

# THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



**5 DAYS - THE EXCLUSIVE KIDEPO VALLEY EXPLORER**





# SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The Exclusive **Kidepo Valley Explorer** takes you to the Kidepo Valley National Park (KVNPN). The park was established in 1962 and covers an area of 1,442 square kilometers in the far northeast corner of Uganda, bordering Kenya and South Sudan. The park is approximately 520 kilometers northeast of Kampala, Uganda's capital, so getting there requires a 10 to 12-hour drive by road. The park's altitude ranges from 914 to 2,750 meters above sea level, with the peak of Mount Morungole being the highest point.

Kidepo Valley National Park is consistently rated one of the best in Africa due to its open or lightly wooded Serengeti-style savannah teeming with wildlife, interspersed with rocky ridges, and seasonal rivers lined with borassus palms. The park shares its name with the Kidepo River, which flows from the neighboring Kidepo Game Reserve in South Sudan through the Narus Valley, stretching across the border. It facilitates a fantastic diversity of wildlife that includes the greater and lesser kudu and the eland. Big cats roaming the park include lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyena, and black-backed jackals, and other species that you can observe are elephant, Rothschild's giraffe, Burchell's zebra, cape buffalo, and Jackson's hartebeest. At the center of the wildlife attractions in the park is one of the largest cohesive groups of buffalos, counting more than 2,000 animals.

## Day 01 - Arrival in Entebbe.

Transfer from the airport to your accommodation.

## Day 02 - Entebbe to Kidepo Valley National Park.

Scheduled charter flight from Entebbe to Kidepo Valley NP.  
*Game Drive.*

## Day 03 - Kidepo Valley National Park.

*Game Drive* in the Kidepo Valley NP.  
*Activity Options Ik Mountain Tribe.*

## Day 04 - Kidepo Valley National Park.

*Explore Karamojong Manyatta.*

## Day 05 - Kidepo Valley NP to Departure from Entebbe.

Scheduled charter flight to Entebbe.

*Visit Entebbe Botanical Gardens. Visit Entebbe Crafts Market.*

Airport transfer and departure from Entebbe.

*Activity Options Mabamba Bay Wetlands • Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary • Uganda Reptiles Village.*

## Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price

Kidepo Valley NP - *Game Drives x 2.*

Kidepo Valley NP - *Explore Karamojong Manyatta.*

Entebbe - *Entebbe Botanical Gardens.*

Entebbe - *Entebbe Crafts Market.*

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, chimpanzee 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.

## 5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

*Day 01* 1 night @ Latitude 0 Hotel - FB.

*Day 02 - 04* 3 nights @ Apoka 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:

### 5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

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

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,861
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,780
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,739

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

## LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

### Day 01 - Arrival in Entebbe.

Arriving in Uganda, your appointed driver/guide will transfer you from Entebbe International Airport to your accommodation. Then, you will receive a briefing on your upcoming tour.

### 5 Star Lodge Options

*Latitude 0 Hotel*

*Emim Pasha Hotel*

### Day 02 - Entebbe to Kidepo Valley National Park.

Today, your appointed driver/guide will take you to the Entebbe

International Airport for a scheduled charter flight to the Kidepo Valley National Park in the north of Uganda. After checking into your 5-star accommodation, you will go on your first extensive **Game Drive** in the Kidepo Valley National Park.

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Kidepo Valley NP also features a spectacular collection of African birds, with more than 480 species identified to date, including ostriches in the northern part of the park and 56 birds of prey. On the cultural side, the park is in the heart of the Karamoja tribespeople, and visiting their villages is a must-see. There is the additional chance also to visit the Ik mountain tribe, which are hunter/gatherers and originally migrated to these lands from Ethiopia. Today, they live in their mountain villages on the higher elevations of the Morungole Mountains, on the border to Kenya, and only count about 10,000.





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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 Kidepo Valley National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

#### **Activity Option - Karamojong Manyatta - US \$ 120 Per Person**

The Karamojong tribal clans of northern Uganda are a famous warrior tribe that lives in the border triangle between Uganda, Kenya, and South Sudan. Visiting a Karamojong 'Manyatta', a collective village, is a must-do experience as it allows you to encounter their ancient cultures and traditions.

#### **Activity Option - Ik Mountain Tribe - US \$ 150 Per Person**

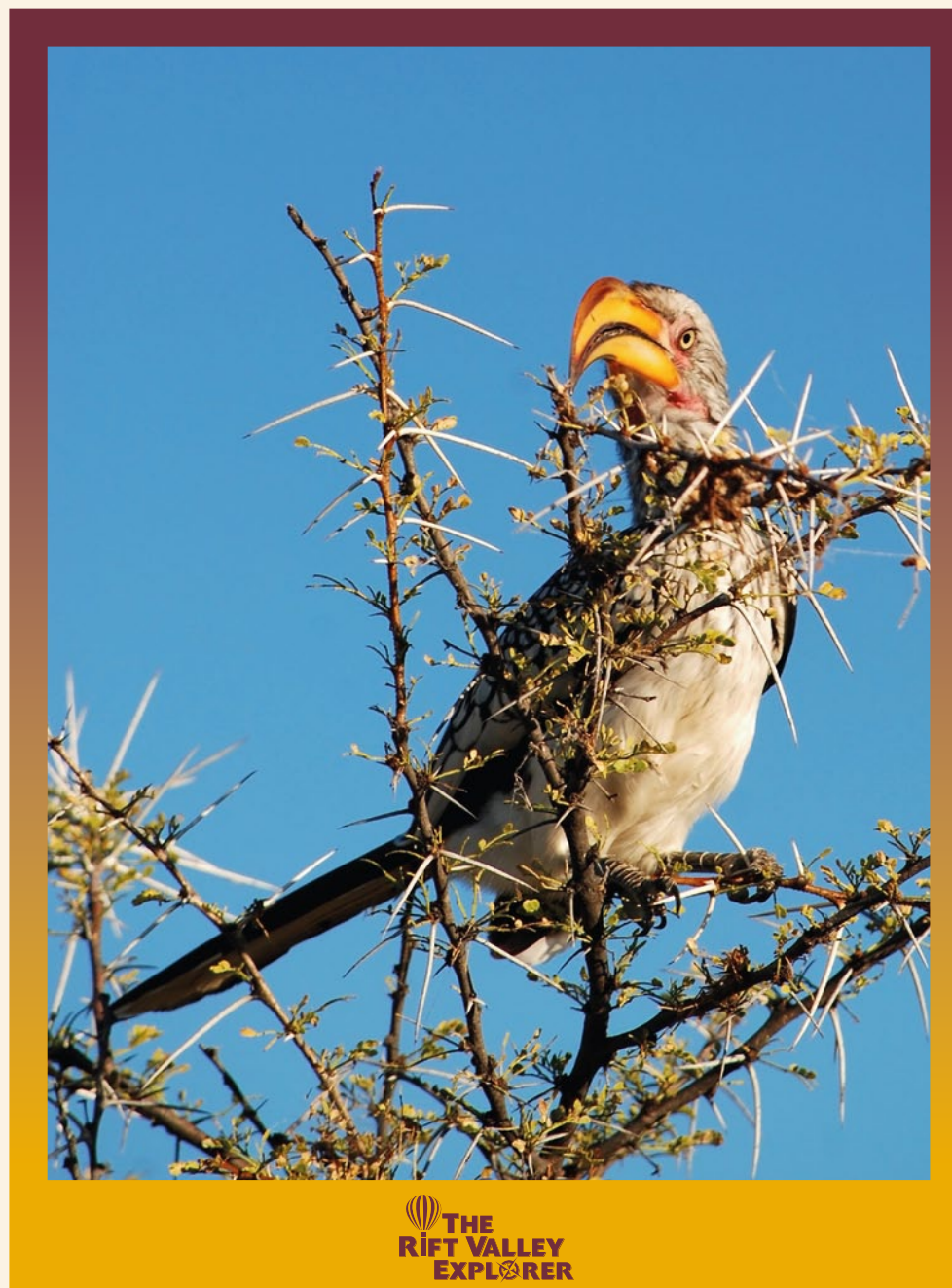
Visiting the Ik tribe requires an early morning departure to explore their remote mountain villages. The Ik tribe is hunter-gatherers who originally migrated to this area from Ethiopia. Today, they live in their mountain villages on the higher elevations of the Morungole Mountains, on the border to Kenya, and there are only about 10,000 of them today. Visits to the Ik tribe offer the discerning visitor rare cultural encounters complemented by extraordinary mountain views. However, the steep climb to reach the Ik villages is not easy and may take all day. You must be physically fit since the main trail to the Ik village is 8 kilometers each way and can be a challenging climb.

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

##### **Apoka Lodge**

#### **☐ Day 03 - Kidepo Valley National Park.**

Day three of your safari adventure to the Kidepo Valley National Park offers you further opportunities for game drives, nature walks, and rare cultural explorations in one of the most spectacular national parks Uganda has to offer, famous for its wild charm and golden rolling savannahs, dotted with rocky ridges, and teeming with wild-life.



# 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*



Today, you will go on another extensive **Game Drive** in the Kidepo Valley NP. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

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

#### **Day 04 - Kidepo Valley National Park.**

Today, you will go on a **Explore Karamojong Manyatta** tour of local cultures and traditions. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

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

#### **Day 05 - Kidepo Valley NP to Departure from Entebbe.**

It is time to say farewell to the lions, buffaloes, and golden savannahs of Kidepo Valley National Park and enjoy a scenic charter flight back to Entebbe. Today, you will also visit the **Entebbe Botanical Gardens** and the **Entebbe Crafts Market**. Your driver/guide will then transfer you to the Entebbe International Airport for your scheduled departure from Uganda later that day.



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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## **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.







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- 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.

#### **Booking Contact**

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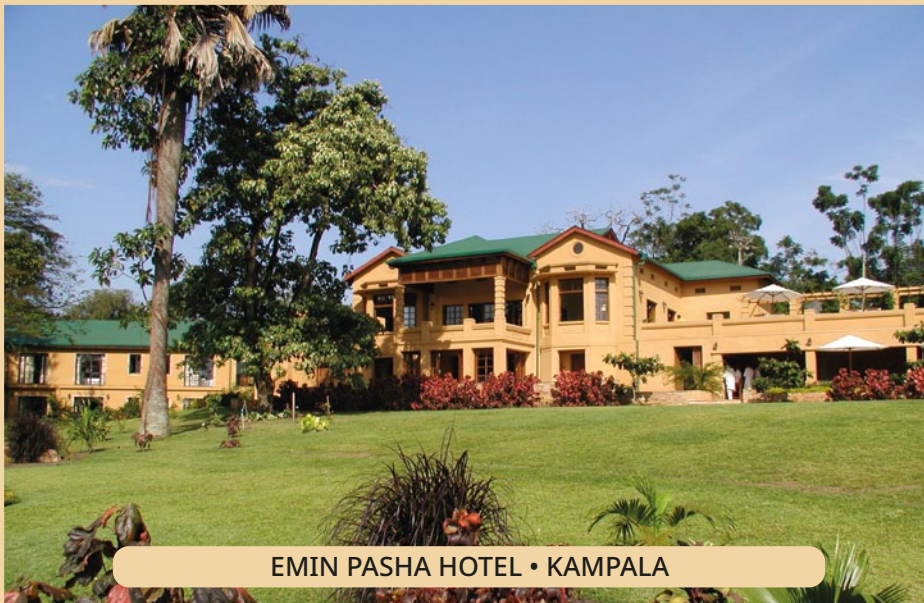




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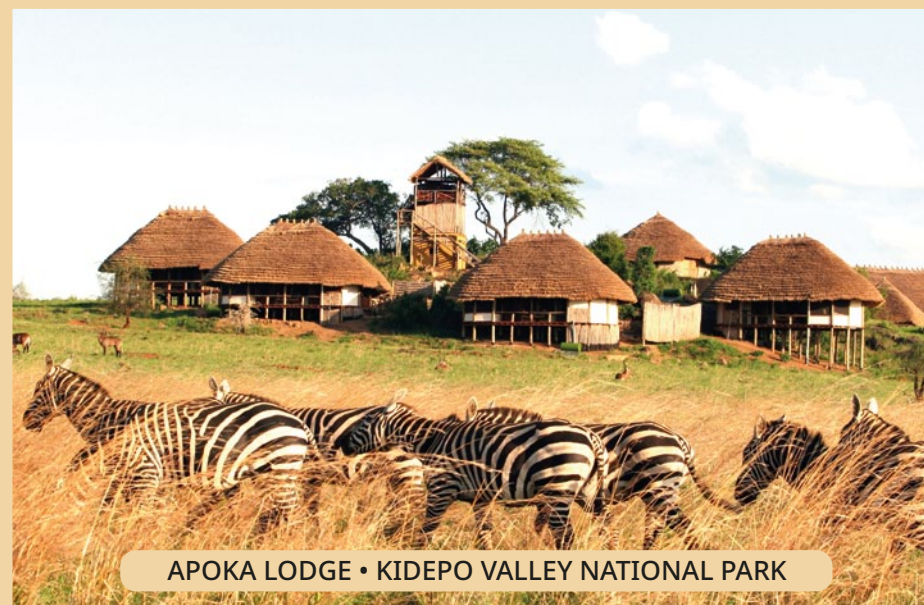
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