

15 DAYS: RWENZORI ADVENTURE TREK AND SAFARI

15 Days | 14 Nights

Kick off your Ugandan adventure expedition with a scenic drive across the Equator to Kasese, then conquer the Rwenzori Mountains, trekking through lush forests and rugged alpine terrain to the summit of Margherita Peak (5,109m). Explore Queen Elizabeth N. Park with a game drive, Lake Katwe Salt Works, and Kazinga Channel boat cruise. Experience the thrill of gorilla tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, then finish with a walking safari at Lake Mburo to Rwonyo saltlicks to watch zebras and impalas at sunset!

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Entebbe via Kampala – Kasese – Rwenzori Mountains National Park – Queen Elizabeth National Park – Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – Lake Mburo National Park – Entebbe

TOUR PRICE: Quoted in US dollars per person sharing.

Number of Guests	Midrange Option	Luxury Option
2	6,460 pp	9,125 pp

	TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
•	At the Equator (photo stop) Rwenzori Mountains trek Visit Enoch Falls Scenic views at Mutinda Lookout Explore Bugata Lake Summit Margherita Peak (5,109m) Lake Katwe Salt Works Kazinga Channel boat cruise Gorilla tracking experience. Guided walking safari

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation: 14 nights as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals: As specified throughout the itinerary
- Gorilla Tracking: 1 permit per person
- Ground Transfers: Including airport pick-up and drop-off.
- Guides and Support: Experienced trek guide(s) and one porter per trekker
- Rwenzori Trekking: Trekking fees and use of mountain climbing equipment.
- Beverages: 2 liters of mineral water per person, per day
- Emergency Coverage: AMREF medical evacuation insurance





DAY 1 - Arrival and Transfer to the Hotel in Entebbe City

Journey time: Less 40 Minutes

Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our guide, who will assist with your luggage and transfer you to your hotel in Entebbe. Check-in and relax at your leisure to unwind and prepare for your upcoming adventure.

Overnight: Midrange: Protea Hotel Entebbe – or similar

Luxury: Entebbe Forest Lodge – or similar Meal Plan: Half Board (Dinner and Breakfast)

DAY 2 - Journey to Kasese via the Equator

Journey Time: Approx. 7 Hours

Pick-up Time: 07:00AM

Savor breakfast at the hotel before setting off for Kasese, stopping at the Equator for memorable photos and enjoying lunch at Igongo Cultural Center in Mbarara. Continue your journey to Kasese and check in at your lodge to refresh for dinner and unwind in preparation for the upcoming Rwenzori Mountain trek.

Overnight: Midrange: Marafiki Safari Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Buffalo Safari Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Half Board









DAY 3 - Transfer to Trekkers' Hostel | Begin Trek to Sine Hut

After an early breakfast, transfer to Trekkers' Hostel in Kyanjuki, Kilembe Mines, near Kasese.Begin the trek between 09:00AM and 11:00AM, walking 2.2 km to the UWA ranger post at 1,727 meters, which takes approximately one hour.

Begin your trek along the valley floor through towering Afro-Montane forests, arriving at Sine Camp (2,596m) for an overnight stay near the stunning Enoch Falls. For the more adventurous, a side hike to Kalama Camp (3,134m) and the Mutinda Lookout (3,975m) offers breathtaking panoramic views.

Overnight: Mountain Camping

Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 4 - Ascending to Mutinda Camp: Trekking Challenge

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before embarking at 8:30AM on an exhilarating trek through the Bamboo-Mimulopsis Zone, tackling steep climbs and high steps amid the lush, towering vegetation. Trek past Kamalama Camp (3,147m) through the Heather-Rapanea Zone to Mutinda Camp, crossing streams, ridge tops, and moss-covered waterfalls. In the afternoon, an optional climb to Mutinda Lookout (3,925m) rewards you with breathtaking panoramic views of the Rwenzori Mountains, Kasese town, and Lake George.

Overnight: Mountain Camping







DAY 5 - Trek to and Overnight at Bugata Camp (3,688–4,062 m | 4.9 km)

The trail becomes boggy, especially in the wet season, but with careful footing you can leap from tussock to tussock, adding a playful challenge to your ascent.

Take cross boardwalks over bogs and trek through tussock grass, giant lobelias, and vibrant flowers in Mutinda Valley. Ascend steeply to Namusangi Valley (3,840m) with waterfalls and Mutinda Peaks views, before reaching Bugata Camp (4,062m) atop Bamwanjara Pass. Take in panoramic vistas of Bugata Lake, Lake Kopello, Weismann's Peak, Lake Africa, and Lake Tanganyika amid the rugged alpine beauty.

Overnight: Mountain Camping

Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 6 -Trek to Hunwick's Camp via Bamwanjara Pass (4,450 m)

Embark on an exhilarating trek to Hunwick's Camp via Bamwanjara Pass. Departing Bugata Camp, ascend a ridge before dropping slightly and climbing to Bamwanjara Pass (4,450 m), where a hut offers shelter in adverse weather. Traverse valleys, edge past bogs, and pass through lush evergreens, groundsel, and towering giant lobelias. Continue along steep sections to Hunwick's Camp, rewarded with breathtaking views of Mount Stanley, Mount Baker, Weismann's Peak, and McConnell's Prong.

Overnight: Mountain Camping







$DAY\ 7 - Ascend\ to\ Margherita\ Camp\ (4,485\ m) - Summit\ Trek\ Adventure$

From Hunwick's Camp, descend and traverse the valley floor to the breathtaking Lake Kitandara, renowned for its deep waters and lush, vibrant vegetation. From Lake Kitandara, ascend the rugged Scott Elliott's Pass and follow the ridge to Margherita Camp (4,485 m), nestled among massive rocks that provide shelter from the biting winds. This historic site is where the Duke of Abruzzi camped during his legendary 1906 ascent of Margherita Peak, adding a touch of mountaineering heritage to your epic climb.

Overnight: Mountain Camping

Meal Plan: Full Board

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DAY 8 - Conquer Margherita Peak - Summit of Mount Stanley (5,109 m)

Conquer Margherita Peak – Summit of Mount Stanley (5,109 m) Rise at 02:00AM for an early breakfast before embarking on the thrilling ascent of Mount Stanley at 02:30AM.An early start is essential, as the mountain is often shrouded in thick clouds later in the day, making the summit challenging. Climbers must adhere to a strict 10:00AM turnaround time for safety. After conquering Margherita Peak (5,109 m), descend directly to Hunwick's Camp (3,874 m) to rest following this epic high-altitude adventure.

Overnight: Mountain Camping







$DAY\ 9$ -Panoramic Views of the Three Peaks | Overnight at Kiharo Camp

From Hunwick's Camp, climb toward McConnell's Prong for sweeping views of all three Rwenzori peaks and Scott Elliott's Pass. Continue past Oliver's Pass (4,505m), traversing below Weismann's Peak with stunning vistas of Margherita, Stanley, Speke, and Baker on a clear day. The trail then descends along the Nyamwamba River valley, winding through dramatic landscapes before reaching Kiharo Camp for the night.

Overnight: Mountain Camping

Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 10-Descend Rwenzori back to Kasese and stay at Leisure.

Today, you will begin your descent from Kiharo Camp to the park exit, a rewarding 5-to-8-hour trek. The trail winds gently downhill through the breathtaking Nyamwamba Valley, offering spectacular views at every turn. Along the way, you'll encounter moss-draped rocks, cascading waterfalls, and lush, pristine forests—some of the most remarkable in the Rwenzori Mountains. Enjoy a farewell lunch at the charming Riverside Rock Shelter. Upon reaching Trekker's Hostel, you will be reunited with your driver-guide and transferred to your lodge, where you can check in and spend a relaxing evening at leisure, reflecting on the unforgettable beauty of your journey.

Overnight: Midrange: Marafiki Safari Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Buffalo Safari Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Half Board







DAY 11 -Experience the top Highlights of Queen Elizabeth National Park

Pick-up Time: 06:30AM.

Enjoy an early breakfast before setting out to explore the iconic highlights of the park. Relish a delightful lunch at Mweya Safari Lodge, surrounded by spectacular scenery. You will return to your lodge later for dinner and a relaxing overnight.

Planned Activities: Morning Game Drive: Begin the day with an exciting wildlife safari, spotting the park's iconic animals in their natural habitat. Lake Katwe Salt Works: Discover and explore the unique salt production at Lake Katwe, a fascinating glimpse into local traditions and culture. Kazinga Channel Boat Cruise: In the afternoon, enjoy a serene boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, where you can observe hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of birdlife up close. Optional Evening Game Drive: After the boat trip, you may embark on an evening game drive for a chance to witness the park's wildlife in the magical twilight.

Overnight: Midrange: Marafiki Safari Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Buffalo Safari Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Half Board (Breakfast and Dinner)









DAY 12 - Journey to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Journey time: Approx. 5 – 7 Hours

Pick-up Time: 08:30AM.

After breakfast and check-out, embark on an exciting journey to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, winding through the scenic landscapes via Kabale Town, with a lunch stop at a local restaurant along the way. Arrive in Bwindi in the late afternoon and check in at your lodge, where you can relax and enjoy dinner, ready to rest for the adventures that await in the coming days.

Overnight: Midrange: Four Gorillas Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Nkuringo Gorilla Lodge – or similar









DAY 13 - Bwindi Gorilla Tracking Experience with a leisurely afternoon Pickup Time: 06:30AM.

After an early breakfast, receive a packed lunch and bottled water to carry in your backpack before proceeding to the park office.

Planned Activities: Bwindi Gorilla Tracking Experience – Venture deep into the heart of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest for an unforgettable encounter with the endangered mountain gorillas. Accompanied by an experienced ranger and skilled trackers, you will navigate lush, mist-shrouded trails, surrounded by the sounds and scents of the jungle, as anticipation builds with every step. Upon finding the gorillas, spend 1 to 2 magical hours observing and photographing these majestic creatures in their natural habitat. This is more than a trek—it is an intimate, once-in-a-lifetime adventure into one of the world's most extraordinary ecosystems! During the trek, your guide will select a serene spot for a picnic lunch before you continue or return to the lodge (subject to change). For your comfort and safety, wear sturdy hiking shoes, long trousers, long-sleeved shirts, gloves, a face mask, carry insect repellent and drinking water. Optional Activity (At 30\$ pp): Batwa Cultural Trail.

Overnight: Midrange: Four Gorillas Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Nkuringo Gorilla Lodge – or similar









$DAY\ 14-Transfer\ to\ Lake\ Mburo\ National\ Park\ |Guided\ Walking\ Safari$

Journey Time: Approx. 5 Hours

Pickup Time: 07:00AM.

After a hearty breakfast and check-out and begin your journey from Bwindi to Lake Mburo National Park. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at the lodge with a relaxed afternoon, and a later evening walking safari.

Evening Activity: Lake Mburo Walking Safari – Set out on a thrilling evening walking safari of up to three hours, guided by an expert ranger. Trek from Rwonyo to the saltlicks, where herds of zebras, impalas, and other grazers gather to lick the mineral-rich clay. Feel the adrenaline and wonder as you move quietly through the park, observing wildlife up close, surrounded by the golden glow of the setting sun and the wild sounds of Lake Mburo's untamed landscapes. After the safari, proceed to the lodge and check-in for dinner.

Overnight: Midrange: Rwakobo Rock – or similar

Luxury: Mihingo Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Full Board (Lunch, Dinner, and Breakfast)









DAY 15 - Depart Lake Mburo to Entebbe Airport

Journey Time: Approx. 5 Hours

Pickup Time: 08:00AM.

Begin the day with a sumptuous breakfast at the lodge, followed by check-out. Thereafter, depart for Entebbe Airport, with a stop at the Equator for a photo opportunity and lunch En-route. Upon arrival at the airport, proceed with check-in for your onward flight. For late departures, a dayroom may be arranged at an extra fee.

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Lunch at a restaurant



End of Safari

