

THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



3 DAYS - THE 'CHIMP EMPIRE' EXPLORER



SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The 'Chimp Empire' Explorer takes you on an amazing adventure to track the famous chimp troops of the Kibale Forest. 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. Almost 80% of the park has been classified as lowland forest, consisting of more than 229 species of trees in the northern part of the park and semi-deciduous forest in the south, with the remaining areas consisting of savannahs and swamps.

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.

- **Day 01 - Kampala to Kibale National Park.**
Scenic drive to Kibale National Park. *Crater Lakes Hike.*
- **Day 02 - Kibale National Park.**
Chimpanzee Tracking in the Kibale Forest.
Explore Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary.
- **Day 03 - Kibale NP to Kampala.**
Return drive to Kampala.

□ Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price

Kibale NP - *Crater Lakes Hike.*
Kibale NP - *Chimpanzee Tracking Permit.*
Kibale NP - *Explore Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary.*
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 @ Turaco Treetops - FB.

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Day 01 - 02 2 nights @ Kibale 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.
A **Tourist Visa** for Uganda can be obtained online here:
<https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/help/visa>
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:

4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

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

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,063
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 969
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 922
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 894
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 876

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 7 Seater Safari Minibus

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

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

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,665
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,510
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,432
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,385
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,354

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

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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.

LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

Day 01 - Kampala to Kibale National Park.

Your safari starts with a scenic drive 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 grass-

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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

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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 Entebbe

Crater Safari Lodge

Chimpundu Lodge

Turaco Treetops

Chimpanzee Forest Lodge

5 Star Lodge Options Entebbe

Kibale Lodge

Ndali Lodge



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SAFARI MAP OF UGANDA

- 01** Mount Elgon National Park
Area: 1,145 sqkm • Habitat: Montane
- 02** Kidepo Valley National Park
Area: 1,442 sqkm • Habitat: Savannah
- 03** Murchison Falls National Park
Area: 3,900 sqkm • Habitat: Savannah
- 04** Semuliki National Park
Area: 220 sqkm • Habitat: Forest
- 05** Rwenzori Mountains National Park
Area: 996 sqkm • Habitat: Montane
- 06** Kibale National Park
Area: 766 sqkm • Habitat: Forest
- 07** Queen Elizabeth National Park
Area: 1,978 sqkm • Habitat: Savannah
- 08** Bwindi Impenetrable National Park
Area: 310 sqkm • Habitat: Forest
- 09** Mgahinga Gorilla National Park
Area: 33 sqkm • Habitat: Montane
- 10** Lake Mburo National Park
Area: 256 sqkm • Habitat: Savannah



Kyanninga Lodge Primate Lodge

□ Day 02 - 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

5 Star Lodge Options

Kibale Lodge
Ndali Lodge
Kyanninga Lodge
Primate Lodge

□ Day 03 - Kibale NP to Kampala.

It is time to say farewell to the 'Chimp Empire' of the ancient Kibale Forest and enjoy a scenic drive back to Kampala.



With our love for Africa, our knowledgeable team of expert safari consultants is ready to personalize your safari adventure to your travel needs. Curated and delivered with attention to detail, quality, and innovation, promoting sustainable tourism, supporting local communities, and respecting wildlife conservation and the preservation of the environment.

Our comprehensive approach to customized cross-border tour developments means you can enjoy the very best 'Bucket List' experiences East Africa has to offer, from the snow-capped peaks of the Rwenzori mountains to the golden savannahs of the Serengeti and on to the sandy white beaches of Zanzibar and Mombasa.

We can provide you with a unique and responsible exploration of the breathtaking vistas along the 'Great Rift Valley', which is the heart of East Africa.

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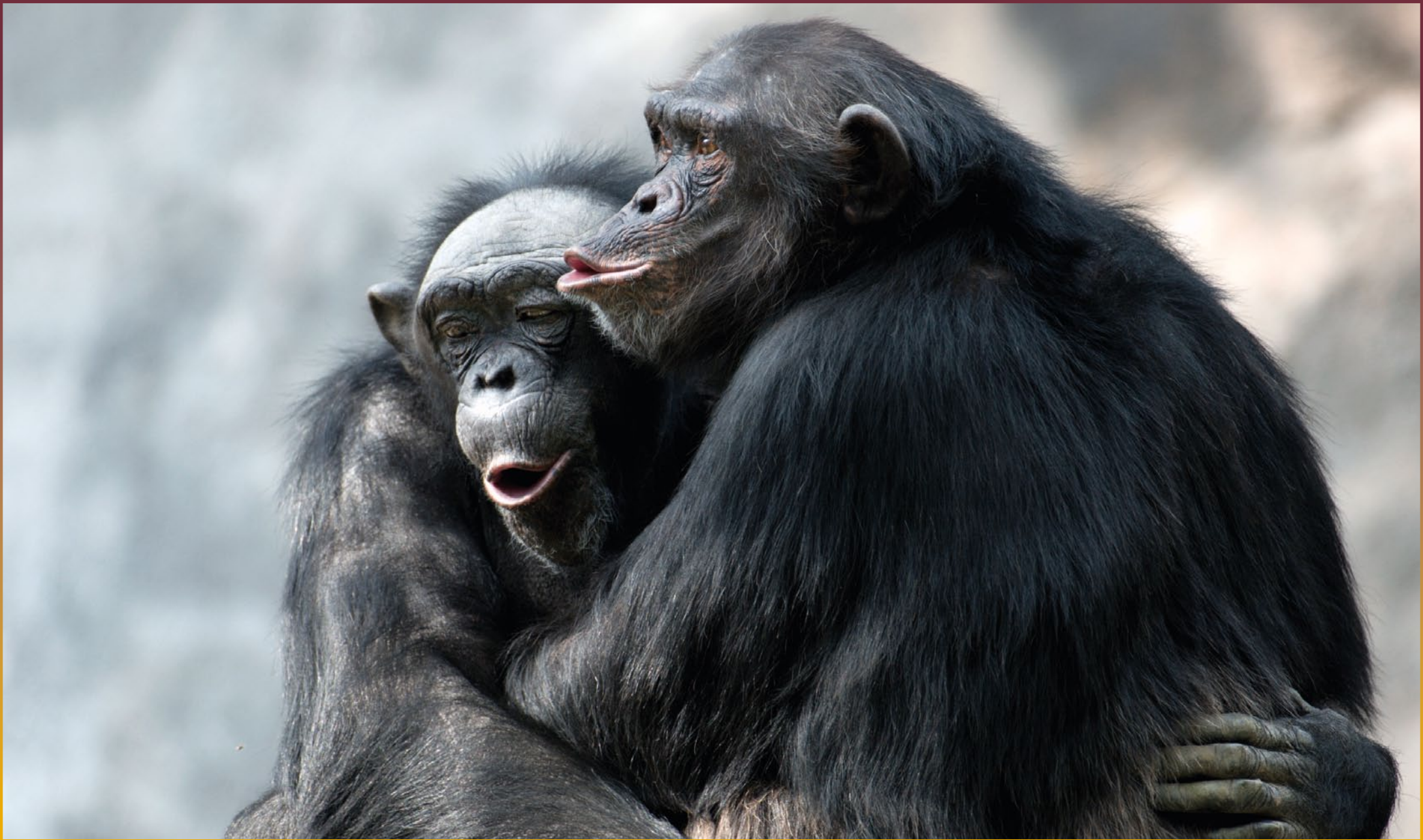
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BOOKING TERMS

□ General Terms & Conditions

- 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.





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- 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.
- Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.
- 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

This document's prices and permit fees are valid for 2024/25 but may be subject to change without prior notice. This applies explicitly to price changes in hotel/lodge rates, vehicle rental fees, gorilla/chimpanzee permit fees, park/conservation fees, government taxes, fuel price/exchange rate fluctuations, and other cost factors beyond our control.

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