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WHO IS KIFARU AFRICAN EXPEDITIONS LTD



Most Kifaru African Expeditions Safaris itineraries in Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda provide accommodations on a full-board basis in comfortable hotels, tents and lodges. Travel is by comprehensively insured Land cruisers (Jeeps) or Minibuses, which are 4-wheel drive vehicles, allowing our visitors to see the very best of the countryside and wildlife.

Most lodges and hotels in Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda have private facilities with comfortable rooms, restaurants, and bars. Some venues will have a swimming pool and game rooms. The Lodges in the national parks and lake sides are situated to provide excellent views of a rivers, lakes, watering holes, tea/sugarcane plantations, plains, or famous mountains and forests.

Normally, you will be picked up at the airport upon entering Uganda/Burundi and or Rwanda and chauffeured throughout your stay in Uganda/Rwanda/Burundi by our uniformed multi-lingual guides. Most package prices include; transportation, gorilla/chimpanzee trek permits, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) park entrance fees, water and other activities in the parks that are mentioned in the itinerary.



Game viewing is dependent upon the location of the animals at the time of your visit. No guarantee can be made that you will see any animal. Often, visitors who wish to view the Eastern Mountain Gorillas in their natural habitat choose to buy passes/permits on two consecutive days to better insure seeing the gorillas. In case one fails to see gorillas due to

illness, failure to locate, weather changes, concerned wildlife Authorities' trekking conditions will apply.

Our experienced guides strive to make your trip to East Africa an exciting and memorable experience and do everything he can to make your African adventure safe and comfortable.

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Uganda Primate Safari 2012 with Primatologist David Baluku
(Chimpanzee habituation experience and gorilla tracking)

Key information

- Dates: Through the months of January, February, March, April, June, July, August, September and October 2012
- Cost including two gorilla/chimpanzee permits)
- Group Size: Min 2 persons, max 6 persons
- Duration: 14 days
- Safari Host: Primatologist David Baluku

Price:

No. Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax
Price PP US\$	5,478	5,042	4,587	4,522	4,533

The Albertine Rift Valley

This is a once in a lifetime safari that brings together two must do activities, trekking the endangered Mountain Gorillas and chimpanzees of Bwindi and Kibale forest. Chimpanzee habituation experiences will be the major activities in Kibale forest national park. In addition to the activities is the watching of herds of game travel across the rolling savannahs of East Africa. This trip will traverse the western edge of the Great Rift Valley, known as the Albertine Rift Valley. Our route will take in [Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary](#), [Murchison Falls National Park](#) (MFNP), [Kibale Forest national park](#), [Queen Elizabeth National Park](#) (QENP), [Bwindi Impenetrable National Park](#) (BINP) and finally [Lake Mbuoro National Park](#) (LMNP). As well as the chance to photograph the endangered Mountain Gorilla you will also get the chance to photograph elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, zebra, antelope, hippopotamus and crocodile as well as a dazzling variety of birds. In 2012 The Kifaru African Expedition Company will be running several exclusive trips in Uganda catering for a maximum number of six persons per trip and minimum two persons. If you want to join us then get in touch as soon as possible. Book your place and begin preparing for your dream primate safari in Uganda.

Safari Highlights

- 14 days of photography in one of the world's top locations, the 'Pearl of Africa'.
- Two treks to meet the world's last remaining Mountain Gorillas face to face.
- Landscapes ranging from afro-montane forests, equatorial savannahs, to papyrus swamps.
- Maximum and minimum number of persons six and two on this safari.



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Price includes

- All entry fees to national parks including activities mentioned in the itinerary.
- All transport transfers, full board accommodation, and meals for the duration of the safari. Two Gorilla and chimpanzee habituation experience permits.
- The services of Guide David, and all guides, rangers and drivers including local taxes.
- A pre-trip information pack as soon as clients sign-up for a safari
- Includes two gorilla/chimpanzee permits.

Price excludes

- Return airfares to Entebbe, Uganda.
- All gratuities and tips for guides, rangers, drivers, and park and hotel staff.
- All drinks, visa fees, laundry services, items of a personal nature.
- All costs of insurance, passports, immunizations.

Kifaru African Expeditions Company

Kifaru African Expeditions Company was set up by David Baluku in 2006 with the singular vision of offering dedicated primate safaris in Uganda. These specialized primate safaris enable photographers to maximize their time in Uganda by offering tailor-made itineraries, specifically designed to make the most out of Uganda's beauty. The dedicated safaris offered by Kifaru African Expeditions Company are once in a lifetime experiences for photographers of all skill levels and every safari ensures that you return home with a new range of skills, life changing memories, and an incredible portfolio of Uganda's famous wildlife.

David Baluku

David is a social primatologist, and educator. Born and raised in Uganda, his connection to primates started all the way back in 1990 aged 18 years. After being chased by an olive baboon because of the banana he held in his hands on his first full day in Murchison falls national park, David was instantly hooked. In the intervening years David has managed to go through formal education (University at Kent and a post graduate diploma in endangered species management at ITC Jersey Islands-UK), taught in schools, set up charity organization (www.clwo.org) and later carried out research for his fast degree in anthropology. In 2005, David decided to unite his passion for wildlife and primate with his love of Uganda and worked at the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre as a Primate Keeper until 2004. Through this company David offers you the chance to join dedicated primate safaris that are informed by his deep knowledge of Uganda and its wildlife ensuring that



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each guest makes the most of each and every day he spend in Uganda. With his diverse experience in the wildlife, landscapes and peoples of Uganda, alongside his passion for primates, David is the ideal host to lead primate lovers through the spectacle of Uganda. On top of this, David speaks ,fluent English, French and Swahili.

What makes dedicated primate safaris special?

Dedicated primate safaris sole aim begins and ends with each primate lover desire to capture the essence of Africa's wildlife. Kifaru African Expeditions works tirelessly so that each primate lover is in the best position, at the right moment, every time when taking a look at primates at a close range as well as photographing. And when that moments comes we ensure that there is not someone else standing in front of you! Each primate lover will be guaranteed a dedicated row on each game drive or boat launch to ensure you have the optimum access to every photographic opportunity. Dedicated primate safaris allow primate lovers to spend as much time as they need to get the shots they desire. Decisions on which locations to visit and how long to stay at each site will be made by the clients on each safari when time allows. With Kifaru African Expeditions Company, if you want to spend the entire day out in the field to get that one shot, we will do everything we can to make sure you do not come back until you get it. Each primate lover will get personalised support from David both out on game drives in one to one tuition and also back at the lodges through a series of informal workshops. Importantly, each safari will involve as much photographic time as we can cram in.

Our dedicated primate safaris are not reserved for experienced and skilled photographers. Anyone who wants to travel to Africa and return with a collection of rewarding and memorable photographs and knowledge will get a great deal from our safaris. Kifaru African Expeditions Company welcomes partners or non- primate lovers/photographers on their safaris.



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Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Pre-trip: Arrival in Uganda

Accommodation on the first night will be at The Boma Guest house in Entebbe.

Day 2: Travel to Murchison Falls National Park (via Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary)

The first day of the safari will making the journey north to Murchison Falls National Park. On the way we will stop off at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Guests will have the chance to go on a walking safari and get up and close to these magnificent animals. We will stay at the stunning Paara Safari Lodge throughout our time in Murchison. A visit to the top of the Murchison falls is a memorable one before arrival at the hotel.

Day 3+4: Murchison Falls National Park

Days three and four will be spent entirely in Uganda's largest national park where the mighty Nile River flows through a gap of only a few metres. As well as game drives the trip will also take in a private boat launch which will allow you unrivalled views of the falls themselves as well as elephant, giraffe, buffalo, hippo and crocodile. Depending on the time of the day and luck, we may sight the lions and leopards during the game photo safari. Over night at Paara lodge.

Second boat cruise to the delta of the Victoria Nile will be another exciting activity when looking for the pre-historic shoe bill stork and many hippopotamus.

Day 5: Travel to Fort Portal (Kibale forest national park).

Day five sees the safari travel south towards Kibale forest National Park. The drive between Murchison and Kibale forest national parks involves a lot of hours on the road so we will spend a relaxing night at the elegant Primate Lodge within Kibale forest and get a chance to photograph the amazing chimpanzee in the area.



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Day 6 + 7: QENP

Days six and seven are spent exclusively in Kibale forest national park which supports 13 species of primates. The 795km² Kibale National Park contains one of the loveliest and most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda. This is home to a host of forest wildlife, most famously 13 species of primate including chimpanzee. Forest cover predominates in the northern and central parts of the park on the elevated Fort Portal plateau. Kibale is highest at the park's northern tip which stands 1590m above sea level. Northern Kibale is also the wettest area, receiving a mean annual rainfall of up to 1700mm, mostly during March-May and September-November. The climate is generally pleasant with a mean annual temperature range of 14-27°C. Temperatures are highest (and rainfall lower) in the south where the terrain drops down onto the hot rift valley floor and forest gives way to open grassland.

Southern Kibale adjoins Queen Elizabeth National Park and together these protected areas maintain a 180km long migration corridor for-wildlife which extends from Ishasha, the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth NP, to the Sebitoli forest in the north of Kibale.

The Kibale-Fort Portal area is one of Uganda's most rewarding areas to explore. The park lies close to the tranquil Ndali-Kasenda crater area.

Two days chimpanzee habituation Experience

The Chimpanzee Habituation Experience (CHEX) allows you to search for a community of chimpanzee which is under-going habituation. Habituation is a process whereby wild animals get used to human presence without altering their natural behaviour. This takes a whole day and early visitors may be able to see the spectacular scene of chimps de-nesting between 6:00 -6:30 am, feeding, copulating, hunting, breast feeding, resting, patrolling and displaying until they build new nests and retire for the night around 7.00 pm. The Habituation experience runs throughout the year. To enjoy this activity, you will need packed lunch, enough water and raingear.

Day 8 + 9: Travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park. QENP has a number of mammal species and a remarkable 612 species of birds. Residents of the park include elephants, cape buffalo, Uganda kob, waterbuck, warthog, giant forest hog, lion, leopard and hyena. The safari will take in a private boat



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launch along the famous Kazinga Channel and drives to photograph the stunning crater lakes. We will spend our time staying in the fabulous Mweya Safari Lodge. Day Nine sees the safari travel to Ishasha, home to the famous Ishasha Tree Climbing Lions. Ishasha lies 100Km south of the northern sector of QENP and provides a true wilderness experience. At Ishasha, we will stay at the exclusive Ishasha Wilderness Tented Camp.

Day 10: Travel to Bwindi.

After a morning game drive and lunch at Ishasha Wilderness Camp, the trip will move on to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, home to half of the remaining Mountain Gorillas. After each trek we will be relaxing at the breathtaking Engagi Lodge.

Day 11 + 12: Bwindi

Days eleven and twelve will be spent tracking the Mountain Gorillas. As time spent with the gorillas is restricted to only one hour per visit, each primate lover will have two opportunities to visit the gorillas to maximize their chances of getting breathtaking photographs with these majestic animals. Overnight at Engagi Lodge.

Day 13: Travel to Lake Mburo

After a relaxing morning and a chance to rest tired legs, the safari will begin to make its way back to Entebbe. However on the way we will spend the last night at Lake Mburo National Park where photographers will be able to enjoy a boat trip as well as game drives. The group will spend the night at the classic Kimbla-Mantana Camp.

Day 14: Travel to Entebbe

Day fourteen of the trip will return us to Entebbe after a final morning game drive in Lake Mburo. For those not travelling immediately, accommodation will be provided at The Boma.

For more information please get in touch.

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- Gorilla permits are obtained from Uganda Wildlife Authority Gorilla offices in Kampala at a cost of **500 US dollars** each. This includes entry fees to the park, guide fee and community levy and government taxes. Due to competition on gorilla visit, the above mentioned amount of money for gorilla permit has to be transferred through the bank as soon as you confirm your trip to secure the place and to avoid inconveniences during the gorilla visit.
- Chimpanzee habituation experience fee of **220 US dollars** per person for kibale has to be paid at the parks head offices in Kampala.
- Cold weather jacket will be required for some time at night as some parks become cold at night and late evening. Include also light clothes (summer clothes) Temperature here ranges from 18 to 32 degrees centigrade.
- You will definitely need a jungle boot for forest walk and game safaris.
- Plenty of films.
- Weather here can change anytime, highway roads are tarmac but most roads in the national parks have maram or mud soil so sometimes it can be difficult to cruse. Of course you know this is Africa. A 4 wheel vehicle is always ready with us.



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LIABILITY AND CANCELLATION

CONDITION

Due to the nature of Safari Travel and the risks normally associated with it, **Kifaru African Expeditions Ltd** cannot accept responsibility for any eventuality resulting from illness, accident, injury, political risk, animal attack, loss of baggage and any other foreseen event which may occur whilst in use of or in contact with the property and services of **Kifaru African Expeditions Ltd**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of cancellations or reduction in numbers made:

- a. Between 35-20 days from the date of Travel, 10% of the total travel cost will be charged.
- b. Between 19-10 days from the date of Travel, 25% of the total travel cost will be charged.
- c. Between 09-02 days from the date of Travel, 100% of the total travel cost will be charged.

Payment conditions

- a. Gorilla/Chimpanzee permits payments will be required to be wired to our bank account as soon as the clients confirm their travel plan and this will depend on availability of space with the gorilla/chimpanzee reservations office either in Uganda or Rwanda.
- b. Kifaru African Expeditions Ltd will commit its financial resources as deposit on hotel/lodge accommodation reservations as soon as the clients confirm their travel plan.
- c. Total balance of the travel plan, will be required to be wired to our bank account 35 days prior to the arrival of the clients and or be paid cash to our office only if the clients are accompanied by the tour leader.
However, a special payment terms can be arranged with the partner agent.



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- d. Conditions for refund will apply on gorilla/chimpanzee permits. A copy here attached.
- e. Kifaru African Expeditions Ltd reserves the right to make alterations on the itinerary as long as it does not affect the activities mentioned in the original itinerary. At the time of gorilla/chimpanzee permits reservations and availability, this condition will apply.

Wish you the very best during your planning for travel and stay with us.

Gorilla Booking Procedure:

1. Booking Office

- Booking for all gorilla permits in Bwindi and Mgahinga is done at UWA Headquarters in Kampala. For permit fee information please check on the tariffs section.

2. Long Term (Two Years in Advance) Booking Allocations

- Advance booking shall be allowed up to two years as long as a deposit of 30% is made and the balance shall be paid 91 days to the tracking date. Late top up of 70% is not permitted but may be considered 7 days, and will attract a Surcharge of 20% beyond which deposit is forfeited without refund.
- 80% of all the gorilla permits in each month can be booked for two years in advance by the Association of Uganda Tour Operations (AUTO) members only. Foreign tour operators will book through local tour operators.
- Each tour operator (AUTO) shall book up to only 20 permits for that particular month on the day the booking opens, which is the first working day (Monday to Friday) of the month.

3. Short time booking (three months in advance)

- Individual trackers can buy from Uganda Wildlife Authority not more than 2 permits for the month. There is no guarantee, which dates or



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how many per day will be available. Booking can be done on the day the booking opens, which is the first working day of the month.

4. Permit Limits

- Permits not sold on the day the booking opens will be open for sale the following day with no limits on the number each tour operator would buy.

6. Refunds/ Cancellation Guidelines

- UWA shall refund 50% tracking fee, if the visitor fails to track due to illness, this will be at recommendation of the Warden in Charge and this clause only applies to visitors who have already tracked BINP or MGNP.
- Visitors who fail to track the gorillas (MGNP) as a result of their movement to the neighboring country shall receive a full refund on their permits. However, those who would have tracked the whole day and failed to view the gorillas for one reason or another will be refunded 75% of the tracking fee. All refunds shall be effected through the Reservation Office at UWA Headquarters in Kampala.

- UWA will retain the following percentages upon cancellations;

- 0 - 8 days to tracking date - no refund
- 9 - 45 days to tracking date - 75% (25% refund to client)
- 46-90 days to tracking date - 50%
- 91 days and above to tracking date - 25% (75% refund to client)

7. Any refund to be made on the 30% deposit shall be at the value of the permit.

8. Permits must be sold at face value, whoever sells at higher value will be penalized.

9. Primary sale of permits by individuals or tour companies anywhere is illegal. All permits MUST be sold by Uganda Wildlife Authority only.



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10. Payment for gorilla permits must be made directly to Uganda Wildlife Authority.

11. Reschedules of Permit Reservations

Reschedules of Permit reservations are not permitted, except if it is more than 91 days to tracking date and is within (7) seven days of rescheduled date.

This will attract a reschedule fee of 20%. Any other charges of the date will be considered as a cancellation and a re-booking. A cancellation policy will therefore apply and re-booking a new date at the full cost of a permit.

12. Payment Terms:

The acceptable payment methods are:

- Cash (Uganda Shillings, US dollars, GB Pounds, Euros),

Note: 1. US\$ notes below \$100 should be 2003 & above

2. US\$100 notes should be 2003 & above

- Bank Transfers (net of the bank charges)
- Traveler's Cheques (Present receipt of purchase at point of sale & 1% charge)

13. Time Limit

The tracking time is limited from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All visitors are expected back at the campground by 7:00 p.m.



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Gorilla Guidelines

- To minimize possible transmission of human diseases, visitors are asked to maintain a distance of 7m (about 22 feet) from the gorillas. If you are sick with a cold, flu or other contagious illness, please do not visit the gorillas.
- Viewing time is limited to one hour.
- Maximum 8 visitors per group.
- Spitting in the park is strictly prohibited.
- Should you need to cough, cover your mouth and turn away from the gorillas.
- When with the gorillas, keep your voice low.
- Try not to make rapid movements that may frighten the gorillas.
- If a gorilla should charge or vocalize at you, do not be alarmed, stand still, look away from the gorilla and follow your guide's directions.
- Do not litter.



To enhance your enjoyment:

- The security of our visitors is our highest priority. There is no need for concern about personal security.

Kifaru African Expeditions Bridging culture and nature