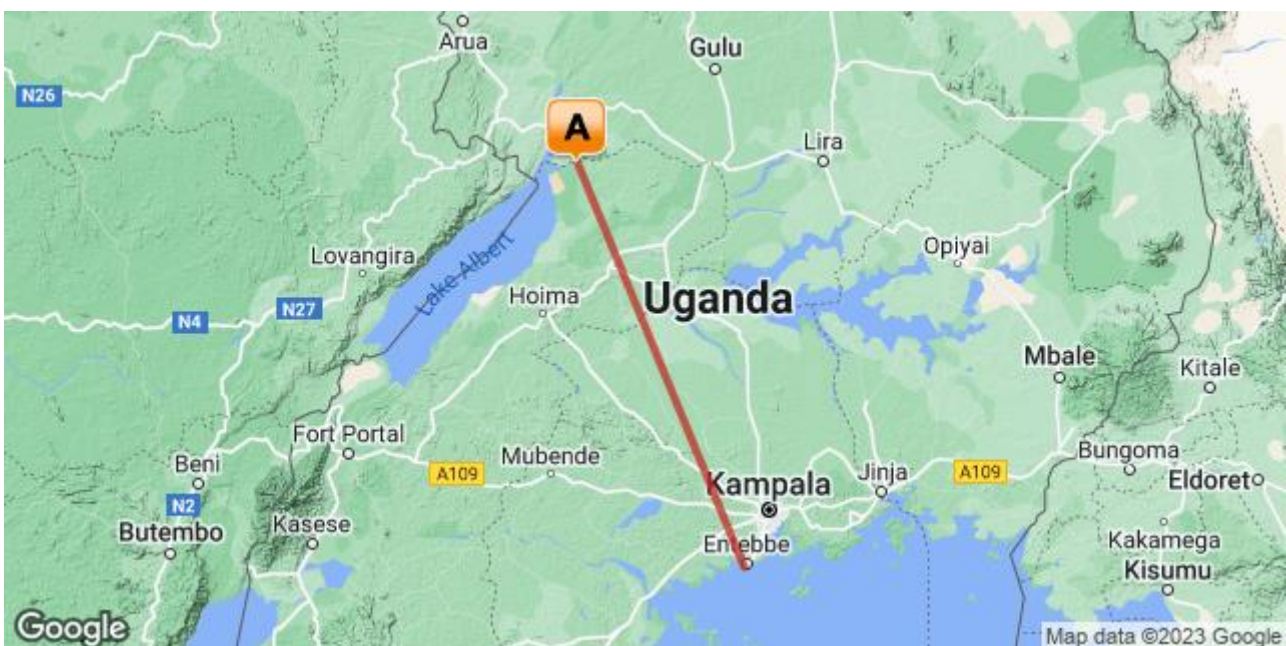


4 Day Murchison & Nile River Safari

Murchison Falls National Park

4 Days / 3 Nights



Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Twiga Safari Lodge	Murchison Falls National Park	FB	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Price

- Upon Application.

Included

- Scheduled lodge transfers in customised 4x4 vehicles with services of experienced English-speaking driver/guide
- Accommodation and Full Board
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge & Ishasha Wilderness Camp
- Drinking water in the vehicles
- Full liability insurance cover
- 24 hour emergency contact

Excluded

- Scheduled return domestic flights between Entebbe and Pakuba Airstrip MFNP
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses such as drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance

Day 1: Twiga Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park

Murchison Falls National Park

Murchison Falls National Park lies at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley, where the sweeping Bunyoro escarpment tumbles into vast, palm-dotted savannah. First gazetted as a game reserve in 1926, it is Uganda's largest and oldest conservation area, hosting 76 species of mammals and 451 species of birds.

The park is bisected by the Victoria Nile, which plunges 45 metres over the remnant rift valley wall, creating the dramatic Murchison Falls, the centrepiece of the park and the final event in an 80 metre stretch of rapids. The mighty cascade drains the last of the river's energy, transforming it into a broad, placid stream that flows quietly across the rift valley floor into Lake Albert. This stretch of river provides one of Uganda's most remarkable wildlife spectacles. Regular visitors to the riverbanks include elephants, giraffes and buffaloes while hippos, Nile crocodiles and aquatic birds are permanent residents.

Day Itinerary

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport for your scheduled domestic flight to Murchison Falls National Park.

The flying time is just over an hour (depending on routing and aircraft used). Upon arrival you will be met by your Wild Frontiers guide and be driven to Twiga Lodge, located just outside the national park boundaries at the edge of Murchison Falls National Park.

This is Uganda's largest national park, named for the dramatic Murchison Falls where the Nile, the world's longest river, explodes violently through a narrow cliff in the Rift Valley escarpment to plunge into a frothing pool 40 meters below. The Nile River is home to one of Africa's highest hippo and crocodile populations as well as a dazzling array of water birds, including the rare and elusive shoebill stork. The lush borassus grassland to the north of the river offers frequent sightings of elephants, buffalos, giraffes, a wide variety of antelopes and sometimes even an encounter with lions or leopard. Rabongo Forest in the southeast part of the park provides a lush tropical habitat for chimpanzees, monkeys and many other rainforest species.

After lunch embark on a three-hour cruise from park headquarters to the head of Fajao Gorge at the base of Murchison Falls. The park's most popular attraction since the 1950s, here is where the force of the mighty Nile River narrows to flow through a seven-meter gap, cascading down a forty-meter cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from their base are breath taking. Large resident populations of hippos' float in the water along the way, groups of crocodiles bask on the shore, and herds of elephant, buffalos and other antelope can be seen moving along the riverbanks searching for food. The river offers a spectacular opportunity for bird watchers, with a wide range of water birds and vibrant bee eaters nesting in the cliffs along the river's banks.

Overnight: Twiga Safari Lodge

Twiga Safari Lodge aims at providing clients with comfortable accommodation in the serene and relaxing environment of Uganda's wildlife. Twiga Safari lodge provides a scenic vantage point for viewing Uganda's wildlife lounging in the river during the day and grazing on land at night around the lodge. The accommodation design fuses camping tents with African thatched cottages elevated off the ground. This provides a heightened experience with nature in which clients are able to hear and view some animals all the while from the safety and comfort of their cottage.



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Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary
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Excluded

- Domestic flight Entebbe - Murchison Falls National Park
- Drinks at Twiga Lodge

Day 2: Twiga Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park**Day Itinerary**

In the morning depart with your guide to the northern sector of Murchison Falls National Park, an area rich in wildlife including lions, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, oribi, hartebeest, and countless reptiles and birds, including one of the park's more difficult species to spot, the rare shoebill stork. Crocodiles are also plentiful in this park.

In the afternoon embark on a short hike to the top of Murchison Falls where the force of the mighty Nile River narrows to flow through a seven meter gap, cascading down a forty meter cliff to the vast gorge below. The power of the falls and the scenic views from the top are breath taking. Walk along the top of the falls and feel the spray of the water and bask in the cool mist around you.

Overnight at Twiga Lodge

Activities

Murchison Falls National Park Game Drive
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Murchison Falls Top of the Falls Walk

Murchison Falls National Park Game Drive

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.

Murchison Falls Top of the Falls Walk

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.

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Included

- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary

Excluded

- Drinks at Twiga Lodge

Day 3: Twiga Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park**Day Itinerary**

In the morning embark on a half day boat trip into the Victoria Nile Delta, a 20 km cruise downstream from the park's headquarters. Home to a wide variety of wetland and papyrus endemic bird species, including the elusive shoebill stork, this three-to-four-hour cruise offers a unique opportunity to spot rarely found birds and animals such as hippo, elephants and large crocodiles. Travelling through the centre of Murchison Falls National Park, guests can experience the constantly changing scenery of the Nile River as it winds its way to Lake Albert.

Afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Twiga Lodge

Activities

Murchison Falls Delta Cruise
Murchison Falls National Park

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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.

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Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary

Excluded

- Drinks at Twiga Lodge
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Day 4: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, depart Murchison Falls National Park with your scheduled flight to Entebbe Airport.

End of services

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary
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Excluded

- Domestic flight Murchison Falls National Park -Entebbe
 - Lunch and Dinner Meals
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Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Pakuka Airstrip			
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Travel Information



Uganda, deservedly dubbed the Pearl of Africa, is located in the Great Lakes Region in central Africa and boasts an ecological diversity that rivals many larger countries. Here, Eastern Savannah meets West African jungle. Uganda really does offer visitors incredible diversity with its multitude of varying ecosystems. Bordered by the Rwenzori Mountains (often called the Mountains of the Moon, the 3rd highest in Africa), the Virunga Mountains, and Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, it's a beautiful country bursting with bird and wildlife.

In no other African destination can one see a comparable variety of primates with so little effort - not just the great apes but also more than ten monkey species. And, if Uganda will have primate enthusiasts grinning with satisfaction, it will have birdwatchers doing cartwheels. Uganda is, by far, the smallest of the four African countries in which more than 1,000 bird species have been recorded and it is particularly rich in western rainforest specialists - undoubtedly the finest bird watching in Africa.

For most, the highlight is found amongst the forests in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, where coming face to face with endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat is one of the most profound wildlife encounters you will ever experience. Discover tree-climbing lions around Ishasha in Queen Elizabeth National Park, trek chimps in Kibale Forest or Kyambura Gorge, or snatch massive Nile perch up north at Murchison Falls where the mighty Nile cascades through a gap just seven metres wide. Adrenaline junkies will find Jinja simply exhilarating; with its white-water rafting, kayaking, and bungee jumping activities. Jinja is rapidly emerging as East Africa's answer to the more southerly "adrenalin capital" Victoria Falls.

We invite you to explore Uganda, a diverse landscape with abundant wildlife, plenty to discover, and unique experiences. You'll struggle to find the words that do justice to when recounting your time in this jewel of a country.

Entry Requirements

Your passport must have a **minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months** from the date of entry into Uganda.

Please check visa requirements prior to travel with your booking agent or Wild Frontiers as requirements are regularly changed with little notice.

Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US\$55). **Visas cannot be obtained on arrival.** You must apply and pay for them online at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> **at least two weeks before your arrival.**

You are required to upload clear copies of your current passport, yellow fever certificate and a passport photo.

The online form will ask for your contact in Uganda: **Please contact G&C Tours (U) Ltd +256 (0) 772 721 479**

Should you have any problems in the online application process please request assistance from us.

Only Visa and Mastercard cards are accepted for visa payments. Once payment is made, the system will process your application and send you a barcoded email. Print out this email and bring it with you to Uganda. Upon arrival you should present the barcoded email to the immigration officer, who will scan the barcode, take your finger prints and photo and place a visa in your passport.

Alternatively, the Ugandan High Commissions may issue visas, where such commissions are located.

The following nationalities do not require a visa to enter Uganda: all nationalities from East African countries (Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi), all nationalities from COMESA countries (Angola, Eritrea, Malawi, Madagascar, Seychelles, Swaziland, Zambia, Comoros, Kenya, Mauritius, Zimbabwe), and passport holders from OTHERS (Antigua, Barbados, Fiji, Grenada, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, The Grenadines, Vanuatu, Cyprus, Bahamas, Belize, Gambia, Jamaica, Malta, Singapore, St. Vincent-Tonga and Ireland).

East Africa Tourist Visa

If you are planning an East Africa trip to include Uganda, Rwanda and/or Kenya, it may be better value to apply for a multiple entry visa – valid for 90 days for tourists only. Cost is USD100 per visa. For more information go to: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/apply> if you are entering Uganda first, or alternatively the Government visa site for the East Africa country you will be first entering.

Banking and Currency

US Dollars cash is widely accepted and, in most cases, preferred as the currency that travellers should use to EXCHANGE into UGX on arrival for spending money on the road e.g. for drinks, curios, tips. **Please note that USD bills older than 2009 are not accepted. Ensure your USD bills are 2009 or younger.** Small USD bills are difficult to change – use Uganda shillings for small tips.

Credit Cards: **Credit Cards:** Can be used at some lodges and hotels, but a transaction fee may be charged which can be up to 5%. Ask first.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Flights: Note that baggage allowance on all domestic flights is max 15 kgs in soft bags

Health and Medical Information

Documentary proof of **double vaccination or negative PCR Test is required for entry and exit.** Please check with us directly for the latest Covid updates as they change from time to time.

Travellers require a **Yellow Fever** inoculation more than 10 days prior to your departure. The certificate will be checked on arrival in Uganda. If you have a history of liver disorders (hepatitis etc.) consult your physician first.

Tetanus and Cholera inoculations are recommended but not compulsory.

Hepatitis inoculation is at the discretion of the traveller.

Malaria prophylactics are a must and can be purchased from your local pharmacy. Please consult your pharmacist/doctor.

Diarrhoea / Giardia - Bottled water is readily available throughout Uganda, however, it's advisable to bring medicine just in case.

This is a guide only. Please check with your doctor or travel clinic for the latest information
