

Uganda - Nile Basin 12 Days

Kampala 1nts, Kampala 1nts, Kampala 1nts, Murchison Falls 2nts, Kibale 1nts, Queen Elizabeth National park 2nts, Lake Mburo National Park 2nts, Entebbe 1nts

Daywise Itinerary:

Day 01 UK - ENTEBBE

Board your overnight flight to Entebbe Airport - Uganda.

Day 02 ENTEBBE - KAMPALA

On arrival in Entebbe clear your immigration and customs and transfer to your hotel in Kampala for an overnight.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 03 KAMPALA - ZIWA RHINO SANCTUARY - MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast depart for Murchison falls, enroute stopping of at a Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. This special rhino re-introduction project was founded by Rhino Fund Uganda with the support of the Uganda Wildlife Authority, and it is the only place in the country where you can see these magnificent extinct black and white rhinos. Have a walking safari with an armed ranger and guide in search of Southern white rhino. The trek takes about 1-3 hours depending on where the Rhinos are at the time. Later proceed to Murchison Falls National Park, where the Nile explodes through a narrow gorge and cascades down to become a placid river whose banks are thronged with hippos and crocodiles, waterbucks, and buffaloes. The vegetation is characterized by savannah, riverine forest, and woodland. Wildlife includes lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, hartebeests, oribis, Uganda kobs, chimpanzees, and many bird species. Arrive at the lodge in the evening. Dinner and overnight.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 04 MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Have an early morning game drive across the rolling plains of Uganda's largest National Park returning later to the lodge for breakfast. The 3,893 sq. km park is home to a range of animals, and you will have a chance of viewing some of the Park's residents including lions, giraffes, hartebeest, buffalo, and elephants. After breakfast, relax and enjoy the facilities of the lodge. After lunch, depart for a boat trip at the base of Murchison Falls, where the Nile thunders through a small 7-meter gap plunging 43 meters into the Nile on the way to Lake Albert. The banks of the Nile are densely populated with crocodiles, hippopotamus, and a range of other wildlife that come to the river to drink. Optional hiking trip up the side of the falls to the top (additional cost). Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 05 MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK - KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast depart for Kibale Forest for one night. Kibale is home to an extraordinary thirteen species of primates, including chimpanzees, red colobus, and L'Hoest monkeys. Kibale National Forest also has over 355 bird species and a range of other mammals including the elusive forest elephant. On arrival rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 06 KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK - QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast have morning at leisure or take the optional tour of Chimpanzee tracking in Kibale Forest (additional cost). Follow a network of forest trails to find the chimps squabbling and swinging from the trees. Spending time with these primates is an exhilarating experience. Spend the morning in the forest and return in time for lunch. After lunch, proceed to Queen Elizabeth National Park with one of the highest biodiversity ratings of any game park or reserve in the world, it is Uganda's second largest National Park. Reptiles are the amazing huge Rock-Python, Puff adders, Spitting Cobras, Gabon vipers, Green Mambas, and Turtles etc. All these are regularly sighted around the tourist village on the Mweya Peninsula and all this makes a superb safari territory. Dinner and overnight at the lodge

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 07 QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Have a morning game drive to the Kasenye area looking out for lions, elephants, giraffes, buffalo,



Elephants, Uganda Kob among others. Breakfast on return followed by leisure time to enjoy the lodge facilities or take up one of the various optional activities listed below (additional charges). After lunch, have an afternoon boat trip along the Kazinga Channel. Hippo's huff and spray mere feet away from the boat, Buffalos linger in the shallows, a tremendous variety of birds grace the grasses on the shores. Great White and Pink-Backed Pelicans, Great and Long-Tailed Cormorants, Open-Billed Stork, African Jacana, Malachite and Pied Kingfishers are commonly seen. After an exciting day relax at the lodge. Dinner and overnight.

Other optional activities you can choose to engage in include:

Kasoga Community Experience: this is a community initiative on Lake George Ramsar site in Hamukungu fishing village south-western of Kasenyi on the edge of Queen Elizabeth National Park. The activity offers authentic local experiences where visitors completely get involved in the cultures and marine practices of the people for at least half a day. While in this activity you will learn how to milk, graze the cattle, and learn some of the tradition always of making yoghurt and ghee. Furthermore, get to learn the local fishing practices, species of fish caught and ways of preservation, traditional canoe making demonstrations, luckily get the chance to meet women making handicrafts, explore some of the intricate net sawing skills as well as get the chance to sight some of the Park's wildlife species especially the Hippos and relish the breath-taking views of the Historical swamps within the community and many others

Queen's Pavilion: Just 800 metres from the equator monument and overlooking a thrilling landscape of crater lakes is the Queen's Pavilion, a community-run internet café. This is the perfect spot to revive yourself after an early morning safari with a cup of Ugandan tea or coffee. Listen to the elephants trumpeting on the dry plains below and enjoy the savannah views.

Katwe Salt Walk: This tour offers a unique insight into the fascinating process of salt mining, as well as providing an alternative income for Katwe. During the tour you will see community members at work, cross the mud walkways and enter one of the traditional grass huts used to shelter and store tools. The nearby bird sanctuary lake offers a chance to see flamingos from October to May.

Kikorongo African Art Workshop: Traditional crafts hold a special significance in Ugandan villages. Small baskets of groundnuts as a sign of friendship; a calabash on top of a house to ward off evil spirits or a traditional healer's woven purse filled with natural remedies. Kikorongo Women Community invites you to learn their traditional skills during this fascinating workshop. You will later relax at your lodge.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 08 QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK - ISHASHA, THE SOUTHERN SECTOR

After breakfast travel to Ishasha the Southern sector of the Queen Elizabeth Park, in an effort to see the famed tree climbing lions. The lions are best seen in the mid-morning hours. Arrive at the lodge, have lunch followed by an afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 09 ISHASHA - LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK

After an early morning breakfast, have a morning game drive and proceed to Lake Mburo National Park. The 371 sq. km park is an extension of the Tanzanian Plains and has distinctly different animals as compared to other Ugandan parks. It is the best place in the country to see Eland Antelope, Zebra, Impala, and Acacia. The five lakes within the park attract hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of water birds, while fringing swamps hide black and yellow papyrus gonolek. Arriving in the park in the afternoon and go for a game drive if time permits. Dinner and overnight.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 10 LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK - KAMPALA

This morning enjoys an early morning game drive and proceed to Kampala. Stop on route to look at the Equator - where you will be able to stand and be on both hemispheres at once. On arrival check in rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

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Day 11 KAMPALA - JINJA - ENTEBBE

After breakfast, depart for Jinja and visit the source of the Nile, learn about the history of the area with a boat cruise on Lake Victoria. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight or transfer to the airport for your early morning flight home.

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Day 12 ARRIVE UK

Arrive UK

Return with the Happy Memories of the Tour!!!

Departures:

2023 Tour Departures:	
October	05, 19
November	09, 23
December	07, 14
2024 Tour Departures:	
January	15
February	19
April	15
May	13
June	10
September	09
October	28
November	27

Tour Cost:

Departures: 07/12/2023, 14/12/2023, 15/01/2024, 19/02/2024, 15/04/2024, 13/05/2024, 10/06/2024, 09/09/2024, 28/10/2024, 27/11/2024

Title: From London

Passengers	Rates			Sharing
	Without Flight 2-3pax	Without Flight 4-5 pax	Without Flight 6 pax	
	GBP	GBP	GBP	
Per Adult	3,615.00	2,850.00	2,595.00	Twin Room
Per Adult	3,615.00	2,850.00	2,595.00	Double Room
Child 2-11 yrs	2,890.00	2,280.00	2,075.00	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
Per Adult	4,165.00	3,400.00	3,145.00	Single Room

Travel Mode:

From	Via	To	By
Entebbe	Kampala	Murchison Falls	4WD Land cruiser
Murchison Falls	Kibale	Queen Elizabeth National park	4WD Land cruiser
Queen Elizabeth National park	Lake Mburo National Park	Kampala	4WD Land cruiser
Kampala	Jinja	Entebbe	4WD Land cruiser

Inclusions:

- * All nights in 3* / 4* star hotels with breakfast
- * Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary
- * Services of local tour guides
- * All transportation in 4WD vehicles

Exclusions:

- * Travel insurance
- * Visa charges
- * Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, potter service, other personal expenses, etc..
- * Any cost of beverages, alcohols with the set meals.
- * Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary
- * Tips to English speaking driver/guide

Cancellation Policy:

- * More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 41 - 0 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Terms & Conditions :

- * Please refer to the full Terms and Conditions on our website

FAQ :

Can I join the tour from any part of the world?

A: Yes, you can fly to Entebbe (Uganda), our first point in the tour preferably a day earlier. Please do inquire in the office to arrange your logistics for both arrival and departure.

Weather & Essential to carry

Q. How can I check the local weather?

A: You can check the local weather to your destinations here: www.accuweather.com

Q. What is the best time to travel?

A: Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of Kenya (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

A: During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

A: We suggest waterproof jacket, pair of sunglasses and a sun hat.

A: During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

A: We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

Passport; Immigration & Visa

Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

A: Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in. We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Resident: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For USA Resident: travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

Q. How long should the passport be valid?

A: Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of completing your tour.

Q. What are the Visa Requirements?

A: You are responsible to ensure that you have correct documentation.

British passport holders: Do require a visa to travel to Uganda (visa updates to follow) or contact the office. Visa can be obtained online on the website: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>

Non-British passport holders: Please do check with the Kenya Embassy or High Commission in country of your residence.

Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation.

Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?

A: Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

Money Matters

Q. What is the currency used?

A: The currency is Uganda Shilling (UGX).
The USD dollar is widely used as well.

Q. Can I use my Credit/Debit cards there?

A: We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels.
Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used, please be cautious when handing your debit/credit card.

Q. Are ATM machines available?

A: Major cities will have cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you don't run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

Q. Where can I exchange my money?

A: Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification, please be aware that locally exchange rate may vary.

Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance

Q. Do I need any vaccinations?

A: For further information on vaccinations please check with your medical doctor for recent updates or go on the following website:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/ or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

Q. Do I need yellow fever vaccination and certificate?

A: Yellow fever vaccination certificate required for travelers aged 1 year or over arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. You need to have the vaccine at least 10 days before travelling to give it enough time to work. Your certificate will only be valid after this time.

Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?

A: Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription/doctors report confirming the medication.

Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the Safari?

A: Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

Q. What happens if I am unwell during the safari?

A: Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception/Tour guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel/medical insurance to cover these mishaps.

Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the safari?

A: Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

Q. What should I do if there is an incident?

A: Sonatours makes every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your tour guide/hotel reception for immediate assistance.

Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?

A: Our 4x4 land cruisers do not have wheelchair excess and have very limited luggage space. They are unable to accommodate a wheelchair and the luggage. Should you wish to travel with a wheelchair please discuss with the office for options available.

Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel/lodges at the parks?

A: Kindly note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left behind at the

accommodation you will need to call them and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

A: You are advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant, as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft, you will need to advise your Tour guide immediately and report the theft to the police. This should provide you with a police report or crime reference number.

Q. Do I need travel and medical insurance?

A: We strongly recommend you travel with Travel and Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the safari.

Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?

A: There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

Accommodation & Transport

Q. How are rooms allocated?

A: Each accommodation checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?

A: Room allocation is done by the hotels/lodges at the parks. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

Q. Is early check - in available?

A: Early check in not normally available. Sonatours can on your request enquire with the accommodation on the availability and the charges applicable for an early check in.

Q. What facilities are there in the room?

A: Facilities vary from accommodation to accommodation and include en-suite bathrooms, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). The accommodation may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

Q. Will the room have walk in shower?

A: Not all accommodation rooms have walking showers.

Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?

A: Please note that not all accommodation provides tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the reception for assistance.

Q. Is smoking allowed in the rooms at hotels/lodge?

A: Smoking is not allowed in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the reception.

Q. Is WIFI freely available?

A: Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with reception for WIFI information in the rooms.

Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?

A: Most city hotel rooms in Kenya do offer air-conditioners or fans. Most rooms at Lodges in the Parks do not offer air conditioners or fans.

Q. Will all hotels have lifts?

A: Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or Resorts are used in such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What time do I need to be at the airport if flying from UK?

A: All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sonatours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the flight or coach.

Q. Are flights upgrades available?

A: On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

Q. Can I select my seats on the airplane?

A: International and Internal flight booking are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What are the luggage requirements on the airplane?

A: International Flights: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 20-30kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

Internal Flights: Where applicable the baggage allowance is strictly 15 Kg in soft luggage.

We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets have been issued.

Q. What are the luggage requirements while on the safari?

A: While on the safari it is important that your baggage does not exceed 15 Kg and is in soft luggage.

Q. What type of vehicle will I be travelling in?

A: We use the finest fleet of fuel-efficient 4x4 6-seater non-air-conditioned land cruisers. The cruisers do not have emergency WC facilities. Frequent comfort stops are being made for your convenience.

Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling on the cruisers?

A: There is a strict policy of "no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food" on all our cruiser. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

Food Matters

Q. Can I request my flight meal and is it guaranteed?

A: Meal request should be advised at the time of your booking; Sonatours will request on your behalf, but we cannot guarantee the request. Sonatours are not liable in case the requested flight meal cannot be fulfilled. Please be advised that complimentary meals are not available on the internal flights.

Q. What meal options are available to me while on safari?

A: Sonatours can cater for a range of Asian Vegetarian (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Asian Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking. In areas where Indian is not available local cuisine will be provided.

Q. Where will I have my daily meals?

A: Breakfast is at the hotel/lodge, Lunch and dinners is at the accommodation's restaurant. Please be advised when on full day safari some meals will be a packed.

Q. Does Sonatours provide water during this safari tour?

A: Sonatours provides water while on safari in the park.

A: The hotel offers two bottles of water in the room on a complimentary basis.

A: Water during meals has to be ordered and paid for.

Q. Should I carry dry snacks?

A: Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

Q. What can I budget for a local meal?

A: On an average local meal costs about USD \$35- \$40 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

Miscellaneous

Q. Will I travel with people from other countries?

A: Sonatours have offices in Kenya, India, USA and UK. The beauty of taking a guided holiday with us is you'll have the opportunity to meet and travel with people from all over the globe. You will meet them at the lodge/hotel.

Q. How many people will be on my trip?

A: The maximum capacity per vehicle is 6.

Q. Are tips included?

A: On this tour tips are not included. The average tipping is USD 10 PER PERSON PER DAY for the driver. Other services (e.g. porter, waiters etc) have to be paid individually.

Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the safari?

A: This tour involves very little walking (normally 1 to 2 hours a day).

Q. Will I have free time?

A: The free time in this itinerary offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy the resort facilities and reflect on your daily experience of the game drives.



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Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?

A: Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour guide for assistance. SIM cards can also be bought at the airport.

Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?

A: Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

Uganda: Electricity supply is 240 Volts; uses G- 3 rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.

