

7 Days Kidepo National Park and Murchison Falls Chobe

There is no other country in Africa – like Uganda – the “Pearl of Africa.”

In 1908, in his book *My African Journey*, Sir Winston Churchill wrote:

"For magnificence, for variety of form and colour, for profusion of brilliant life — bird, insect, reptile, beast — for vast scale — Uganda is truly "the Pearl of Africa". The Kingdom of Uganda is a fairy tale. The scenery is different, the climate is different and most of all, the people are different from anything elsewhere to be seen in the whole range of Africa..."



From its source in Lake Victoria, the Nile crosses the Rift Valley, which gives Uganda its different and unique habitats. Uganda's beauty, natural wonders and biodiversity have impressed many generations of travelers.

Visitors keep coming to Uganda for their warm people and pleasant climate. Uganda's biggest attractions include the endangered mountain gorillas, chimpanzees and over 1,000 bird species. Uganda's different habitats have delighted wildlife watchers and season-dependent Africa visitors for many years. Hikers and mountaineers have gathered in the Rwenzori Mountains just like in the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, where 3 of the highest mountains are located.

Wildlife and bird watching are especially known in Uganda's National Parks, one of the main attractions are the tree-climbing lions in the Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Nevertheless, there is so much more to see in Uganda: walking safaris, quad bike safaris, mountaineering and 5 star white water rafting are some of the adventure activities. As a small country by comparison, Uganda has won many awards including Destination Number 1 in Lonely Planet in 2012.

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Day 1 Drive to the most beautiful National Park of Uganda - Kidepo National Park

After a very early breakfast your guide will pick and we drive for roughly 11 to 12 hours to the Kidepo National Park. There is also the option to fly with Aerolink to Kidepo National Park if you like it more short and comfortable. Our guides will pick you at the airstrip and is ready to take you around the next days.

The Kidepo Valley National Park, embedded in the wild border region of Uganda, is apparently the most isolated national park in northern Uganda. However, it is still considered one of the best virgin places that any animal watcher can ever visit in Uganda. This pristine national park is undoubtedly one of the best wilderness areas in Africa and is home to a few extinct animal species that cannot be found in any other Ugandan national park. Kidepo is located in the middle of a savannah landscape, right next to some mountain ranges.

After the long journey we will spend 2 nights at the luxurious Apoka Lodge. The rooms at Apoka Lodge have been built with comfort in mind. Everything is handmade by local craftsmen, everything is large and capacious. 10 expansive rooms with natural canvas walls surround a rocky kopje with endless views across the savannah. With inside sitting rooms and private verandas there are plenty of places to relax, read and sprawl. Big hand-hewn beds with soft duvets are draped with mosquito nets, hand-woven woolen carpets, extra large plush towels, over-sized dressing gowns...you may be as far away from the city as you'll ever be, but you won't miss a thing.



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Overnight at Apoka Lodge on Full Board

Day 2 and 3: game drives in Kidepo National Park

After a morning cup of coffee we are heading out for our first game drive. Then be back at 10 am to take a delicious breakfast and spend the other day with game drives as well. The more often you will head out the higher the chances to find the rare leopards or lions who even climb up the tree.



The Kidepo National Park is a real gem with a huge wealth of wildlife. It is still a true undiscovered pearl of tourism in Uganda, but unknown to many! Kidepo Valley National Park was converted into a national park in 1962 and is currently home to over 75 mammal and 470 bird species. All of this falls into a prime location for game drives, for which we will have plenty of time in 2 days.

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2 more overnights at Apoka Lodge on Full board

Day 4 The Wilderniss of Uganda and incredible views (Murchison Falls Nationalpark)

Today we drive to Murchison Falls National Park, a protected area of more than 4,000 square miles.

The Nile flows directly through the park, attracting Nile crocodiles, hippos and the semi-aquatic Sitatunga antelope. Lions, leopards, elephants, buffalos, the Rothschild giraffe, warthogs, the big forest hog, Uganda kob, topi and water buffalo are just a few of the great mammals that you will see here.

The next days we will overnight at Chobe Safari Lodge.

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Located in the Murchison Falls National Park, this Five Star lodge is undoubtedly the gem in Uganda's crown of tourism destinations. The breathtaking panoramic views, coupled with the sounds of the River Nile's magnificent rapids, sets the scene for an adventure that will impress even the most discerning of visitors.

Chobe Safari Lodge offers a unique opportunity to sample the wildlife, birds, flora and fauna; all in an area of the park that has yet to be discovered. This area of Murchison Falls National Park is ideal for fishing, and will revive this newly refurbished lodge to become one of the best fishing destinations in Africa.

Overnight at Chobe Lodge on Full board



Day 5 and 6 - Discovery of Murchison Falls Nationalpark

Your morning starts with an extensive game drive. Admire the wildlife and birdlife of Murchison Falls National Park and learn about this area from your guide. You probably will see Lions, Elephants and Buffaloes in this beautiful park.

For lunch you will return to the lodge.

And head out for another game drive in the afternoon.

If you like you can spend your day 6 either like this or just relax by one of the many pools of Chobe Safari Lodge.

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2 more overnights at Chobe Lodge (Full Board)



Day 7: back to Kampala

Our tour slowly comes to an end.

If time allows we will visit the **Top of the Falls** and feel the force of the River Nile under your feet as the half a kilometre wide river narrows to just 7 m wide and cascades down through a 45 m drop.

On the way you will stop at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. This is a reintroduction program that has successfully bred over a dozen white rhinos and is the only place in Uganda where you can see rhinos.

We will arrive in Kampala in the evening.

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Price per person with 10 travellers in 2 dbls and 6 sgl rooms

\$1.473 per person in 1 dbl and 1 sgl

including resident entrances

For Uganda itineraries and costs - customised to your specification and price range - *please get in touch with Manya Africa Tours!*

Please note:

1. Prices are valid for 2022 and 2023, this is an example program which can be tailored to your wishes.
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

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closely as possible to this program. 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.
5. By booking this safari, the client accepts [Manya Africa Tours terms and conditions](#) of business.

Included

- All accommodation on Half Board (HB), Full Board (FB) or Bed and Breakfast (B&B) basis as quoted in the text
- Safari jeep and fuel
- English speaking tourist guide
- 1 cultural visit and night with the warriors in Karamoja
- 2 game drives in Kidepo National Park
- 1 game drive in Murchison Falls
- Boatride to the bottom of the falls
- 1 visit of Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
- Entrance fees to the national parks
- Taxes
- Free mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- AMREF emergency evacuation insurance

Excluded

- Visa fees
- Drinks / alcoholic drinks
- Additional meals
- Tips
- Activities not part of the described programme
- International travel insurance

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