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UGANDA - KAMPALA TO JINJA 16 DAY CAMPING TOUR

16 Days (9 Nights Camping, 6 Nights Accommodated OR Fully Accommodated)
31 May to 15 JUNE 2024

Uganda: "The Pearl of Africa", offers a unique diversity of wildlife, natural beauty, and friendly inhabitants that all combine to make this country one of Africa's hidden gems. This tour includes the obvious attractions of trekking in indigenous forests to see wild gorillas and chimpanzees, as well as exploring vast water-ways, mystical villages hidden in mist, and the lesser known sights of tree climbing lions, huge pods of hippopotamus, and of course, the endless variety of plains animals.

This tour endeavours to explore the scenic beauty of Uganda, its people, and its wildlife. We will cover approximately 2000km, some of it on extremely bad roads, but the rewards are unequalled. Weather, roads, and other local conditions will influence the route chosen on each tour and we may run the tour in reverse if required, clients should be flexible in this regard. Clients should be equipped with an open mind and a spontaneous disposition in order to best enjoy the superb offerings of Uganda.



ABOUT YOUR HOSTS:

GUIDE: RICKUS GROENEWALD



Rickus embarked on his guiding journey 14 years ago, commencing with the successful completion of his FGASA Level 1 and Level 2 certifications. He also accomplished the Trailsguide – Theory and Practical assessments at Entabeni Safari Conservancy. With a Diploma in Nature Guiding under his belt, Rickus commenced his career at Entabeni, working in the lodges. Over time, his exceptional guiding skills led him to the positions of Senior Ranger and eventually Head Ranger. As Head Ranger, he supervised the operations of Lakeside, Kingfisher (5*), and Eagles Nest Lodges, overseeing a team of 12 guides.

Subsequently, Rickus transitioned to a full-time Overland Guide role with Drifters Adventours. This role involved conducting extensive overland adventure tours throughout Southern and East Africa, catering to groups ranging from 5 to 24 days and accommodating up to 18 individuals. For Rickus, there is no greater pleasure than venturing into the African bush, setting up camp, and taking enthusiastic visitors on wildlife excursions, culminating in a delightful feast at day's end. In 2012, he discovered his passion for wildlife photography, which soon became a cherished hobby. Since then, his trusty digital SLR camera has remained a constant companion, capturing the remarkable journeys he has embarked on while guiding and traveling.

In 2018, Rickus established Junglers Adventure Tours. This endeavor allows him to share his deep-seated passions and knowledge with others, affording visitors the chance to partake in experiences akin to those he has cherished throughout his life. Through Junglers Adventure Tours, Rickus strives to guide and inspire individuals, enabling them to forge their own unforgettable memories.

HOST: ALISON LEE RUBIE

Alison is a passionate Australian photographer and wildlife advocate. Her deep love for wildlife began in her youth and has since blossomed over the past decade. Inspired by her transformative trip to Africa in 2013, she founded "Lobby for Lions," a social media movement.

Alison's photography journey commenced with a humble Canon 600D, capturing the beauty of Africa. As her skills evolved, she dedicated more time to immortalizing the natural world's splendour. While she also engages in portrait and wedding photography in Sydney, her heart remains devoted to capturing wildlife moments.



Over the years, Alison has been blessed with opportunities to photograph Africa's renowned Big 5, elusive creatures like pangolins, and the breathtaking landscapes of Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Victoria Falls, Mauritius, and Madagascar. With her passion for conservation and vast knowledge of the continent, Alison is your ultimate host to unlocking the secrets of Africa's most iconic destinations.

TOUR INFORMATION

Clients fly into / out of Entebbe airport. Transfers and pre / post tour nights can be booked through Junglers for the Lake Heights Hotel near Entebbe or Adrift Camp in Jinja.

***Please Note: Due to the high demand in Gorilla permits the Junglers office will only confirm your tour departure once the permit is secured.**

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Kampala
 - Watoto Community Project
 - Local Markets
 - Equator
 - Lake Mbuho National Park
 - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and surrounding villages
 - Gorilla trekking (1 permit only)
 - Queen Elizabeth National Park
 - Tree Climbing Lions – Ishasha
 - Village walks
 - Birding walks
 - Chimpanzee trek (1 permit included, 1 optional)
 - Kazinga channel
 - Rwenzori (Mountains of the Moon)
 - Kaniyo-Pabidi (Old Jane Goodall Institute)
 - Murchison Falls and Murchison Falls National Park
 - Rhino Trekking on foot
 - Victoria Nile
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DAY 1: KAMPALA

Today we slowly wake up to the hustle and bustle of city life. As we head out into the capitol city of Kampala for our introduction to Uganda – we will visit one of the most immersive and hands on community projects in Uganda – Watoto.

Watoto brings hope and healing to vulnerable women and children in Uganda and South Sudan. At Watoto – they have 5 core projects:

- **Watoto Villages**
Giving the lost and forgotten a family
- **Baby Watoto**
Rescuing orphaned and abandoned babies, giving them a bright future.
- **Watoto Neighbourhood**
Returning dignity to Africa's greatest resource, her women
- **Keep a Girl in School**
Every girl matters and every girl has the right to stay in school
- **Watoto Church**
Watoto is a local church that celebrates Christ and cares for community.



After our immersive experience we head out for a local lunch and take a turn at the local market to stock up on some fresh fruit and veggies for the rest of our journey.

Dinner tonight will be back at the hotel.

Meals: B D (Lunch own expense)

Distance: 50 km

Accommodation: Accommodation

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Visit to Watoto

DAY 2: KAMPALA – LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK

Today our journey starts at 08h00, when we depart from our hotel in Kampala to head south west through verdant green hills and countless villages. We will stop frequently at local markets, including a drum market, and at the equator we'll experiment to see which way water really drains from a bath. We have lunch at the equator (own expense).

We arrive at our camp in the late afternoon. An upgrade to accommodation is possible, but to ensure availability this should be pre-booked.

Meals: B D (Lunch own expense)

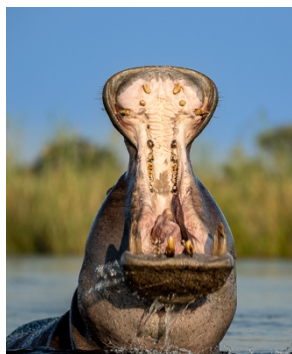
Distance: 300 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Drum market
- Equator

DAY 3 and 4: LAKE BUNYONI



This morning we enter Lake Mbuoro National Park early for a game drive. Lake Mbuoro is just one of a group of lakes scattered like jewels between the hills, and the park is well known for its herds of plains game, and especially for the numerous hippos in the lakes.

Leaving Lake Mbuoro, we travel through a lush tropical landscape of rolling green hills covered with a patchwork of banana plantations and market gardens. Look out for the impressive, long-horned Ankole cattle. The roads are rough as we pass remote villages, often shrouded in mist, toward Lake Bunyoni.

We set up camp for the night at the edge of the lake.

On Day 4 (depending on the area around Bwindi Impenetrable National Park where our gorilla permits have been issued), we will either spend one more night in Lake Bunyoni or we will need to

move closer to the park – this is entirely up to which section of the park the gorilla permits have been issued.

Meals: B L (Dinner own expense on day 3), B L D

Distance: 250 km (on day 3)

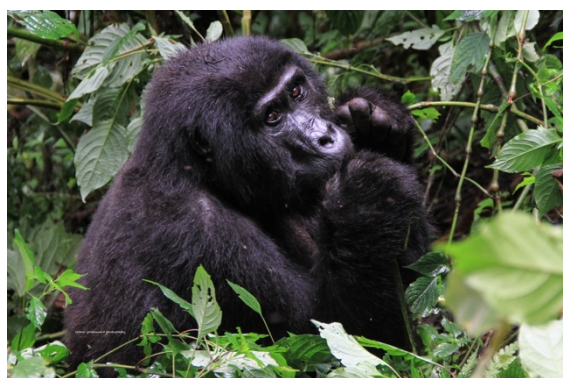
Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- **Game Drive in Mburu National Park**
- **Scenic drive to Lake Bunyoni**

DAY 4 – 5: BWINDI GORILLA TREK

The gorilla trek is undoubtedly the highlight of the entire tour. The mountains and tropical forests are spectacular in their own right, but spending time with a group of Mountain Gorillas is an experience that really defies any description. Many people are moved by the obvious kinship we share with these magnificent animals. We split into small groups and trek up into the forest, each group led by a local guide, in search of a different family of gorillas. The going can be quite tough, and you should come prepared for a hike through dense forest, up steep, muddy paths over uneven terrain.



The gorilla permits are limited, with strict rules to minimise the impact on the gorillas, so we allow two days for trekking to ensure everyone gets their chance. You must be prepared to be flexible with the timing and the location of your trek. On occasions when permits are only available for Day 5, we will then explore the area on Day 4, but where permits are spread over Day 4 and 5, those not trekking have the option to visit a local village, led by a local guide, on the day they are not trekking. The forest also offers fantastic birding.

Meals: B L D; B L D

Distance: 100 km (on day 4)

Accommodation: Accommodation

Included Highlights/Activity:

- **Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**
- **Gorilla trekking (Permit paid separately)**
- **Bwindi Forest**

DAY 6 – 7: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK – ISHASHA

Leaving the mountains and forests behind us, we descend to the grasslands of the Queen Elizabeth National Park. The Ishasha area is renowned for its huge tree climbing lions, but fantastic bird life, numerous species of primates, and abundant plains game, including the kob that the lions prey on,

are reason enough to visit. We will spend two nights here and have a full day to game drive extensively, and especially to search the tall fig trees for lions.

Meals: B L D; B L D

Distance: 150 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Queen Elizabeth National Park
- AM and PM game drive
- Tree climbing lions
- Massive hippo population



DAY 8: QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK – KYAMBURA GORGE

Today we travel the length of the park, looking for animals all the way, through the Maramagambo Forest to a place called Kyambura Gorge. The stunning Kyambura (or Chambura) Gorge also called the “Valley of Apes” is among the most impressive you will find in Uganda and it is swarmed by a rich wildlife bio-diversity that comprises of primates, wild animals as well as birds.

Although marvelling at the Kyambura Gorge, its underground forest and river are great attractions of their own, most tourists visit to track the 80 chimpanzees that call the gorge home. We will spend some time in the gorge in search of these incredible primates and it is here where we will take part in our included Chimpanzee Trekking experience before continuing to our next destination.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 90 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Drive through Maramogambo Forest
- PM Chimpanzee Trekking (permit included)
- Kyambura Gorge

DAY 9: KYAMBURA GORGE – FORT PORTAL

Today we travel the length of the park, looking for animals all the way, through the Maramagambo Forest and over the Kazinga Channel which links Lake Edward and Lake George, to exit the park in the north. We pass through the town of Kasese, before stopping at a viewpoint where we have lunch with the Rwenzori Mountains in front of us. The “Mountains of the Moon” rise over 5000m above sea level, with slopes covered in tropical forest and the highest peaks permanently snow-capped, a bewildering sight considering their proximity to the equator. Glaciers high up form one of the sources of the waters of the Nile River.

Tonight we camp amongst the tea plantations near Fort Portal.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 130 km

Accommodation: Accommodation

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Drive through Maramogambo Forest
- Kazinga Channel
- Ruwenzori Mountain views
- Tea plantations

DAY 10: MASINDI

We have a long drive today, over some rough roads, so we leave early this morning. We pass through the luminous green tea plantations surrounding Fort Portal before taking the long road, via Hoima, to Masindi, our stop for the night. Given the long drive and the state of the roads, we don't camp tonight, staying at a local hotel or lodge.

Meals: B L (Dinner own expense)

Distance: 280 km

Accommodation: Accommodation

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic drive
- Masindi

DAY 11, 12 & 13: MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK / VICTORIA NILE

This morning we enter Murchison Falls National Park, where we spend the next three nights. Here we will have another (optional) chimpanzee tracking experience on foot; game drives in the park, view of Murchison Falls, and takes a ferry across the river to Northern Murchison Falls National Park. The program is flexible, depending on the season, road conditions and availability of bookings, but all these activities will be included.



The southern part of the park is heavily forested, great habitat for chimps, with the northern part, where we game drive, open savannah with abundant plains game, including the relatively rare Rothschild's Giraffe. Getting to the northern part of the park means crossing the Nile using the ferry at Parra, an adventure all on its own.

Meals: B L D, B L D, B L (Dinner own expense)

Distance: 35 km (on day 11)

Accommodation: Accommodation on day 11, Camping on day 12 and 13 (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Optional Chimpanzee trek
- Murchison Falls
- Game drives in Murchison Falls National Park
- Victoria Nile boat cruise

DAY 14: ZIWA RHINO SANCTUARY

Rising early, we board a boat that will then take us on a leisurely cruise slowly down the Nile River. Along the way, we hope to catch a glimpse of the rare Shoebill Stork, as well as a multitude of other animals. At times it may not be possible to travel by boat, we will then drive by road. Reunited with our vehicle, we exit the park and travel to the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary; a project established to reintroduce rhino into their original habitat in protected areas. Camp the night.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 240 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Victoria Nile
- Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
- Scenic Drive

DAY 15: ZIWA RHINO SANCTUARY TO JINJA

We leave the park early this morning to drive south towards Jinja, near the source of the White Nile where the water pours out of Lake Victoria in a wild torrent.

The area around Jinja is regarded as east Africa's adventure capital, and we spend a full day here so you have time to participate in any of a number of adventure activities: white water rafting, bungee jumping over the source of the Nile, boat cruises, horse riding, visiting local community projects are all options (own expense).

Meals: B L (Dinner own expense)

Distance: 220 km

Accommodation: Accommodation

Included Highlights/Activity:

- AM Rhino Tracking on foot
- Scenic drive through many villages
- Jinja Area (adventure capital of Uganda)

DAY 16: JINJA

The tour officially ends after breakfast this morning. If you are flying out this day we can arrange airport transfers from Jinja back to Kampala. Please note this journey takes around 5-7 hours and onward flights should be scheduled for late afternoon/evening.

Alternatively, you can extend your stay in Kalagala Falls or participate in further optional activities and take a later transfer directly to Entebbe, all of which Junglers can arrange on your behalf.

Meals: B

The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Adventure travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Jinja

Whitewater Rafting

Full day rafting

Half day rafting

Bungee

Bungee Jump

Bungee Jump x2 (3rd jump free)

Family Rafting

Family Float Trip – Adult

Family Float Trip – Kids (2-12 years)

1-day Family trip – Adult

1-day Family Trip (Kids 5-12 years)

1-day Family (2x parents + 2 kids)

Pygmy Village visit – rate is negotiable on arrival with the local people

Please Note:

Optional Activities can be booked on arrival. No bookings are made in advance.

Rates are subject to change without notice

Activities are subject to availability

Activities are weather dependent

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This tour is a camping tour and a sleeping bag and pillow is required. Clients will do a fair amount of walking so a small daypack is advisable. Seasonal malaria precautions may be necessary and can be purchased locally.

A valid passport is required by everyone. The tour will visit Uganda. It is the client's responsibility to insure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip. Some nationalities might need to obtain visas before departure as they cannot be obtained at the border.

The price includes all transport, accommodation, meals as per the itinerary, tea and coffee at the lodges, group equipment, permits, entry fees, and professional guides. The price does not include flights, alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, meals where stipulated, curios, tips and optional excursions. Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information as defined on our website and in our brochure. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance which you can also obtain directly from our website.

At time of going to print the above itinerary was correct but we continually strive to offer our clients the best available tour options and as such we reserve the right to change aspects of the itinerary at our discretion. During the validity of the published itinerary conditions will change, roads are improved or deteriorate often opening up new routes, contracted camps and accommodation facilities change standards, optional activities become available or are discontinued, new border posts open and old ones become congested, etc. We are continuously monitoring all of the factors that make up a successful tour and as such will make amendments to the published itineraries if circumstances demand or if we believe that the change will enhance the tour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Junglers Adventure Tours on info@junglers.co.za

Contact Alison Lee Rubie Photography on alisonleerubie.photography@gmail.com

RATES:

ZAR85 000*

*Booking fee may occur.

** Single Supplement – Our rates are based on shared accommodation, typically in 2-person dome tents and sometimes in twin accommodated rooms. Solo travellers may be asked to share tents or accommodation. However, we do offer a single supplement option at an extra cost. To inquire about this, please get in touch with us.

*** Should you wish to upgrade to fully accommodated please get in touch with us for rates.