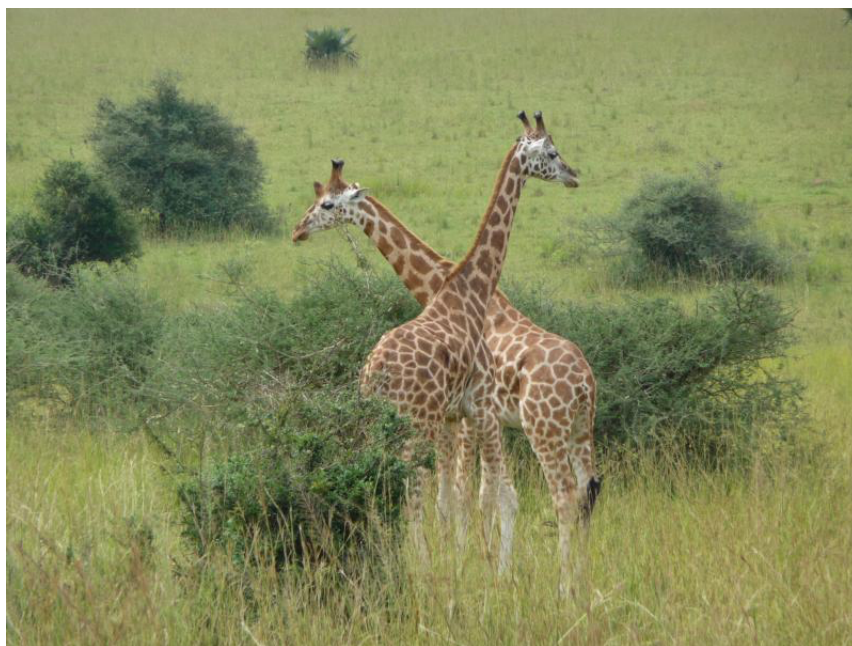


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This 13 day tour combines the lush greenery and biodiversity of Uganda with the teeming wildlife of Tanzania and the Arab-influenced Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar. Tanzania's Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater are incomparable in terms of vast landscapes and wildlife numbers. The tour commences with the challenging trek to see Uganda's gorillas and ends with rest and relaxation on Zanzibar's white beaches.



From its source in Lake Victoria, the River Nile crosses the Rift Valley to give Uganda a dazzling range of unique habitats. Uganda's resulting beauty, natural wonders and biodiversity have impressed generations of travelers. Visitors return for Uganda's welcoming people and temperate climate. Uganda's most coveted natural attractions include the endangered Mountain Gorilla, Chimpanzees and over 1,000 species of birds. Uganda's diverse habitats have enthralled wildlife-watchers, and seasoned African Safari-goers, for decades.

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Hikers and mountain climbers congregate in the Rwenzori Mountains as well as in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, which also boasts three major peaks. A comparatively small country, Uganda has won many accolades including Lonely Planet number one destination to visit in 2012.

Tanzania's Serengeti is known as one of the 'Seven Natural Wonders of Africa.' Game-viewing includes: huge buffalo herds and thousands of antelope. The Great Migration of one and a half million Wildebeest traverse the Mara River twice yearly between the Serengeti and Maasai Mara in Kenya.

Tanzania is the base from which to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. On this itinerary, you will spend quality time in the major Tanzanian national parks. You will visit Lake Manyara, travel into the Serengeti and end the safari tour by visiting Ngorongoro Crater. If the time of year is right, you will also encounter the wildebeest migration.

The island of Zanzibar, off the coast of Tanzania, has miles of white sandy beaches and tiny islands, an idyllic destination for snorkeling, coral reef diving and deep sea fishing. The aroma of sensual spices, Swahili fusion cuisine and Arab history infuse Stonetown's maze of cobbled courtyards to make a dream destination. Zanzibar is a tantalising destination in which to unwind for a few days.

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DAY 1 – Arrival at Entebbe Airport

On your arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be met by your Manya Africa Tours guide who will greet you and transfer you to your hotel, taking between 15 minutes to 40 minutes, depending on traffic.

Overnight at the Boma Guest House (B&B)

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Day 2 - Drive to Queen Elizabeth National park

After breakfast, your driver will collect you for the drive via Kasese towards Queen Elizabeth National Park, set on the floor of the Rift Valley, with the (occasionally visible peaks of the) Rwenzori Mountains behind you. The landscape of northern Queen Elizabeth comprises dozens of ancient craters carved into gentle rolling hills. Queen Elizabeth National Park has over 600 bird species, more than any other national park in Uganda.

Mweya Lodge is set on a peninsular that is surrounded by water on three sides. From the swimming pool and terraces, it's possible to watch elephant, hippo, crocodile, Cape buffalo, Banded Mongooses and a dazzling array of birds.

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Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge (FB)



Day 3 - Boat at Kazinga Channel

Start your day early with a 6 o'clock coffee or tea wake-up call, ready for your early morning game drive. Make sure to ask the hotel staff for a packed breakfast that morning. A popular route for the game drive is the Kasenye sector, well-known for its lions that prey on Queen Elizabeth's large population of Uganda Kob (antelope) that mate around this area. Wildlife to look out for includes elephants, antelope, warthogs, Baboons and occasionally a hyena. If you are very lucky, you may spot a Giant Forest Hog, Africa's largest pig. Keep your eyes peeled to spot an elusive leopard!

After your Safari, you will head back to the lodge for a few hours relaxation by the pool and lunch. In the afternoon, you will take a boat for a water safari on the Kazinga Channel at Mweya that connects the two lakes of Edward and George. This

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is likely to be a big highlight of your trip! The Kazinga Channel lies in central Queen Elizabeth, its banks fertile with large mammals such as hippo, elephant and buffalo.

The expert Uganda Wildlife Authority guides will identify many of the Channel's 100 bird species and you're likely to see African Skimmers, Great White Pelicans, Spoonbill and a few Bee eater species. Hippos wallow at the edge of the water, huge Nile crocodiles bask in the sun and elephants come down to drink. The Kazinga Channel boat ride is a brilliant opportunity to take some close-up wildlife shots.

After the boat ride, you will be transferred to Bwindi Impenetrable National park.

Overnight at the Haven Lodge (FB)



Day 4 - Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi National Park

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park is a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site and one of the richest biological and botanical regions in the world. The forest covers an area of 331 km² at the south-western edge of the western Rift Valley.

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Bwindi's most-revered species are the approximately 400 wild Mountain Gorillas (2011 census) that make up half of the world population of these gentle apes. Bwindi bird watching is highly recommended by the African Bird Club.

You will be up early on the morning of your Gorilla Tracking for a good breakfast in preparation for the day's physical activity. You will report for registration at the Uganda Wildlife Authority ranger station by 8 AM. After a briefing by the rangers, your gorilla trek will start. The trek usually takes between three and six hours so a reasonable degree of fitness is required, as well as a strong pair of walking boots or shoes.

The rangers will guide you through the village gardens and into the jungle-like forest. They will escort you through the sometimes thick bush, occasionally hacking the dense undergrowth with a machete as you search to locate the gorillas. The mountain gorillas are under 24hour monitoring for their own safety, so you're almost guaranteed to see them. The rangers monitor each gorilla family by keeping in close radio contact.



In part due to gorilla tourism, the population of gorillas is slowly increasing but the species remains critically endangered. Gorillas and humans share almost identical genetic material and their health must not be compromised by coming into contact

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with human diseases (via our food, for example). To reduce transmission of disease from humans to gorillas, you will also be advised to keep 7 metres from the gorillas.

Once you have located the gorilla family, you will be asked to leave all your belongings to one side, and approach the gentle giants, just with your camera. The guides will interpret the animals' behaviour and advise on what you are watching. Females and their young, young males and even a dominant Silverback may be seen feeding, playing, interacting with each other, or just sleeping! You will never forget your encounter with the gorillas. They will be quite curious to see you! You are allowed exactly one hour with the gorillas before returning to base.

Some afternoons, there is an option of watching a dance by the Batwa tribe, the original inhabitants of the forest. Note: the dance performance also depends on how many visitors there are staying at the lodge that night.

Overnight at the Haven Lodge (FB)

Day 5 - Drive back to Entebbe Airport to catch your connection flight to Kilimanjaro/ transfer to Arusha.

At Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be collected for the transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at the Arusha Hotel (HB)

Day 6 - Arusha / Lake Manyara

After breakfast and check out, your driver will take you to your next destination: Lake Manyara National Park, a photographer's game viewing paradise. Here you will

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find a park teeming with wildlife. If you are lucky, you may spot the famous tree climbing lions resting in acacia trees. From your vehicles, you will have a marvelous view of the Great Rift Valley escarpment, sparkling in the sun. Remember to have your camera batteries recharged.



Dinner and overnight at the Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Day 7 - Lake Manyara / Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, you will embark on your drive towards the unique and gorgeous Ngorongoro Conservation Area to the Serengeti National Park. The gorge lies on the same spot as an ancient lake, which was covered by thick layers of volcanic ash, to carefully preserve the world's earliest records of mankind. This extremely important prehistoric site was discovered by Louis and Mary Leakey and the exhibitions from different periods in its history are on display in the Oldupai Gorge Museum, located on the gorge's rim.

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Your visit will also include the famous Maasai Bomas, where you will be able to meet the Maasai people and get to know their culture and habits. Entering the Serengeti National Park for your game drive, you will see the most intriguing and amazing African landscape roll out before your eyes. Here you will experience African wildlife in all its glory.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge (FB)



Day 8 - Serengeti / Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Your day will start with an early morning game drive in the Serengeti. From here you will head towards Ngorongoro Conservation Area via the famous Oldupai Gorge also known as "The Cradle of Mankind" to arrive at your lodge in the evening.

Dinner and overnight on the rim at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (FB)

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Day 9 - Ngorongoro / Arusha

After breakfast, your lodge will hand you a packed lunch which you will take on your next journey: descending to tour the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, an undoubted highlight of your 13 day tour. "Africa's Garden of Eden" – the Ngorongoro Crater – is home to 30,000 animals including the rare Black Rhino and black-maned male lions.

After your crater tour, you will proceed to Arusha for overnight.

Overnight at the Arusha Hotel (Dinner not included)

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Day 10: Arusha / Zanzibar (beach)

After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel. The rest of the morning is at your leisure. (Lunch not included).

You will be transferred to Arusha Airport for your scheduled flight to Zanzibar departing at 1400 hrs. On arrival at approximately 1520 hrs, you will be met and transferred to your beach hotel, where you have a chance to relax on the sandy white beaches and explore the resort's inclusive activities.

Dinner and overnight at Blue Bay Beach Resort – Superior room/Breezes Beach Club & Spa (B&B)



Day 11 & 12 - Zanzibar (beach)

Your days in Zanzibar can be as relaxing or active as you choose. Some of the optional activities include:

- Wander Stonetown's cobbled courtyards

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- Sail into the sunset on a Dhow,
- Take a spice tour
- Eat grilled seafood at Forodhani waterfront market
- Lie on the pristine Fumba Beach or snorkel in crystal waters
- Picnic on one of the islands - look out for dolphins
- Climb an ancient Baobab tree, swim in a mangrove lagoon
- Dive in the coral gardens
- Go deep sea fishing, rent kayaks or windsurfers

Dinner and overnight at Blue Bay Beach Resort – Superior room/Breezes Beach Club & Spa (B&B)



Day 13: Zanzibar / Depart

Breakfast and check out. You will be transferred to Zanzibar Airport for your flight to the next destination.

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Please note:

1. Prices are valid for 2022 and 2023.
2. The Gorilla Tracking included in this safari depends on the availability of gorilla trekking permits at the time of booking. These permits are strictly limited and sold out in advance, especially during peak seasons of Christmas and school holidays. We therefore strongly recommend booking early.
3. The safari indicated here is essentially an offer. Changes in the course of the journey, the duration of your tour, the number of travelers, as well as the choice of accommodation are subject to availability, although we always endeavour to stick as closely as possible to this programme. For the majority of itineraries, we can offer luxury, midrange or budget versions of this safari upon request.
4. Sometimes it is not possible to adhere to the travel plan as described in this itinerary, due to weather and road conditions, authority regulations, organizational requirements, etc. Occasionally, the planned route of the tour has to change according to the situation on the ground. We must therefore explicitly refuse liability for adherence to the journey plan.

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5. By booking this safari, the client accepts [Manya Africa Tours' terms and conditions of business, available to read on our web site.](#)

Includes:

- All mentioned transfers in Arusha and Zanzibar
- 2 nights bed and breakfast in Arusha
- Full board on safari
- All Park entrance fees to the mentioned national parks
- Services of professional English speaking driver guides
- Game drives and transportation in our custom made 4 x 4 Land cruiser
- Government taxes
- Launch trip on Kazinga Channel
- Gorilla trekking in Bwindi National Park
- All Park entrance fees
- All meals on the safari
- Free mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- All game viewing activities specified
- Scheduled flight Arusha / Zanzibar (maximum 15kgs of luggage per person in soft sided bags are allowed)
- 3 nights Half board in Zanzibar
- AMREF emergency evacuation insurance

Excludes

- International flights
- Airport taxes
- Entry visas
- Any sightseeing, excursions and optional activities other than those specified
- Anything else not mentioned above
- Drinks / alcoholic drinks
- Additional meals
- Tips
- Activities not part of the described programme
- International travel insurance

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- Items of personal nature / laundry / souvenirs

Optional

- German or another language speaking Safari-Guide
- Other activities highlighted as optional in the itinerary

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