

18 Days / 17 Nights

Mountain Gorillas and Great Migration

Group Size Independent: 2

Escorted: 6

Entebbe | Mgahinga Gorilla National Park | Murchison Falls National Park | Nairobi | Masai Mara National Reserve | Masai Mara

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Your Consultant

| Neville Jones



Neville has been planning and leading tours to Africa since 2007 and has been on more than 100 safaris. He visits the continent at least once a year to find the best experiences for his clients. He prefers small, owner-operated lodges and camps run by families with a long history in providing unique, safe and personalised experiences.

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Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, China, Croatia, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, Rwanda, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States, Zambia, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe

| Favourite Destinations

Southern and East Africa

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Trip Summary

Did you know that there are no Mountain Gorillas in any zoos anywhere in the world? Thankfully!

There were some in captivity in the 19th and early 20th centuries but they all died. It is now unlawful to capture any Mountain Gorillas, of which there are about 1000 remaining.

The good news is that after decades of declining they are making a steady comeback. Fees paid by tourists directly fund veterinarians, armed rangers and hundreds of others who protect the health and safety of these magnificent creatures. This is one of the few good news stories in global conservation. There are now about 300 more Mountain Gorillas in the wild than when we first started taking guests to meet with them in their natural habitat.

Here's something else that often surprises people: The Great Migration is not an annual event. Rather, millions of wildebeest are constantly on the move in a huge circuit around the contiguous grasslands we know as the Maasai

Mara (Kenya) and the Serengeti (Tanzania). In a miracle of nature, the rains move in an annual cycle around the vast plains, that straddle the equator. Those rains give rise to fresh green shoots and the herds of antelope follow the sweet scent of fresh grass. Consequently, whatever time of the year you wish to travel, we can plan an itinerary to match the historic schedule of this marvel of nature.

This particular itinerary is best in August and September, when the weather in Uganda is benign and the Great Migration herds are in the Maasai Mara.

NB: The international flights in this itinerary are not included in the price. They are included on the schedule to indicate the logistics for Melbourne guests. That said, it is a simple matter to readjust the itinerary to suit guests from any city in the world.

Day	Accommodation	Room Type and Basis
Day 1 - 2	Overnight Travel (1 Night)	NONE
Day 2 - 3	The Boma Hotel Entebbe (1 Night) in Entebbe	1x Double Room (B&B)
Day 3 - 5	Mount Gahinga Lodge (2 Nights) in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park	1x Guest Bandas (FB+)
Day 5 - 9	Nile Safari Lodge (4 Nights) in Murchison Falls National Park	1x Deluxe Banda (FB+)
Day 9 - 10	The Boma Hotel Entebbe (1 Night) in Entebbe	1x Double Room (B&B)
Day 10 - 11	Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport (1 Night) in Nairobi	1x Superior (B&B)
Day 11 - 14	Little Governors' Camp (3 Nights) in Masai Mara National Reserve	1x Tent (FB+)
Day 14 - 16	Elewana Sand River Masai Mara (2 Nights) in Masai Mara	1x Safari Tents (B&B)
Day 16 - 17	Overnight Travel (1 Night)	NONE
Day 17 - 18	Overnight Travel (1 Night)	NONE
Day 18	End of Itinerary	NONE

Key

NONE: None

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Price

2022 Prices

Fully Escorted: US\$14,513 per person, sharing

Independent: US\$12,213 per person, sharing

2023 Prices

Fully Escorted: US\$15,964 per person, sharing

Independent: US\$14,534 per person, sharing

NB: Fully Escorted tours depend on a group size of six guests.

| Included

Accommodation on bases specified herein

Most meals (refer to accommodation basis)

Drinks in some properties (refer to accommodation. Drinks not mentioned means not included.)

Transfers specified herein

Domestic flights specified herein

For escorted tours you will be accompanied by an Australian guide with more than 100 safaris under their belt. That will usually be our founder, Neville Jones.

Independent travelers will be accompanied by a local, English-speaking guide during all activities such as game drives.

| Excluded

All international flights

Some meals (refer to accommodation basis)

Dinner at Cultiva

Travel Insurance (compulsory)

Passport and Visa expenses

Tips and Gratuities

Anything not mentioned herein

Daily Information

Day 1 - 2

Overnight Travel

| Overnight Scheduled Flight

21:15: Overnight Scheduled Flight from Melbourne International Airport [MEL] to Dubai International Airport [DXB]



Day 2 - 3

Entebbe

Situated on a peninsula in Lake Victoria, the former seat of Uganda's government, Entebbe is just a short drive from the current capital and offers plenty to keep visitors amused. This charming town features tree-lined streets and serves as an excellent base from which to explore the surrounding area. Tourists can look forward to spending days on beautiful beaches along the banks of Lake Victoria, stroll through the fields and forests of the magnificent Botanical Gardens, or pay a visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a haven for country's orphaned chimps.

| Day Notes

You will be picked up upon arrival at the Airport and proceed to your accommodation

| Overnight Scheduled Flight

05:15: Arrive at Dubai International Airport [DXB]

| Scheduled Flight

09:55 - 14:25: Scheduled Flight from Dubai International Airport [DXB] to Entebbe International Airport [EBB]

| Transfer

14:25: Transfer from Entebbe International Airport [EBB] to The Boma Hotel Entebbe



Overnight

The Boma Hotel Entebbe

The Boma Hotel is Entebbe's original and most exclusive hotel, set in tropical gardens in a leafy suburb, a few minutes drive from Entebbe International Airport. Our rooms combine the modern comforts one expects today with the charm and character of the original 1940's home. The Boma is an ideal stopover for all travellers and airline passengers, and we will arrange all your airport transfers. Our staff and management team ensure guests receive a personable service and enjoy hospitality standards which are in keeping with the tradition of this charming lakeshore town.

The residents-only bar and dining area overlooks the pool area and provides a delightful and relaxed country house experience. The main house includes a private dining veranda and living room for overnight guests. Other hotel facilities include the swimming pool, Gym, Free WiFi, 24-hour security and car parking. We offer a laundry service for overnight guests and there is a small craft shop on site. We can organise local taxi hire and day trips to the nearby attractions.



Double Room

All our double rooms have a King Size bed with mosquito nets, air conditioning, fans, private bathrooms, a TV and safe for valuables.

| Basis

B&B: Bed and Breakfast



Day 3

Mgahinga Gorilla National Park

Located in southwestern Uganda, in the Kisoro District, the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park forms part of the much larger Virunga Conservation Area. This wilderness sanctuary was created to protect the rare mountain gorillas that inhabit its dense forests. The striking landscape boasts three conical volcanoes which are a part of the magnificent Virunga Range which fringes Uganda, Rwanda, and Congo. Aside from the main attraction which is the mountain gorillas, the park is home to buffaloes, elephants, endangered golden monkeys and many of bird species. The three extinct volcanoes offer plenty of hiking trails.

| Day Notes

Today you will fly to Kisoro Airstrip and upon arrival, you will be transferred to your accommodation.

| Transfer

Transfer from The Boma Hotel Entebbe to Entebbe International Airport [EBB]

| Scheduled Flight

07:00 - 08:50: Scheduled Flight from Entebbe International Airport [EBB] to Kisoro Airport

Transfer

Transfer from Kisoro Airport to Mount Gahinga Lodge



Overnight

Mount Gahinga Lodge

Mount Gahinga Lodge opened in 1997 and was the first lodge of the Volcanoes Safaris collection. It is the perfect base to go gorilla tracking on the Ugandan side of the Virungas, track the rare golden monkey, climb a volcano, walk through local villages and most of all to share the culture of the Batwa, the oldest inhabitants of the Central African rain forest.

The charming property, inspired by traditional design and building techniques, has been re-imagined in 2019: the lounge, dining room, and gardens have been remodeled, and two new deluxe bandas have been launched.

The luxury bandas reflect the magic of the aesthetic traditions of the Bufimbira people, with their distinct colours. Each Banda has an ensuite luxury shower room, fireplace and private porch.

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Guest Bandas

☑ 9 bandas, of which 2 deluxe. All with a fireplace in the room. No guide/tour leader rooms available at the lodge.

☑ All rooms are complete with en-suite bathrooms with flushing toilet, double vanity and shower with hot & cold running water.

☑ Sun terrace overlooking the Virunga Volcanoes with scenic panoramic views.

- ☒ Personal butler service for all guests.
- ☒ Tranquil massage room available to every guest. One 30-minute complimentary massage per guest per stay. Extra massages are available at extra cost.
- ☒ Full board accommodation including all soft drinks and house alcoholic beverages (excludes premium drinks).
- ☒ Complimentary laundry service.
- ☒ Power sockets/charging facilities available in the main lodge, hair dryers available in the rooms. No air conditioners.
- ☒ Wi-Fi and internet access available in the main lodge only (connection can be slow).

[Further Information >](#)

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 4 - 5

Mgahinga Gorilla National Park

| Day Notes

Today, you will do your Gorilla trek.

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Activities



Gorilla Tracking Mgahinga Gorilla National Park
Planned: Mgahinga Gorilla National Park is situated in southwestern, Uganda. The National Park is one of few parks where endangered mountain gorillas roam freely in the beautiful rainforest. There is a variety of lodges suitable for overnight stays. The gorilla tracking starts at 8:00 am, and the duration is 2-4 hours. The best time to go to the park is mid-December till February and June to October, although gorilla tracking takes

place throughout the year.



Day 5

Murchison Falls National Park

Stretching from the shores of Lake Albert, Murchison Falls National Park is Uganda's largest National Park. The Nile River flows through the middle of the park creating the impressive Murchison Falls which is the park's major attraction. The landscape features dense rainforest, undulating savannah and a diversity of abundant wildlife. Visitors can enjoy prime game-viewing along the Buligi Circuit. The forests are home to numerous primates, including Chimpanzees, and near the river, buffalo, elephants and Rothschild-Giraffes can be seen. Other commonly spotted wildlife include: lions, antelope, waterbucks, hippos and crocodiles.

| Day Notes

Today you fly to Murchison Falls National Park. Have an evening game drive upon arrival.

| Transfer

Transfer from Mount Gahinga Lodge to Kisoro Airport

| Scheduled Flight

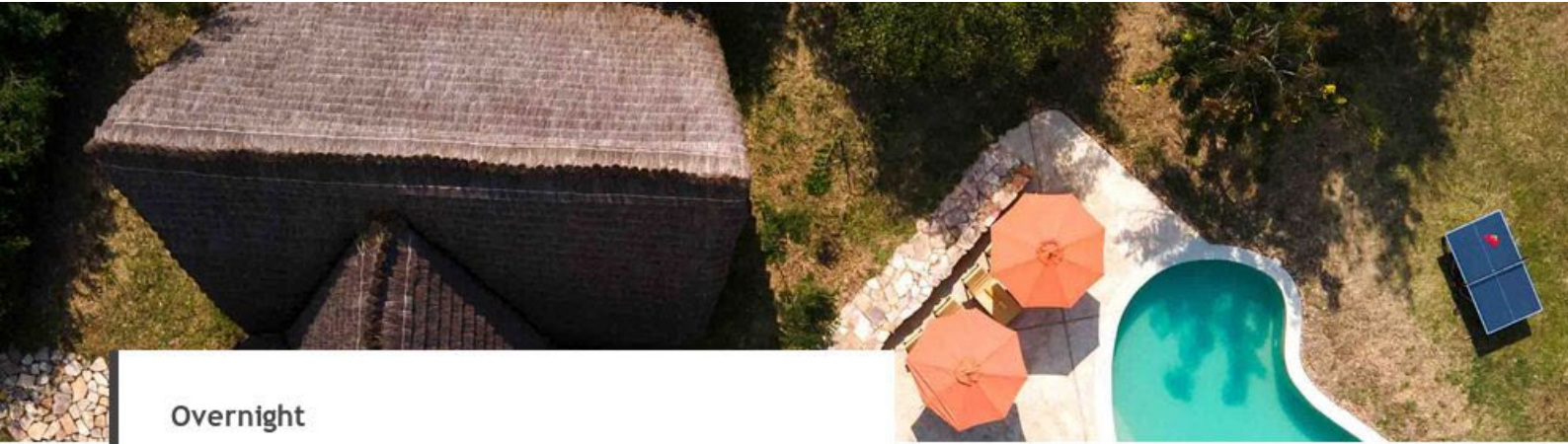
08:25 - 11:25: Scheduled Flight from Kisoro Airport to Entebbe International Airport [EBB]

| Scheduled Flight

12:00 - 13:05: Scheduled Flight from Entebbe International Airport [EBB] to Pakuba Airfield [PAF]

| Transfer

Transfer from Pakuba Airfield [PAF] to Nile Safari Lodge



Overnight

Nile Safari Lodge

Nile Safari Lodge is a luxury eco-friendly safari lodge located on the Victoria Nile River banks in Uganda. The lodge is situated in the heart of the Murchison Falls National Park and offers spectacular views of the river and endless game viewing opportunities. Accommodation includes eight secluded bandas equipped with en-suite facilities, a private view deck with deck chairs and a mosquito net. Guests may enjoy delicious meals at the on-site restaurant.

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Deluxe Banda

Our six bandas provide a high level of luxury and service inclusive of a traditional freestanding bathtub; perfect for relaxing and enjoying the evening views. A monsoon high-pressure indoor shower, vital for the early morning safari game drives and an outdoor shower designed to embrace the beauty of the nature surrounding your banda.

[Further Information >](#)

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Activities

Wild Frontiers Game Drive Murchison Falls

Planned, Afternoon: Wild Frontiers Game Drive Murchison Falls is a game drive in Murchison Falls National Park that includes a ferry crossing.

Day 6

Murchison Falls National Park

| Day Notes

Have a morning game drive and afternoon boatripe to the bottom of the falls.

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Activities

Wild Frontiers Game Drive Murchison Falls

Planned, Morning: Wild Frontiers Game Drive Murchison Falls is a game drive in Murchison Falls National Park that includes a ferry crossing.

Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Bottom of the Falls Cruise

Planned, Afternoon: Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Bottom of the Falls Cruise is a three-hour scheduled and private cruise from park headquarters to the head of Fajao Gorge at the base of Murchison Falls. Passengers can witness the mighty force of the Nile River pushing through a narrow seven-metre gap, cascading down a forty-metre cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from their base are breathtaking. Large resident populations of hippo float in the water along the way, groups of crocodile bask on the shore, and herds of elephant, buffalo and antelope can be seen moving along the riverbanks. The river offers spectacular opportunities for bird watchers, with a wide range of water birds and vibrant Bee-eaters nesting in the cliffs along the river's bank.

Day 7

Murchison Falls National Park

| Day Notes

Have a morning delta boatripe to the Nile delta in search of the shoebill. After have a bush breakfast. In the afternoon have a game drive in the park.

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Activities

Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Delta Cruise

Planned, Morning: The Victoria Nile delta, a 20km voyage downstream from Paraa is home to rare wetland birds including the elusive shoebill and papyrus endemic species. This leisurely cruise aboard a Kingfisher/Alligator boat down to Lake Albert offers the opportunity to spot elephant, hippo and large Nile crocodiles. The trip lasts approximately 4-5 hours and departs at 7 am from a jetty at Paraa on the South Bank of the Nile River.

Bush Breakfast

Murchison Falls National Park Game Drive

Planned, Afternoon: The Murchison Falls National Park Game Drive takes place in the Murchison Falls National Park. The main areas of the drive are the Delta, Buligi Peninsula and the southern section which is known as the heart of Murchison. The Delta allows visitors an opportunity to see Lions, while the triangle of grassland in the Buligi Peninsula provides an opportunity to see elephant, buffalo, antelopes, and giraffes. This grassland is bound by the Victoria Nile entering Lake Albert with the Albert Nile flowing out of it. Lions, leopard, and waterbirds along with hippos can also be spotted here. Much of the southern part is populated with dense bush and forest, where lions and giraffes can also be seen.

Day 8 - 9

Murchison Falls National Park

Day Notes

Morning Chimpanzee trekking in Budongo Forest and in the afternoon visit to the top of the falls

Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Activities

Budongo Forest Chimp Tracking

Wild Frontiers Murchison Falls Top of the Falls Walk

Planned, Afternoon: Some of the most powerful moving water in the world, the top of Murchison Falls sees the entirety of the Nile River squeeze itself through a mere 7-meter gap; an epic display of nature's power. A trail runs down the side of the gorge, allowing the opportunity to view the main falls, and the second "Independence" falls. The views are spectacular and the spray of the falls really refreshing. The walk takes approximately 45 minutes and requires average fitness.



Day 9 - 10

Entebbe

| Day Notes

This morning after breakfast, you will drive to Pakuba Airstrip and fly to Entebbe and you will be transferred to your accommodation for an overnight.

| Transfer

Transfer from Nile Safari Lodge to Pakuba Airfield [PAF]

| Scheduled Flight

13:15 - 16:15: Scheduled Flight from Pakuba Airfield [PAF] to Entebbe International Airport [EBB]

| Transfer

Transfer from Entebbe International Airport [EBB] to The Boma Hotel Entebbe



Overnight

The Boma Hotel Entebbe

Double Room

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| Basis

B&B: Bed and Breakfast



Day 10 - 11

Nairobi

Situated along the Nairobi River in beautiful Kenya, the capital of Nairobi is East Africa's most cosmopolitan city. It serves as an excellent starting point for African safari trips around Kenya. Nairobi is Africa's 4th largest city and is a vibrant and exciting place to be. There are some fascinating attractions: its cafe culture, unbridled nightlife, the National Museum, the Karen Blixen Museum and most notably, just 20 minutes from the city centre, wild lions and buffalo roam in the world's only urban game reserve. Make sure you pay a visit to the elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust for a once in a lifetime experience.

| Day Notes

In the morning you will transfer to Entebbe International airport for your flights to Nairobi.

| Transfer

Transfer from The Boma Hotel Entebbe to Entebbe International Airport [EBB]

| Scheduled Flight

10:50 - 12:00: Scheduled Flight from Entebbe International Airport [EBB] to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]

| Transfer

Transfer from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO] to Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport



Overnight

Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

Crown Plaza Nairobi Airport is the only official hotel located at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The hotel offers 144 spacious, adaptable, contemporarily designed rooms consisting of suites, interconnecting rooms, double and twin rooms, convenient for business, family and leisure travellers. The hotel features a contemporary café with an around-the-clock menu offering local and global cuisine, and a coffee shop, a conference centre, and three meeting rooms.

| Basis

B&B: Bed and Breakfast



Day 11 - 14

Masai Mara National Reserve

One of Kenya's undisputed natural highlights is the Masai Mara National Reserve, which sprawls across more than 1500 square kilometres of the country's southwest. The park protects a phenomenal array of game, including elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo, as well as crocodile and hippopotamus in the Mara River. The birdlife is no less impressive, with over 450 resident bird species. However, the true highlight here is the Great Migration, recognised as one of the Seven New Wonders of the World. To survive the dry months of July to September, some 1.7 million wildebeest, migrate from the parched plains of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. Along with much smaller numbers of antelope, buffalo and zebra, they move to the more forgiving grasslands of the Masai Mara. In their wake come predators such as lion, hyena and cheetah, for whom these giant herds are an easy source of prey.

Transfer

Transfer from Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport to Wilson Airport [WIL]

Scheduled Flight

10:30 - 11:00: Scheduled Flight from Wilson Airport [WIL] to Musiara Airstrip (Governor's)

Transfer

Transfer from Musiara Airstrip (Governor's) to Little Governors' Camp



Overnight

Little Governors' Camp

The award-winning Little Governors' is intimate in character, with just 17 luxury ensuite tents dotted around a large watering hole that teems with both birds and wildlife. The camp is approached by a boat ride across the Mara River, then an escorted walk through the riverine forest. Vehicles are left on the far river bank, and the camp is therefore quiet and undisturbed. The guest tents at Little Governors' have wooden decks with large verandahs for guests to enjoy the constant game activity that takes place around the camp's watering hole. Guests may need to make way for elephants which often visit the camp.

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Tent

The guest tents at Little Governors' are all tucked into the forest overlooking a waterhole frequented by a myriad of animals. Each one is spacious with an en-suite bathroom, with polished wooden decks and large verandas to enable guests to relax and enjoy the panorama of animals visiting the watering hole in front.

Breakfast and lunch are served in the open air, and the resident family of warthogs frequently wander amongst the tables. Since all Governors' properties are unfenced and in the heart of the Reserve, elephants may also stroll past. In the evening a warming log fire burns in front of the Bar Tent, and dinner is served in the nearby Dining Tent.

[Further Information >](#)

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Activities



Governors' Balloon Safaris

Optional: The adventure begins just before dawn. Departure is from a perfect natural launch site behind Little Governors' Camp, and flames from the hot air balloon burners light the darkness as the crews inflate their craft. The first, pink tongues of sunlight flicker across the skies as the hot air balloon fills, then rises. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow-coloured canopy, you're off for a game-viewing adventure with an entirely

different perspective. What amazes most first-time balloonists is the absolute stillness: the silence as you float above the plains, the forest and the rivers of the Masai Mara. Even if you've flown elsewhere, this is a unique experience. The flight lasts an hour or so, drifting wherever the air currents take you, and with ample opportunities for photography and video filming. Then your Kenyan Hot Air Balloon Safari finishes with a flourish. In the time honoured tradition of balloon flights the world over, you toast your return to earth with a champagne breakfast, cooked wherever you land. The Balloon Safari ends with some leisurely game viewing on the way back to Camp.



Mara Plains Game Drives



Day 14 - 16

Masai Mara

The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park, the Masai Mara National Reserve. The image of acacia trees dotting endless grass plains epitomises Africa for many, then add a Maasai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further. The undeniable highlight of the Masai Mara National Reserve is undoubtedly the annual wildebeest migration traversing the vast plains of the Serengeti and the Masai Mara. It is known as the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. Large prides of lions, herds of elephants, as well as giraffes, gazelles and eland can also be spotted in the reserve. Aside from horse riding safaris and traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Mara plains has become almost essential.

| Transfer

Transfer from Little Governors' Camp to Talek Gate

| Transfer

Transfer from Talek Gate to Elewana Sand River Masai Mara



Overnight

Elewana Sand River Masai Mara

Situated along the banks of a river from which it has taken its name, Elewana Sand River Masai Mara is located within the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya on a secluded and picturesque site. The camp enjoys stunning views over the Sand River and out to the neighbouring grassy hills and plains of Tanzania.

The camp sits on the migration route for the millions of wildebeest, zebra and Thompson's gazelle that move between Serengeti and Maasai Mara every year. Guests enjoy the privilege of exclusive views of the plains and hills dotted with thousands of animals as well as being in the thick of the excitement of frenetic and famed river crossings, all from the comfort of camp.

Comprising of 16 tented accommodations, Elewana Sand River Masai Mara replicates the heyday of exclusive permanent tented camps of the late 1920's.

Divided into two separate but adjoining campsites of 10 and 6 tents, each area possessing its own designated dining and public areas, Elewana Sand River Masai Mara provides an atmosphere of exclusivity and class.

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Safari Tents

Elewana Sand River Masai Mara has 16 luxury tented accommodations divided into two separate but adjoining campsites of 10 and 6 tents. Each "camp" possesses its own designated dining and public areas, thereby creating an increased sense of exclusivity and privacy.

The interior fixtures and furnishings mirror this period perfectly, reminding all who visit of those countless Hollywood movies that have paid homage to a classic era of African adventure.

There are 4 twin and 11 double tents.

[Further Information >](#)

| Basis

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Day 16 - 17

Overnight Travel

| Day Notes

Sadly, this is your final day in Africa, so we've planned a wonderful day of highlights in Nairobi. You will visit Karen Blixen's home, where she wrote "Out of Africa". You will hand feed the Giraffes at the famous Giraffe Center and then you will enjoy a relaxed dinner at Cultiva, a fabulous farm-to-plate dining experience that is quickly establishing an enviable culinary reputation.

Transfer

Transfer from Elewana Sand River Masai Mara to Keekorok Airstrip

Overnight Scheduled Flight

23:50: Overnight Scheduled Flight from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO] to Dubai International Airport [DXB]

Scheduled Flight

11:15 - 13:00: Scheduled Flight from Keekorok Airstrip to Wilson Airport [WIL]

Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Wilson Airport [WIL] to Karen Blixen Museum

Transfer

Transfer from Karen Blixen Museum to Giraffe Centre

Transfer

Transfer from Giraffe Centre to Cultiva Kenya

Transfer

Transfer from Cultiva Kenya to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]

Activities



Karen Blixen Museum

Planned: The Karen Blixen Museum was once the home of the Danish author Karen Blixen. The renowned author made famous by the release of the Oscar winning movie 'Out of Africa', based on Karen's autobiography of the same title. The museum displays many pieces of the author's furniture and has a splendid view of the Ngong Hills, immortalized in Karen Blixen's opening line, "I had a farm in Africa at the foot of the Ngong Hills."

The Karen Blixen Museum is open to the public every day, with guided tours on offer. The museum shop features handicrafts, posters, postcards, the movie 'Out of Africa', as well as books and other Kenyan souvenirs.



Giraffe Centre

Planned: The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya (A.F.E.W. Kenya) also known as the Giraffe Centre is a non-governmental, non-profit making organization, which was founded by Betty and Jock Leslie-Melville in 1979. This was in a bid to save the endangered Rothschild Giraffe, which had lost its natural habitat in Western Kenya to agriculture and there were only 130 left in the wild. Funds were raised and 4 herds of the

Rothschild giraffes were moved to 4 parks namely Lake Nakuru National Park, Mwea Game Reserve, Ruma National Park and Nasalot Game Reserve.

Cultiva Kenya

Information, 18:00: Cultiva Kenya in Nairobi is a high-end farm-to-table restaurant with an ever-evolving menu made with some of Kenya's finest organic produce.

Day 17 - 18

Overnight Travel

Overnight Scheduled Flight

05:55: Arrive at Dubai International Airport [DXB]

Overnight Scheduled Flight

09:55: Overnight Scheduled Flight from Dubai International Airport [DXB] to Melbourne International Airport [MEL]

Day 18

End of Itinerary

Overnight Scheduled Flight

06:25: Arrive at Melbourne International Airport [MEL]

Transport

Flights

Date & Time	Route	Flight
Day 1, 21:15 Day 2, 05:15	Depart: Melbourne International Airport [MEL] Arrive: Dubai International Airport [DXB]	Emirates [EK], 407 (Overnight Scheduled Flight)
Day 2, 09:55 Day 2, 14:25	Depart: Dubai International Airport [DXB] Arrive: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	Emirates [EK], 729 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 3, 07:00 Day 3, 08:50	Depart: Entebbe International Airport [EBB] Arrive: Kisoro Airport	Bar Aviation [HE], 711 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 5, 08:25 Day 5, 11:25	Depart: Kisoro Airport Arrive: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	Bar Aviation [HE], 712 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 5, 12:00 Day 5, 13:05	Depart: Entebbe International Airport [EBB] Arrive: Pakuba Airfield [PAF]	Bar Aviation [HE], 721 (Scheduled Flight)

Day 9, 13:15 Day 9, 16:15	Depart: Pakuba Airfield [PAF] Arrive: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	Bar Aviation [HE], 722 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 10, 10:50 Day 10, 12:00	Depart: Entebbe International Airport [EBB] Arrive: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	Kenya Airways [KQ], 421 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 11, 10:30 Day 11, 11:00	Depart: Wilson Airport [WIL] Arrive: Musiara Airstrip (Governor's)	AirKenya Express Limited [P2], 853 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 16, 11:15 Day 16, 13:00	Depart: Keekorok Airstrip Arrive: Wilson Airport [WIL]	AirKenya Express Limited [P2], 854 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 16, 23:50 Day 17, 05:55	Depart: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO] Arrive: Dubai International Airport [DXB]	Emirates [EK], 722 (Overnight Scheduled Flight)
Day 17, 09:55 Day 18, 06:25	Depart: Dubai International Airport [DXB] Arrive: Melbourne International Airport [MEL]	Emirates [EK], 406 (Overnight Scheduled Flight)

Transfers

Date & Time	Route	Vehicle
Day 2, 14:25 Day 2	Pick Up: Entebbe International Airport [EBB] Drop Off: The Boma Hotel Entebbe	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 3 Day 3	Pick Up: The Boma Hotel Entebbe Drop Off: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 3 Day 3	Pick Up: Kisoro Airport Drop Off: Mount Gahinga Lodge	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 5 Day 5	Pick Up: Mount Gahinga Lodge Drop Off: Kisoro Airport	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 5 Day 5	Pick Up: Pakuba Airfield [PAF] Drop Off: Nile Safari Lodge	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 9 Day 9	Pick Up: Nile Safari Lodge Drop Off: Pakuba Airfield [PAF]	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 9 Day 9	Pick Up: Entebbe International Airport [EBB] Drop Off: The Boma Hotel Entebbe	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
Day 10 Day 10	Pick Up: The Boma Hotel Entebbe Drop Off: Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	Speke Uganda Holidays, Transfer
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Day 14	Drop Off: Talek Gate	
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Day 14	Drop Off: Elewana Sand River Masai Mara	
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Day 16	Drop Off: Keekorok Airstrip	
Day 16	Pick Up: Wilson Airport [WIL]	Private Guided Trip, Ref: Day tour around Nairobi
Day 16	Drop Off: Karen Blixen Museum	
Day 16	Pick Up: Karen Blixen Museum	Transfer
Day 16	Drop Off: Giraffe Centre	
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Travel Information

| Travel Guidance

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Country Uganda

Uganda, or the 'Pearl of Africa', as it was famously dubbed by Winston Churchill, is characterised by relatively dry and flat savanna in the north, with verdant mountains in the West, and vast dense and remarkably lush forests in the central region. The nation is home to an astonishingly diverse range of African wildlife including the highly endangered mountain gorilla which can be found in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. A popular spot for wildlife watching is Queen Elizabeth National Park, which hosts four of the Big Five, a flock of flamboyant flamingos and the rare tree-climbing lions of Ishasha. Outdoor enthusiasts can get their adrenaline fix with plenty of whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking, quad biking and horse riding facilities on offer. Add to this some friendly locals, a burgeoning cultural scene, and a capital city full of lively bars, clubs and restaurants, and it is easy to see why Uganda has gained itself a reputation as 'Africa's friendliest country'.

| Banking and Currency

Currency

The local currency is the Uganda Shilling (UGX). Notes are in denominations of UGX50,000, 20,000, 10,000, 5,000, 2,000 and 1,000. Coins are in denominations of UGX500, 200, 100, 50, 10, 5, 2 and 1. However, UGX1,000 notes are soon to be replaced by coins. Try not to accept very old or damaged notes where possible, as some places may refuse to take them.

The US dollar, euro and pound sterling are all recognised currencies in Uganda, and both euros and dollars are now widely accepted for cash payments. Other international currencies may also be accepted in some places in the major cities, although visitors may struggle with other currencies in

The import and export of local currency is prohibited. Import of foreign currency is unlimited if declared upon arrival. Export of foreign currency must not exceed the amount declared upon arrival.

Foreign currency may be exchanged at the Central Bank, commercial banks and foreign exchange bureaux. Be aware that dollar notes from before 2006 will not be accepted for exchange. smaller towns.

Banking

Banking hours: Generally Mon-Fri 08h30-14h00, Sat 09h00-12h00. Forex bureaux are open until 17h00 and able to do electronic transfers to and from overseas.

American Express, Diners, MasterCard and Visa credit cards are sometimes accepted but not widely used. Some large hotels, restaurants, travel agencies and shops in urban areas accept credit cards.

ATMs are available in the larger cities but ATM services in smaller towns and rural areas are limited. It is advisable to check with your bank to see if your card is compatible with Ugandan ATMs.

Traveller's cheques are not widely accepted outside Kampala. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travellers are advised to take traveller's cheques in US Dollars or Pounds Sterling. It is advised that travellers bring sufficient US dollars in cash in case of emergencies. Higher denomination bills usually give a better exchange rate than smaller notes.

| Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Fly Uganda (www.flyuganda.com), Eagle Air (www.flyeagleairuganda.com) and Aerolink (www.aerolinkuganda.com) offer scheduled and charter internal flights.

Domestic bus travel is cheap, but departures aren't always on schedule. There are two classes of bus travel – matatu (minibus) or kigati (van) which travel fixed routes, and larger coaches or buses.

Self-drive and hiring a private car with a driver are other options. International hire companies are based near Entebbe International Airport and in the centre of Kampala. A four-wheel drive is recommended for rural areas. The speed limit is 80kph (50mph) or 100kph (62mph) on highways. Most car hire companies include breakdown cover. The Automobile Association of Uganda (www.aau.co.ug) can provide information and assistance. An International Driving Permit and adequate third-party insurance is required. UK driving licences are accepted. Drivers must carry their vehicle log books and must pay for a temporary road licence.

Whilst some major roads are paved, the majority of minor and side roads are unpaved and can be bumpy and pot-holed, so drive with caution, especially in the rainy season. The roads are of variable quality and radiate from Kampala, although the network is sparse in the north. Whilst some major roads are paved, the majority of minor and side roads are unpaved and can be bumpy and pot-holed, so drive with caution, especially in the rainy season. Note that there are still some army and police checkpoints on roads. Always keep vehicle doors locked and valuables out of sight.

Private taxis are identifiable by their black and white stripes. Boda-bodas (motorbike taxis) are often a cheaper option and, whilst fun, are not for the faint-hearted. Don't be afraid to ask your driver to slow down if necessary as accidents are common.

Cycling in Uganda requires nerves of steel; many roads are dusty or under construction and motor vehicles rarely allow cyclists room. Always wear a helmet and use rear-view mirrors. Avoid cycling at night.

Uganda's coach and bus services connect all major towns. The Post Office's Post Bus Service (www.ugapost.co.ug) offers relatively comfortable buses and is more safety-aware than some other bus companies.

Most major routes are also covered by smaller white mini-buses. These are faster than coaches, but drivers wait until they are full before leaving and departure times are not fixed.

A passenger ferry links Nakiwogo Dock, south of Entebbe to Lutoboka on Buggala in the Ssesse Islands on Lake Victoria. There is also a free vehicle ferry which runs from Bukakata, 40km (25 miles) east of Masaka, to Buggala. Lake taxis also link some of the other islands.

Passenger boats can be overloaded in Uganda and there have been several accidents, usually during the rainy season which can bring storms and high winds. Always makes sure boats have life jackets before you set off.

| Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

All water should be regarded as being a potential health risk. Water used for drinking, brushing teeth or making ice should be boiled or otherwise sterilised. Milk is unpasteurised and should be boiled. Powdered or tinned milk is available and is advised. Avoid dairy products which are likely to have been made from unboiled milk. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish, preferably served hot. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit should be peeled.

Ugandan cuisine draws on English, Arab and Asian – especially Indian – influences and uses home-grown local produce including plantains, sweet potatoes, corn, beans and cassava. It's easy to eat cheaply almost anywhere in the country. International restaurants can be found in larger towns, with Indian, Chinese and Italian being the most popular.

Traditional foods include ugali (solidified maize meal porridge) served with a stew of groundnuts (peanuts), beans, chicken or meat such as beef, goat or mutton. Game can be found on menus in some restaurants and at safari lodges. Fish including the tiger fish, mukini, mputa and tilapia are popular.

Vegetarians may struggle outside of major towns, but Uganda's Indian and Chinese restaurants generally offer a selection of vegetarian dishes. Traditional desserts include mandazi, a doughnut often served with cinnamon or sugar.

Although always appreciated, tipping is not standard practice. It is normal to tip 5 to 10% at tourist-orientated restaurants.

| Climate and Weather

Uganda has a tropical climate, with temperatures ranging from 21-25°C (70- 77°F), apart from in the mountainous areas, which are much cooler; the top of Mount Elgon is often covered with snow. The hottest months are December to February. Evenings can feel chilly after the heat of the day with temperatures around 12- 16°C (54- 61°F).

Most regions of Uganda, apart from the dry area in the north, have an annual rainfall of between 1,000mm and 2,000mm. There is heavy rain between March and May and between October and November, when road travel can become difficult in parts of the country. The best time for trekking is during the dry seasons, between January and February and June to September. Wildlife viewing is best at the end of the dry seasons, when game is more concentrated around water sources.

| Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Lightweight clothes with a warm cover-up for the evenings are advised. Take a pair of good walking shoes or boots for forest trekking, and long-sleeved tops to protect against mosquitoes. If you're planning to go to mountainous areas, be sure to take warm clothing, as temperatures drop substantially. White clothes won't stay white for long

with Uganda's red dust roads, so go for darker colours. Travellers can also pick up bargains at second-hand clothes markets in Kampala, Jinja and Fort Portal, which sell trousers, boots and fleeces.

| Internet Availability

There are internet cafés in most large towns. Access in smaller towns and rural areas is limited.

| Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Uganda are the "Type G " British BS-1363 type. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Uganda usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters do not change the voltage, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. North American sockets supply electricity at between 110 and 120 volts, far lower than in most of the rest of the world. Consequently, North American appliances are generally built for 110-120 volts.



Country
Kenya

Resting in the magnificent Great Rift Valley and presided over by the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya is characterised by hauntingly beautiful natural landscapes of forested hills, patchwork farms, wooded savanna and vast forests brimming with an extraordinary abundance of wildlife. The nation's diverse range of traditional African cultures is influenced by over 70 unique ethnic groups from the Maasai, Samburu, Kikuyu, and Turkana

tribes to the Arabs and Indians that settled on the coast. Add to this: an exquisite tropical coastline fringed with breathtaking golden sand beaches; gorgeous coral gardens providing excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities; and a slew of lively beach resorts, and it is easy to see why so many visitors flock here from around the world to experience a truly unique African adventure in one of the world's most pristine safari destinations.

| Banking and Currency

Currency

The currency of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES; symbol KSh) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of KSh1,000, 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5. Residents may import up to KES 500,000 and must declare if currencies exceeding US \$10,000. Non-residents may import local and foreign currencies without restrictions but amounts exceeding US \$10,000 must be declared.

Banking

Banking hours: Monday -Friday 09h00-15h00, and Saturdays 09h00-12h00. Banks in Mombasa and the coastal areas open and close half an hour earlier. Banks in airports tend to open earlier and close later; typical hours are 07h00-19h00.

ATMs are common especially in major tourist destinations.

Mastercard and Visa Credit Cards are widely accepted; American Express and Diners Club less so. Major hotels accept payment by credit card, as do major safari companies, travel agencies and restaurants.

Very few banks or foreign exchange bureaus accept travellers cheques; when they do, they charge high commissions.

| Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Nairobi has two airports for domestic and regional flights: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Wilson Airport. Kenya has over 150 domestic airports and airstrips and there are daily flights to the most popular destinations. In addition to the scheduled airlines, several private charter companies operate out of Wilson Airport.

Kenya Airways, Air Kenya, Fly 540, Mombasa Air Safari, and Safarilink serve the most popular safari destinations, plus many others such as Lake Victoria.

All other types of transport are good and efficient. Quality on trains can differ depending on which 'class' you buy.

Drive on the left side of the road.

Road conditions vary, and are improving.

| Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Meat in Kenya is generally outstandingly good, and 'nyam achoma' (barbecued meat) is ubiquitous at any major feasts or popular dining spots. Beef and chicken are readily available, but goat is the most-widely eaten among locals and certainly a must try for carnivorous visitors. Middle Eastern and Indian cuisine is also popular, as are fresh-water fish inland, and sea fish along the coast.

Drinking the tap water is not recommended as the supply is not reliable, but bottled water is available in most places. When buying bottled water, check the seal of the bottle is intact. Alternatively, bring your own reusable water bottle with a filter or use water purification tablets. Avoid ice and washed salads and fruit except in top

hotels and restaurants. Milk is pasteurised and dairy products are safe for consumption. Food prepared by unlicensed vendors should be avoided at all times.

Tipping is optional. Most hotels and restaurants include a 10% service charge in the bill. If they don't, a small tip is customary for good service.

| **Climate and Weather**

Kenya has three types of climate: temperate subtropical climate in the west and southwest highlands (where Nairobi is located), hot and humid along the coast, and hot and dry in the north and east.

| **Clothing and Dress Recommendations**

For Nairobi and the coast: lightweight cotton and linens are advised. Warmer clothing is needed in June and July, while rainwear is advisable between March and June, and October and December.

For safari: loose-fitting and light neutral tones are recommended. If you are visiting a luxury lodge, pack a nice set of clothes for dinner is recommended.

| **Internet Availability**

Wi-Fi is readily available in major cities and hotels, as well as in luxury game lodges.

| **Electricity and Plug Standards**

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Electrical sockets in Kenya usually supply electricity at 220-240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. If your appliance isn't compatible with 220-240 volts, a voltage converter will be necessary.

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