 reside in the ancient Bwindi Forest, dating back to the last ice age and providing the backdrop for the 'Bucket List' adventure of tracking mountain gorillas in their natural habitat of dense bamboo thickets with enchanting views of tropical rainforests. The remaining African mountain gorillas are in three other locations: the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda, the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda, and the Virunga National Park in the DRC. These three national parks and a string of eight volcanoes situated on the edge of the Albertine Rift Valley and stretching across the borders of the adjacent countries are today known as the Virunga Conservation Area (VCA).

In addition to the famous mountain gorillas, the park features an astonishing variety of flora and fauna, including 120 species of mammals, of which 10 are primates, 350 species of birds, 310 species of butterflies, 27 species of chameleons, geckos, and frogs. The forest is among the most ecologically diverse in East Africa, with more than 1,000 flowering plant species, 200 species of trees, and 104 species of ferns. You also have the opportunity to observe other primates, such as chimps, black and white Colobus monkeys, blue monkeys, and L'Hoest monkeys.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

#### Activity Option - Gorilla Habituation Exp.- US \$ 1,500 Per Person

Two types of gorilla tracking permits are available in the ancient Bwindi Forest. The standard permit costs US \$ 800 per person, allowing a larger group of 8 to visit one of 18 habituated gorilla families for 1 to 2 hours. The longer and more exclusive gorilla habituation experience costs US \$ 1,500 per person and allows a smaller group of 4 to join researchers during their visit to one of the gorilla families habituated to human presence for 4 hours.





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#### Activity Option - Explore Batwa Cultural Trail - US \$ 80 Per Person

The Batwa Forest People are an ethnic group with rich and ancient ancestral traditions and rely on the forest, hunting and harvesting wild yams and honey without adversely affecting the area's ecosystem. Exploring the 'Batwa Trail' allows you to join their guides and venture along extensive forest trails to learn about their cultures, traditions, and techniques of surviving in the forest. You will also visit their villages in the forest to observe musical performances and traditional hunting/gathering demonstrations.

#### Activity Option - Explore Bwindi Forest Trails - US \$ 40 Per Person

Guided hiking through the Bwindi Forest on the many established forest trails is organized by the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) and features fantastic views of pristine tropical rainforest and enchanting waterfalls. In addition to the famous mountain gorillas, the park features an astonishing variety of flora and fauna, including 120 species of mammals, of which 10 are primates, 350 species of birds, 310 species of butterflies, 27 species of chameleons, geckos, and frogs. The forest is among the most ecologically diverse in East Africa, with more than 1,000 flowering plant species, 200 species of trees, and 104 species of ferns. You also have the opportunity to observe other primates, such as chimps, blue and L'Hoest monkeys.

#### 4 Star Lodge Options

*Buhoma Lodge*  
*Silverback Lodge*  
*Trackers Lodge*  
*Gorilla Valley Lodge*

#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Bwindi Lodge*  
*Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge*  
*Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp*

#### □ Day 02 - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

Today, you will go on an exciting *Gorilla Tracking* adventure in the ancient Bwindi Forest, which will be the ultimate highlight of your safari. You will also venture to *Explore Batwa Cultural Trail*, an experi-

ence established by the Batwa Forest People of southwestern Uganda to highlight their ancient cultures and traditions. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

#### 4 Star Lodge Options

*Buhoma Lodge*  
*Silverback Lodge*  
*Trackers Lodge*  
*Gorilla Valley Lodge*

#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Bwindi Lodge*  
*Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge*  
*Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp*

#### □ Day 03 - Bwindi Impenetrable NP to Kibale National Park.

Today you transfer to the Kibale National Park, where you will go on an afternoon *Crater Lakes Hike* upon arrival. Situated in southwest Uganda, near the Rwenzori Mountains, the Kibale National Park was first gazetted as a protected area in 1932 and formally upgraded to national park status in 1993. It covers just 766 square kilometers of tropical forests interspersed with grasslands and represents the second most important bucket list experience Uganda has to offer, next to visiting the 'Gorilla Kingdom' in the ancient Bwindi Forest. Known also as the 'Empire of the Chimps', the Kibale Forest allows you to visit habituated chimpanzee troops in their natural habitat with sensational views of tropical rainforests. Of the more than 5,000 chimpanzees living in various forest reserves around Uganda, 1,400 live in the Kibale Forest, representing the highest concentration of primates anywhere in the world.

Altogether, 13 species of primates have been identified in Kibale National Park. Other primate species you can observe during the daily guided tours to visit the habituated chimp troops include the red colobus monkey, olive baboons, blue monkey, black and white colobus monkey, grey-cheeked Uganda mangabey, and L'Hoest monkey.







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Over 60 species of mammals have been identified within Kibale Forest, including the rare forest elephants and buffaloes - both distinctly smaller than their savannah relatives, red and blue duikers, bushbucks, sitatungas - a rare type of swamp antelope, bushpigs, and giant forest hogs. Carnivores in the park include leopards, golden cats, servals, different species of mongooses, and two species of swamp otters. And like the other tropical forests found in various parts of Uganda, Kibale Forest also qualifies as a birder's paradise with more than 325 species of birds classified to date, including the olive long-tailed cuckoo, western tinkerbird, two species of pittas, ground thrush, and the grey parrot.

There are two types of chimp tracking permits available in the Kibale Forest. The regular permit costs US \$ 250 per person, allowing a larger group to visit a habituated chimpanzee troop for 2 to 4 hours. The longer and more exclusive chimpanzee habituation experience costs US \$ 300 per person and allows a smaller group to join researchers during their visit to one of the chimpanzee groups habituated to human presence for 6 to 8 hours.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Kibale National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

**Activity Option - Chimpanzee Habituation Exp. - US \$ 300 Per Person**

There are two types of chimp tracking permits available in the Kibale Forest. The regular permit costs US \$ 250 per person, allowing a larger group to visit a habituated chimpanzee troop for 2 to 4 hours. The longer and more exclusive chimpanzee habituation experience costs US \$ 300 per person and allows a smaller group to join researchers during their visit to one of the chimpanzee groups habituated to human presence for 6 to 8 hours.

**Activity Option - Crater Lakes Hike - US \$ 30 Per Person**

The Crater Lakes region is located between Fort Portal and the Kibale Forest National Park and features dozens of minor and major ancient

meteorite impact craters. You will join your tour guide on a hike through the countryside, past crater lakes, and scenic villages where you can meet local people.

**Activity Option - Explore Bigodi Wetlands Sanct. - US \$ 30 Per Person**

The Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary is a community-managed initiative known for its excellent biodiversity. It is also considered a birder's paradise, with over 140 bird species identified. Hiking on forest trails, you can also observe various monkey and primate species, such as red colobus monkeys, black and white colobus monkeys, Uganda mangabey and vervet monkeys, and chimps.

**4 Star Lodge Options**

*Crater Safari Lodge*

*Chimpundu Lodge*

*Turaco Treetops*

*Chimpanzee Forest Lodge*

**5 Star Lodge Options**

*Kibale Lodge*

*Ndali Lodge*

*Kyaninga Lodge*

*Primate Lodge*

**Day 04 - Kibale National Park.**

Today, you will go on an exhilarating *Chimpanzee Tracking* adventure in the Kibale Forest, which will be one of the highlights of your safari. You will also venture to *Explore Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary*, a community-managed initiative known for its excellent biodiversity. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

**4 Star Lodge Options**

*Crater Safari Lodge*

*Chimpundu Lodge*

*Turaco Treetops*

*Chimpanzee Forest Lodge*







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### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Kibale Lodge*

*Ndali Lodge*

*Kyaninga Lodge*

*Primate Lodge*

#### □ Day 05 - Kibale NP to Jinja.

Today, you will transfer to Jinja, which is located in eastern Uganda on the shores of Lake Victoria at the 'Source of the Nile' and is the starting point of the river's 6,650 km journey to the Mediterranean Sea. Jinja was founded in 1907 by the British colonial administration and was previously recognized as the country's industrial capital, which was partly stimulated by the construction of the Owen Falls Dam (Nalubaale Power Station) and its hydroelectric generators in 1947. Which also provided the incentive for further industrial developments and significant advancements in economic growth in the country at large.

Today, Jinja is known as the 'Adventure Capital of Uganda' due to its tourism developments, and a variety of exciting activities awaits the international traveler, such as white water rafting with Adrift, a popular and respected adventure operator with over 30 years of worldwide rafting experience. Other activities to explore include bungee jumping over the Nile River, horse riding safaris, quad biking, and sport fishing. Walking tours along the Nile and extensive boat tours present further exciting opportunities to discover exotic tropical bird species, such as the Ross and blue turacos, hawks, and fish eagles, or observe giant otters, and monitor lizards in the waters of the river, and even meet face-to-face with the largest crocs in the world. Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Jinja and their respective cost factor are as follows:

#### Activity Option - White Water Rafting - US \$ 140 Per Person

You can choose between full or half-day whitewater rafting adventures. In 1996, the Adrift rafting operations made the first descent of

the Nile and introduced whitewater rafting in Uganda as a viable tourism opportunity to a larger global audience.

#### Activity Option - Nile Bungee Jump - US \$ 110 Per Person

Feel the adrenaline rush as you jump off the Adrift bungee tower overlooking the Kalagala Falls on the mighty River Nile. There is no view and experience quite like this one.

#### Activity Option - Source of the Nile Cruise - US \$ 40 Per Person

Take a boat cruise upriver with the opportunity to visit the 'Source of the Nile' now at the bottom of the 'Owen Falls Dam' (Nalubaale Power Station).

#### Activity Option - Horseback Safaris - US \$ 45 Per Person

Our Horseback Safaris along the Nile, which visit local communities along the riverbanks, can accommodate riding groups with mixed experience levels.

#### Activity Option - Quad Biking - River Nile Safari - US \$ 105 Per Person

Take a quad biking safari along the Nile starting from the Bujagali Falls near Jinja, and go off the beaten track to explore local fishing villages and wildlife along the river's shores.

### 4 Star Lodge Options

*The Kipling Lodge*

*Adrift River Club*

*The Haven*

*Kalagala Tented Camp*

### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Wildwaters Lodge*

#### □ Day 06 - Jinja.

Today, you will go on a *White Water Rafting* adventure and enjoy a *Source of the Nile Cruise*. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.







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#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Wildwaters Lodge*

#### □ Day 07 - Jinja to Mara National Reserve.

Today, you transfer to the Mara National Reserve. The Mara National Reserve, as its official title goes, was established in 1974; it is located along the border to Tanzania and is commonly known as the Maasai Mara in honor of the ancestral people who inhabit the golden rolling savannahs of these lands. The Maasai people make up tribal communities that span northern, central, and southern Kenya, as well as most of northern Tanzania. The Mara is also the equivalent of the Serengeti in Tanzania, straddling the same migration paths that millions of wildlife traverse yearly during 'The Great Migration'. This provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1,5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season. The Maasai Mara is not just a natural wonder but also a testament to the successful conservation efforts of the Maasai people and various organizations.

To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, on the border between Kenya and Tanzania, where more than 3,000 crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear and their attempt to swim across the river. Add to that 3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later. The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-

established attraction for tourists and is a natural spectacle, unlike anything the international traveler can experience in this world.

The total area that comprises the 'Greater Maasai Mara Ecosystem' covers more than 1,500 square kilometers of primarily open grasslands with seasonal rivers established by a semi-arid climate and fringed by the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley. All members of the wildlife 'Big Five', rhinos, elephants, lions, leopards, and buffalos, are present in the park and can be observed all year round in addition to large numbers of hippos and crocs found in the Mara and Talek rivers. The park also features the unique Maasai giraffe. Of the carnivores, the lions are the most dominant and exist in larger numbers here and in the Serengeti than elsewhere in Africa. Spotted hyenas are also common and often compete with the lions for food. Leopards are found wherever there are trees to occupy, with cheetahs roaming the open rolling savannahs, hunting gazelle and wildebeest. In addition, more than 500 species of birds have been recorded in the park, with almost 60 species being raptors. This rich biodiversity is a testament to the reserve's importance in maintaining the region's ecological balance.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in the Mara National Reserve and their cost factor are as follows:

#### *Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person*

You have the additional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the Mara National Reserve and its extensive ecosystem up close.

#### *Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person*

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries.







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#### 4 Star Lodge Options

*Sarova Mara Game Camp*  
*Mara Leisure Camp*  
*Mara Sopa Lodge*  
*Naibor Camp*  
*Enkewa Camp*  
*Ilkeliani Camp*  
*Saruni Basecamp Leopard Hill*  
*Lalashe Maasai Mara*  
*Mara Siligi Camp*  
*Ishara Mara*  
*Ashnil Mara Camp*  
*Sekenani Camp Maasai Mara*

#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*&Beyond Bateleur Camp*  
*&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp*  
*Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp*  
*Elewana Sand River Mara Camp*  
*Angama Mara*  
*Angama Safari Camp*  
*Asilia Rekeru Camp*  
*Asilia Naboisho Camp*  
*Asilia Encounter Mara*  
*Sanctuary Olonana Camp*  
*Little Governors Camp*  
*Governors Camp*  
*Olare Mara Kempinski Masai Mara*  
*Fairmont Mara Safari Club*  
*Mara Serena Safari Lodge*  
*JW Marriott Maasai Mara Lodge*

#### Day 08 - Mara National Reserve.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and **Nature Walk** in the Mara NR. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

#### 4 Star Lodge Options

*Sarova Mara Game Camp*  
*Mara Leisure Camp*  
*Mara Sopa Lodge*  
*Naibor Camp*  
*Enkewa Camp*  
*Ilkeliani Camp*  
*Saruni Basecamp Leopard Hill*  
*Lalashe Maasai Mara*  
*Mara Siligi Camp*  
*Ishara Mara*  
*Ashnil Mara Camp*  
*Sekenani Camp Maasai Mara*

#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*&Beyond Bateleur Camp*  
*&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp*  
*Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp*  
*Elewana Sand River Mara Camp*  
*Angama Mara*  
*Angama Safari Camp*  
*Asilia Rekeru Camp*  
*Asilia Naboisho Camp*  
*Asilia Encounter Mara*  
*Sanctuary Olonana Camp*  
*Little Governors Camp*  
*Governors Camp*  
*Olare Mara Kempinski Masai Mara*  
*Fairmont Mara Safari Club*  
*Mara Serena Safari Lodge*  
*JW Marriott Maasai Mara Lodge*

#### Day 09 - Mara National Reserve.

Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** in the Mara NR followed by a **Bush Breakfast** and a visit to a **Maasai Boma**. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.







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#### **4 Star Lodge Options**

*Sarova Mara Game Camp*

*Mara Leisure Camp*

*Mara Sopa Lodge*

*Naibor Camp*

*Enkewa Camp*

*Ilkeliani Camp*

*Saruni Basecamp Leopard Hill*

*Lalashe Maasai Mara*

*Mara Siligi Camp*

*Ishara Mara*

*Ashnil Mara Camp*

*Sekenani Camp Maasai Mara*

#### **5 Star Lodge Options**

*&Beyond Bateleur Camp*

*&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp*

*Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp*

*Elewana Sand River Mara Camp*

*Angama Mara*

*Angama Safari Camp*

*Asilia Rekeru Camp*

*Asilia Naboisho Camp*

*Asilia Encounter Mara*

*Sanctuary Olonana Camp*

*Little Governors Camp*

*Governors Camp*

*Olare Mara Kempinski Masai Mara*

*Fairmont Mara Safari Club*

*Mara Serena Safari Lodge*

*JW Marriott Maasai Mara Lodge*

#### **□ Day 10 - Mara NR to Mount Kenya National Park.**

Today, you transfer to Mount Kenya National Park, with a stop over at *Lake Nakuru*. This shallow, alkaline soda lake is a natural marvel renowned for the hundreds of thousands of flamingos that grace its shores. Mount Kenya National Park was first listed as a Forest

Reserve in 1949 and was gazetted as a national park in 1968 to protect its unique montane landscapes, wildlife, and surrounding environments. The British explorer Joseph Thompson is again credited with officially verifying the existence of the mountain in 1883 and climbed part of it in the process. Thompson was also the first to climb the Aberdare mountain range and Mount Elgon in neighboring Uganda during the same year of extensive explorations. Mount Kenya is an ancient extinct volcano that stands at 5,199 meters and is the second-highest mountain in Africa after Mt. Kilimanjaro. The park covers 715 square kilometers of montane landscapes and features a dozen glaciers, all receding rapidly, with four secondary peaks surrounding the glacial valleys.

The park is a treasure trove of diverse landscapes, from montane forests to highland rivers and moorlands, all surrounded by glaciers, rock, and ice that glisten around the twin peaks of Batian and Nelion. Its afro-alpine flora, including Giant Groundsel and Lobelia and fauna, provide a breathtaking example of ecological and biological evolution in this region. The park's lower elevations are home to a rich variety of wildlife, including rare forest elephants, rhinos, leopards, giant forest hogs, black and white colobus monkeys, buffaloes, forest bongo, elands, and bushbucks. Mount Kenya's recognition as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1978 and the declaration of the combined national park and surrounding forest reserve as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997 is a testament to its natural beauty.

Today, the area below the actual national park is known as the Laikipia Plateau and offers wildlife experiences that are truly unique to this particular region of Kenya. These experiences are especially notable in the rhino conservation efforts of various privately owned and managed wildlife farms, such as the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, the Borana Wildlife Conservancy, and the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Visiting these locations can be done as part of a full-day game drive:

**Ol Pejeta Conservancy:** Located on the Laikipia Plateau, this conservancy is not just one of the largest black rhino sanctuaries in East Africa. It's a beacon of hope, home to two of the world's last remain-







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ing northern white rhinos and the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. But its mission goes beyond wildlife. It's about supporting the people living in its vicinity, ensuring that wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare, and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

**Loisaba Wildlife Conservancy:** Loisaba is a 58,000-acre wildlife conservancy and working ranch located on the Laikipia Plateau. Two permanent rivers and abundant springs make Loisaba attractive to wildlife throughout the year. The conservancy is a haven for more than 260 species of tropical birds and 50 species of mammals, with three lion prides and numerous leopards and cheetahs. Alongside the more common wildlife, the conservancy provides habitat and a migration corridor for 800 elephants, large herds of buffalo, dozens of the endangered Grevy's zebra, towers of reticulated giraffes, and the greater kudu.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Laikipia Plateau and their respective cost factor are as follows:

**Activity Option - Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer - US \$ 80 Per Person**

Located on the Laikipia Plateau, this conservancy is not just one of the largest black rhino sanctuaries in East Africa. It's a beacon of hope, home to two of the world's last remaining northern white rhinos and the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. But its mission goes beyond wildlife. It's about supporting the people living in its vicinity, ensuring that wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare, and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

**Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 70 Per Person**

You have the additional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience

the wildlife and landscapes of the Mount Kenya National Park and its extensive ecosystem up close.

**Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person**

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries. You also have the opportunity to watch or take part in traditional Maasai dance ceremonies.

**5 Star Lodge Options Mount Kenya National Park (Nanyuki)**

**Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club**

**Serena Mountain Lodge**

**Segera Retreat**

**4 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

**Sweetwaters Serena Camp (near Ol Pejeta)**

**Ol Pejeta Holiday Villas (near Ol Pejeta)**

**Sarova Maiyan Hotel (near Ol Pejeta)**

**5 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

**Ol Pejeta House**

**Sanctuary Tambarare**

**Porini Rhino Camp**

**Solio Lodge (near Ol Pejeta)**

**Day 11 - Mount Kenya National Park.**

Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** in the Loisaba WC or the **Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer** in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

**5 Star Lodge Options Mount Kenya National Park (Nanyuki)**

**Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club**

**Serena Mountain Lodge**

**Segera Retreat**







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**4 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy**  
*Sweetwaters Serena Camp (near Ol Pejeta)*  
*Ol Pejeta Holiday Villas (near Ol Pejeta)*  
*Sarova Maiyan Hotel (near Ol Pejeta)*

**5 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy**  
*Ol Pejeta House*  
*Sanctuary Tambarare*  
*Porini Rhino Camp*  
*Solio Lodge (near Ol Pejeta)*

#### **□ Day 12 - Mount Kenya NP to Amboseli National Park.**

Today, you transfer to the Amboseli National Park. Perched on the border with Tanzania, just below the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, the Amboseli National Park is a testament to nature's grandeur. Established in 1974, it spans 390 square kilometers of mostly lowland savannahs, seasonal swamps, and marshes, with Lake Amboseli as its centerpiece. This park, which was declared an important UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991, has a rich history. It was first explored by Jeremy Thompson, a European adventurer, in 1883. He was captivated by the breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro and the diverse ecosystem that had flourished around the lake and its many swamps and marshlands.

Amboseli is famous for its free-ranging elephant families, which have been researched for decades by the Amboseli Elephant Research Project (AERP), with one in particular called 'Echo', the most researched elephant in the world and the subject of many books and another, an impressive bull named 'Tim', whose size and tusks became iconic. Other wildlife in the park includes lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyena, buffalo, impala, wildebeest, Maasai giraffe, and Grant's zebra, with the swamps also home to dozens of tropical bird species. The park is committed to conservation, with various initiatives in place to protect the wildlife and their habitats. You also have the opportunity to visit and experience traditional Maasai village settings, where you can learn about the local community's efforts in conservation.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Amboseli National Park and their cost factor are as follows:

#### **Activity Option - Night Game Drive - US \$ 50 Per Person**

In contrast to the regular daytime game viewing opportunities, a selection of lodges offers night game drives, which add a new dimension to your safari experience. As you drive through the park's diverse habitats, additional hand-held flashlights are used to search and identify the nocturnal animals of the savannah landscapes.

#### **Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person**

You have the additional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the Amboseli National Park and its extensive ecosystem up close.

#### **Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person**

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries. You also have the opportunity to watch or take part in traditional Maasai dance ceremonies.

#### **4 Star Lodge Options**

*Ol Tukai Lodge*  
*Tortilis Tented Camp*  
*Kilima Safari Camp*  
*Amboseli Sopa Lodge*  
*Sentrim Amboseli Lodge*  
*Tulia Amboseli Safari Lodge*  
*Oilepo Amboseli*  
*Kibo Safari Camp Amboseli*

#### **5 Star Lodge Options**

*Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli*







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*Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge*  
*Tawi Lodge*  
*Angama Amboseli*  
*Elerai Camp*

#### **□ Day 13 - Amboseli National Park.**

Today, you will go on a *Game Drive* and *Nature Walk* in the Amboseli NP. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

#### **4 Star Lodge Options**

*Ol Tukai Lodge*  
*Tortilis Tented Camp*  
*Kilima Safari Camp*  
*Amboseli Sopa Lodge*  
*Sentrim Amboseli Lodge*  
*Tulia Amboseli Safari Lodge*  
*Oilepo Amboseli*  
*Kibo Safari Camp Amboseli*

#### **5 Star Lodge Options**

*Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli*  
*Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge*  
*Tawi Lodge*  
*Angama Amboseli*  
*Elerai Camp*

#### **□ Day 14 - Amboseli NP to Tsavo West National Park.**

Today, you transfer to the Tsavo West National Park where you venture on a *Game Drive*. One of Kenya's more famous national parks you can visit when leaving Mombasa on the main highway linking to Nairobi is the Tsavo West National Park on the left and Tsavo East National Park on the right side of the road. Of these, Tsavo East is vast and qualifies as one of the most extensive parklands in Africa but has virtually no viable visitor numbers since it has very little to offer in terms of exciting landscapes and views. Tsavo West, on the other side, is a major tourist attraction and features rolling green

hills, rocky escarpments, and lush grassy plains teeming with wildlife, starting from 'Grogans Castle' on the hill above the Taveta plains to Taita Hills, Ngulia Mountain, Chyulu Hills, and on to the savannahs of the Amboseli National Park. This entire range of landscapes on the border to Tanzania offers fantastic views of the one attraction all entertaining adventurers, travelers, and explorers have seen for the last 500 years: The Snows of Kilimanjaro.

Tsavo West was established in 1948 and covers more than 9,000 square kilometers. Combined with Tsavo East, which covers almost 14,000 square kilometers and other protected areas in this region, it makes up the greater Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA). In addition to the fantastic landscapes and views, Tsavo West also has a few of the more exciting wildlife stories to tell, such as the one surrounding the two man-eating lions of Tsavo who killed dozens of railway workers and local tribespeople in 1898 during the construction of a railway bridge across the Tsavo River. Although no longer in use, the railway bridge still stands today, and the lions were eventually killed by the bridge construction supervisor, Col. John Henry Patterson, whose book about the events was immortalized in the movie 'The Ghost and the Darkness' starring Michael Douglas and Val Kilmer.

In addition to its incredible game viewing opportunities, the park also offers excellent rock climbing locations, considered the most demanding in East Africa. The region between Tsavo West and Chyulu Hills also features extensive cave systems and lava tubes, which developed due to prehistoric volcanic activities. At the heart of the park, however, are the magnificent Mzima Springs, featuring dozens of crocodiles and hippos, with elephants and other Big 5 visiting daily. Other wildlife roaming the Tsavo West National Park are eastern black rhinos, which are secluded in the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary, hippos, buffalos, elephants, lions, and leopards with smaller animals such as the bushbaby, hartebeest, lesser kudu, and Maasai giraffes also spotted in the park. Adjacent to the Tsavo West National Park, two additional areas of the larger Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA) should be considered for further exploration during your stay in the main park:





**Taita Hills Game Sanctuary:** Situated on the eastern border of Tsavo, this area features forested green hills, rolling savannahs, and rocky ridges with two prominent lodges, Salt Lick Safari Lodge and Taita Hills Safari Resort, strategically built almost next to each other on the slopes of the Taita Hills. These lodges offer unusual architecture and, most importantly, excellent game-viewing opportunities with enchanting views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Chyulu Hills National Park:** The park was established in 1983, is one of the newest park additions in the country, and qualifies as the western continuation of the Tsavo West National Park, protecting a 100-kilometer range of hills. Chyulu Hills features stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro to the south and opportunities for cave exploration and walking safaris. Of the cave systems and lava tubes in this area, the Leviathan Cave is about 12 km long, one of Africa's longest caves. With the lower parts of the hills mainly composed of grasslands, thorn bush, and thickets and featuring montane forests above 1,800 meters, the general game viewing opportunities here are the same as in the larger Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA).

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Tsavo West National Park and their cost factor are as follows:

**Activity Option - Nature Walk Mzima Springs - US \$ 00 Per Person**

The magnificent Mzima Springs are strategically located in the heart of Tsavo West. It features dozens of crocodiles and hippos, with elephants and other Big 5 visiting daily. The park also offers an underwater viewing tank for close-up encounters with hippos and crocodiles. Mzima Springs is an oasis of green in the Tsavo West National Park and produces more than 250 million liters of fresh water daily, providing the bulk of Mombasa's fresh water supply.

**Activity Option - Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary - US \$ 00 Per Person**

When the Tsavo National Park was established in 1948, it was home to 8,000 out of a total population of some 20,000 rhinos in Kenya. By

the early nineteen nineties, rampant poaching had reduced the black rhino population to a few dozen. Bill Woodley, Warden of Tsavo West National Park at the time, established the 24 square miles of the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary with electrified fences to house the survivors. Today, there are about 80 rhinos in the sanctuary, and many more have already relocated to other areas.

**Activity Option - Chyulu Hills & Cave Explorer- US \$ 35 Per Person**

The region between Tsavo West and the Chyulu Hills National Park also features extensive cave systems and lava tubes that developed due to prehistoric volcanic activities. Chyulu Hills National Park offers a unique opportunity for walking safaris, lava tubes, and cave exploration.

**Activity Option - Taita Hills Game Explorer - US \$ 25 Per Person**

An extended full-day game drive starting from any of the lodges in central Tsavo West takes you to the forested green hills, rolling savannahs, and rocky ridges of the Taita Hills, with two prominent lodges, Salt Lick Safari Lodge and Taita Hills Safari Resort strategically built almost next to each other on the slopes of the Taita Hills. These lodges offer unusual architecture and, most importantly, excellent game-viewing opportunities with enchanting views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Activity Option - Tsavo West Rock Climbing - Price On Request**

The Mountain Club of Kenya (MCK) offers free-climbing adventures to conquer the massive rock formations in the central Tsavo West National Park. The setting for climbers is superb, with elephants roaming the plains below the cliffs and eagles, vultures, and falcons circling the thermals above, complemented by perfect views of Mount Kilimanjaro on a clear day. The rock climbing is some of the best in Kenya, and solid gneiss walls are often covered in holds and free of vegetation. The Ivory Tower route on Elephant Rock ranks with Kenya's best and most challenging bush climbing adventures. Other famous climbs in Tsavo West are 'Mastodon' and the 'Great Tsavo Chimney'.



#### 4 Star Lodge Options

*Ngulia Safari Lodge*

*Kanzi House*

*Rhino Valley Lodge*

*Severin Safari Camp*

*Taita Hills Safari Resort (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)*

*Salt Lick Safari Lodge (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)*

#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Finch Hattons*

*Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge*

*Oi Donyo Wuas Lodge (Chyulu Hills National Park)*

#### □ Day 15 - Tsavo West National Park.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and a **Nature Walk Mzima Springs** in the Tsavo West NP. Please see the Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price section for details of the activities included in your safari.

#### 4 Star Lodge Options

*Ngulia Safari Lodge*

*Kanzi House*

*Rhino Valley Lodge*

*Severin Safari Camp*

*Taita Hills Safari Resort (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)*

*Salt Lick Safari Lodge (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)*

#### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Finch Hattons*

*Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge*

*Oi Donyo Wuas Lodge (Chyulu Hills National Park)*

#### □ Day 16 - Tsavo West NP to Departure from Nairobi.

It is time to say farewell to the hippos and crocodiles of the famous Mzima Springs and enjoy a scenic drive back to Nairobi before your driver/guide will transfer you to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your scheduled departure from Kenya later that day.



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- The prices stated in this document are subject to availability at the time of booking. Suitable alternatives will be provided if accommodation and/or activities listed in this document are not available at the time of booking.
- The costs of gorilla permits for Foreign Non-Residents, US \$ 800 per permit and per person, or US \$1,500 per permit and per person for the gorilla habituation experience, and US \$ 250 per chimpanzee permit per person, or US \$ 300 per permit per person for the chimpanzee habituation experience, must be paid together with the 40% tour deposit within 7 days of the tour confirmation.
- According to Uganda Wildlife Authority regulations, the cost for





these permits is nonrefundable.

- The single traveler supplement applies to single travelers in groups with a minimum of 3 pax.
- Language-specific tour guides are available on request and against a surcharge.
- A baggage restriction of 15 kg in soft-sided bags applies to chartered flights within East Africa.
- Room index: SDR-Standard Double Room, SC-Self Contained, NSC-Non Self Contained.

#### ❑ **Payment Terms & Conditions**

Tour deposit: 40% of the tour price within 7 days of written tour confirmation.

Gorilla and chimp permits: 100% of the permit fees are required with the 40% tour deposit.

Full balance: 70 days (10 weeks) before the tour start date.

Reservations within 70 days before the tour start date require immediate full prepayment.

Cancellation fees are applicable within the following day ranges:

30 to 15 days before the safari date: 45% cancellation fee

14 to 05 days before the safari date: 75% cancellation fee

04 to 00 days before the safari date: 100% cancellation fee

#### ❑ **Changes Without Notice**

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