

THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



3 DAYS - THE LAKE MBURO EXPLORER



SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The Lake Mburo Explorer takes you to the Lake Mburo National Park. As the smallest of Uganda's savannah parks, Lake Mburo National Park was initially gazetted in 1933 as a controlled hunting area, upgraded to national park status in 1983, and occupies just 370 square kilometers about 240 km south of Kampala, Uganda's capital. Lake Mburo is considered the most 'family-friendly' park in the country due to the absence of elephants and big cats, which allows for cycling, horseback, and walking safaris through park landscapes.

Along with 13 other lakes, Lake Mburo forms part of a 50 km wide wetland system linked by a swamp. With five lakes, associated wetlands, and swamps comprising 20% of the park, the remaining areas are covered by golden savannahs interspersed with Acacia trees, rocky ridges, and riverine woodlands, which supports a healthy population of elands, zebras, impalas, topi, reedbuck, warthog, buffalos, hippos, and, since 2015, a small population of Rothschild's giraffe. Predators may include hyenas, genets, civet cats, jackals, and serval, but no lions or leopards, which were driven out of the park by human overpopulation many years ago. In addition, the park is home to more than 350 bird species, including the rare and elusive shoebill stork.

- Day 01 - Kampala to Lake Mburo National Park.**
Scenic drive to Lake Mburo National Park. *Game Drive*.
- Day 02 - Lake Mburo National Park.**
Game Drive and *Walking Safari*.
Activity Options *Cycling Safari*.
- Day 03 - Lake Mburo NP to Kampala.**
Boat Cruise Lake Mburo. Return drive to Kampala.

Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price

Lake Mburo NP - *Game Drives x 2*.
Lake Mburo NP - *Walking Safari*.
Lake Mburo NP - *Boat Cruise Lake Mburo*.
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 @ Rwakobo Rock - FB.

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Day 01 - 02 2 nights @ Mihingo 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 \$ 890
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 785
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 733
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 701
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 680

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 \$ 1,438
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,273
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,191
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,141
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,108

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

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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 Lake Mburo National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Walking Safari - US \$ 30 Per Person

Various lodges in the Lake Mburo NP offer walking safaris on the many nature trails in the park accompanied by a park ranger.

Activity Option - Cycling Safari - US \$ 30 Per Person

Various lodges in the Lake Mburo NP also offer biking safaris on the many nature trails in the park accompanied by a park ranger.

Activity Option - Boat Cruise Lake Mburo - US \$ 30 Per Person

Take a boat cruise on Lake Mburo for a close-up encounter with hippos, crocodiles, and many tropical bird species, including the rare and elusive shoebill stork.

LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

Day 01 - Kampala to Lake Mburo National Park.

Your safari starts with a scenic drive to Lake Mburo National Park, where you will go on an extensive afternoon **Game Drive** upon arrival. As the smallest of Uganda's savannah parks, Lake Mburo National Park was initially gazetted in 1933 as a controlled hunting area, upgraded to national park status in 1983, and occupies just 370 square kilometers about 240 km south of Kampala, Uganda's capital.



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4 Star Lodge Options

Rwakobo Rock

Kigambira Safari Lodge

Eagle's Nest

5 Star Lodge Options

Mihingo Lodge

☐ Day 02 - Lake Mbuo National Park.

Your safari adventure to the Lake Mbuo National Park offers you further opportunities for game drives, nature walks, and cultural explorations. Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** and a **Walking Safari**. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

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Mihingo Lodge

☐ Day 03 - Lake Mbuo NP to Kampala.

Today, you will go on a **Boat Cruise Lake Mbuo**. Thereafter, it is time to say farewell to the lake and the golden savannahs of Lake Mbuo National Park and enjoy a scenic drive back to Kampala.



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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



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Bucket List Adventures Into The Heart Of Africa

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.

- 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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