

MASAI MARA & GORILLAS Viaggio Overland Kenya e Uganda in Stile Crossland

14 GIORNI OVERLAND IN KENYA E UGANDA

Gorilla Permit – USD630 – USD730

The cost of a permit to visit the gorillas is currently as above. Please check actual amount with us closer to departure. You will be pre-invoiced for this non-refundable amount.

TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1: Masai Mara National Reserve

We leave the capital of Nairobi and travel to the Masai Mara, world renowned for its endless plains of wild animals and spectacular beauty. The visit to the Masai Mara is operated in safari type vehicles and not the Nomad truck. For this reason, you are asked to pack a small overnight bag to travel with. You will need your towel, clothes, toiletries and camping essentials.

Accommodation Masai Mara Excursion

Route Nairobi to Masai Mara

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Masai Mara Excursion

Day 2: Masai Mara National Reserve

The rolling grasslands of the Masai Mara offer ideal game viewing and photographic opportunities. Some of the animals that could be found here include elephant, black rhino, buffalo, leopard, cheetah, wildebeest, zebra and gazelle. Hippo and crocodile abound in the muddy brown waters of the rivers, which traverse this reserve. Today we will spend the entire day game driving through the Mara in search of all the animals.

Accommodation Masai Mara Excursion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Masai Mara Excursion

Day 3: Lake Nakuru National Park

This morning we bid the Mara farewell before heading to Lake Nakuru National Park where we will enjoy an afternoon game drive through the park. Lake Nakuru is home to large flocks of flamingos and pelicans as well as black & white rhino, leopard, lion and numerous buck. Originally created as a bird sanctuary, Lake Nakuru was upgraded to National Park status in 1968.

Accommodation Lake Kivu Lodge

Route Masai Mara Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Lake Nakuru NP Game Drive

Day 4: Jinja

This morning we not only cross the border into Uganda, but shortly after setting out this morning we cross the Equator on our way to Jinja. Jinja is Uganda's second largest city and most famous as the point where the Nile (officially the Victoria Nile) flows out of Lake Victoria and begins the 6695 kilometre journey to Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Accommodation Eden Rock Resort
Route Lake Nakuru to Jinja
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Crossing of the Equator

Day 5: Masindi – Murchison Falls National Park

After a quick stop in the city of Kampala, we head in the direction of The Murchison Falls National Park. Also referred to as the Kabaraga Falls, Murchison Falls is a waterfall found on the course of the great Nile and is located within the Murchison National Park. The park is recognized as one of the best National Parks in Uganda. After settling into our accommodation in Masindi, your guide will brief you on the activities for the following day.

Accommodation Kabalega Resort
Route Jinja to Masindi
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Ziwa Rhino Walk

Day 6: Masindi – Budongo Central Forest Reserve

Budongo Forest is the biggest Mahogany forest found in the whole of East Africa and is home to the largest number of chimpanzees throughout Uganda. It is believed that there are between 600 – 700 chimpanzees in Budongo and this morning we will meet up with our chimp guide who will take us on our trek through the forest in search of the chimps. We will also enjoy a boat cruise in the park. Note: As the Chimp trekking is limited to 12 guests per trek, should there be more than 12 guests on a tour the trekking will be split between the morning and the afternoon. Therefore you may find that you will first do the game drive activity followed by the Chimp trekking or viceversa. Please allow for flexibility.

Accommodation Kabalega Resort
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Chimp trekking (half day) / Nile River Cruise

Day 7: Lake Mburo

Today we make our way to Leopard Rest Camp, nestled on the border of Lake Mburo National Park. This National Park consists of Woodland interspersed with rocky ridges and forested gorges. Lake Mburo is one of 13 other lakes, forming a 50km wetland system, linked by a swamp. The Park is the smallest of Uganda's savannah national parks and is home to 350 bird species as well as zebra, impala, buffalo, leopard, hippo and hyena to name but a few.

Accommodation Leopard Rest Camp
Route Masindi to Lake Mburo
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

Crossing the Equator once more we travel south to the beautiful scenery of Lake Bunyonyi. With eager anticipation we prepare for the upcoming Gorilla trekking excursion and tonight we will receive a briefing on what to expect.

Accommodation Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Route Kampala to Lake Bunyonyi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

The mountain gorilla is extremely endangered and while exact numbers vary it is widely assumed that there are only around 650 left. Visiting the gorillas is a great way to support their future on earth as the money spent on permits is used for their protection. An extremely important part of the future conservation of the remaining gorillas rests in the community development work – as local communities change their attitudes towards wildlife and start to protect rather than poach, the future of the mountain gorilla is assured. As permits granting permission to visit the gorillas are extremely limited we require flexibility in both the tour itinerary and where we actually visit them. The home of the mountain gorillas is completely at odds with man-made borders and so their range encompasses Uganda, Rwanda and the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo). Whenever possible we choose to make use of the National Park in Uganda, but this depends on the availability of permits. Should we not obtain permits to visit the mountain gorillas in Uganda then we will inform all passengers beforehand that the tour will travel to Rwanda or DRC. On your free day in Bunyonyi you will have the opportunity to participate in certain optional activities. You can also go hiking or explore the area on a mountain bike.

Accommodation Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Route Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

Day 10: Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

Although there are 2 days allocated to Gorilla Trekking you will only spend one day on the trek. The other days are there to provide a large enough window in which to obtain permits and to allow the entire group to trek if there are more than 6 of you on the tour.

Accommodation Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour

Day 11: Lake Bunyonyi – Kampala

This morning we set off on our return journey to Kampala and make a third crossing of the Equator along our way. Tonight your guide will brief you on the activities available in Jinja so that you can plan your day tomorrow. We overnight in Kampala.

Accommodation Hillside Plaza Hotel Route Lake Bunyonyi to Kampala
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12: Jinja

A short distance from Kampala, Jinja offers many exciting activities and your guide will assist you to plan for this day. Most activities are focussed around the waters of the Nile and these include rafting, kayaking and a variety of cruises on Africa's largest river. While those who may be less inclined to water sports can enjoy horse riding or a quadbike adventure on dry land.

Accommodation Eden Rock Resort

Route Kampala to Jinja

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity Quad biking, kayaking, rafting

Day 13: Kenya – Eldoret

Returning to Kenya we visit Eldoret, the country's 5th largest city. The Great Rift Valley is still the dominant geographical feature of this region and the altitude at Eldoret is 2100 metres above sea level.

Accommodation Naiberi River Camp Route Jinja to Eldoret

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14: Nairobi

Returning to Nairobi this afternoon we reflect on many memories that we have gathered together and brace ourselves for a return to the busy streets of Nairobi. Your tour ends upon arrival in Nairobi.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

Route Eldoret to Nairobi

Meals Breakfast

The Itinerary is flexible and can be changed without notice in order to accommodate the best possible viewing of the Mountain Gorillas. The Permit price to visit the Gorillas can also change without notice.