

THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



4 DAYS - THE MURCHISON FALLS EXPLORER



SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The **Murchison Falls Explorer** takes you to the northwest of Uganda, about 300 kilometers or 4-hour drive from Kampala, to the Murchison Falls National Park, the most popular park in the country, with the highest annual number of visitors of any park. Locally known as Kabalega National Park, it was established by the British colonial administration in 1952 and is today the largest gazetted park in Uganda. Situated along the River Nile and in part on the shores of Lake Albert, it covers more than 3,900 square kilometers of landscapes dominated by savannahs dotted with acacia trees in the north and sub-tropical lowland forests, interspersed with riverine woodlands in the south.

The park is named after the famous falls on the Nile River and features a 43-meter fall of boiling white water, which is forced through a 7-meter wide gap in a rocky escarpment before crashing into the lightly wooded savannah below. Today, there is a hiking trail starting at 'Baker's Point' at the bottom of the falls, which marks the spot where the famous explorer, while standing on a giant rock, declared in 1864 that the falls be named after geologist Sir Roderick Murchison, who was the president of the British Royal Geographical Society at that time.

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- ❑ **Day 01 - Kampala to Murchison Falls National Park.**
Scenic drive to Murchison Falls National Park.
Explore Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary.

- ❑ **Day 02 - Murchison Falls National Park.**
Game Drive, Boat Cruise to the Bottom of the Falls, and Hiking to the Top of the Falls.

- ❑ **Day 03 - Murchison Falls National Park.**
Game Drive and Boat Cruise to the Nile Delta.

- ❑ **Day 04 - Murchison Falls NP to Kampala.**
Return drive to Kampala.

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

Murchison Falls NP - *Explore Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary.*

Murchison Falls NP - *Game Drives x 2.*

Murchison Falls NP - *Boat Cruise to the Bottom of the Falls.*

Murchison Falls NP - *Hiking to the Top of the Falls.*

Murchison Falls NP - *Nile Delta Boat Cruise.*

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 @ Fort Murchison - FB.

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Day 01 - 02 2 nights @ Paraa 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.

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 wild-life, 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 \$ 1,238
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,097
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,027
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 985
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 957

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 \$ 1,895
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,675
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,565
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,499
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 1,454

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

LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

Day 01 - Kampala to Murchison Falls National Park.

Your safari starts with a scenic drive to the Murchison Falls National Park, where you will go on an **Explore Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary** before arriving at the park. Here, you can track rhinos on a walking safari or venture on a boat cruise to discover more than 200 tropical bird species, including Uganda's most famous bird, the rare and elusive shoebill stork.

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The larger Murchison Falls Conservation Area (MFCA) also includes the Budongo Forest Reserve in the southern sector of the national park. The forest reserve is one of the most ecologically diverse in East Africa, with 76 species of mammals and over 465 plant species recorded, including a dense area of giant mahogany trees, some over 60 meters tall. The forest is also home to a population of primates such as chimp troops, the blue and red-tailed, and the black-and-white colobus monkeys.

Another adventure not to miss is daily scheduled boat cruises departing from various locations along the Nile. One goes upstream to visit the falls, and another goes down the river into the Nile Delta, a papyrus swamp ecosystem that developed at the meeting point of the Nile and Lake Albert. Here, you can observe an abundance of hippos, elephants, and crocodiles. The delta is also home to a diverse range of tropical birds, including Uganda's most famous and elusive bird, the shoebill stork.

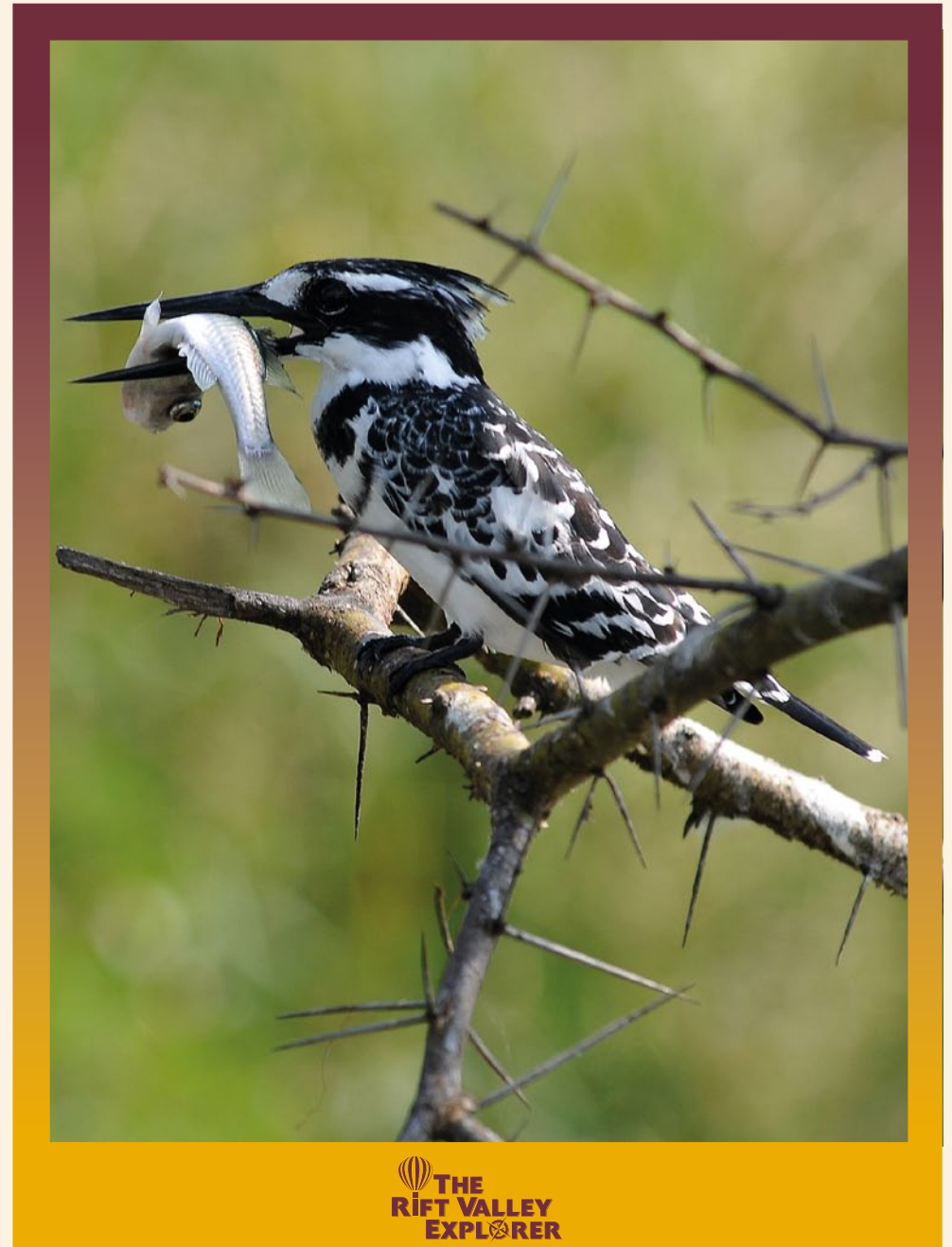
Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Murchison Falls National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Explore Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary - US \$ 50 Per Person

The Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary is situated outside of Murchison Falls National Park and features the only rhinos in Uganda. You can track rhinos on a walking safari or venture on a boat cruise to discover more than 200 tropical bird species, including Uganda's most famous bird, the rare and elusive shoebill stork.

Activity Option - Boat Cruise Bottom of the Falls - US \$ 45 Per Person

Join a boat cruise upstream to visit the Murchison Falls. Along the riverbanks, you will observe an abundance of wildlife, including hippos, elephants, and the famous Nile crocodiles, the largest in the world.



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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



Activity Option - Boat Cruise to the Nile Delta - US \$ 35 Per Person

The Nile Delta Boat Cruise takes you to the papyrus swamp ecosystem that developed at the Nile and Lake Albert meeting point, where you can observe an abundance of hippos, elephants, and crocodiles. The delta is also home to a diverse range of tropical birds, including Uganda's most famous and elusive bird, the shoebill stork.

Activity Option - Hot Air Balloon Safaris - US \$ 380 Per Person

Starting early in the morning, you also have the option of joining a hot air balloon safari, with the balloon gliding silently over the savannah as you observe the wildlife below. This adventure features a bush breakfast after a successful landing.

4 Star Lodge Options

Fort Murchison

Murchison River Lodge

Sambiya River Lodge

5 Star Lodge Options

Nile Safari Lodge

Paraa Safari Lodge

Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 02 - Murchison Falls National Park.

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

4 Star Lodge Options

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5 Star Lodge Options

Nile Safari Lodge

Paraa Safari Lodge

Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 03 - Murchison Falls National Park.

Today, you will go on a **Nile Delta Boat Cruise** and enjoy another extensive **Game Drive**. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options

Fort Murchison

Murchison River Lodge

Sambiya River Lodge

5 Star Lodge Options

Nile Safari Lodge

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Day 04 - Murchison Falls NP to Kampala.

It is time to say farewell to the falls and the golden savannahs of the Murchison Falls National Park and enjoy a 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





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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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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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