

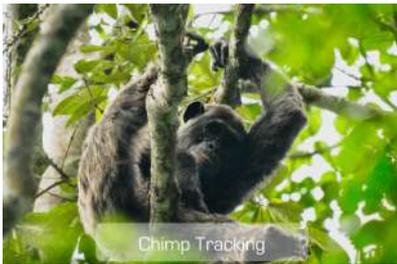
Uganda Conservation Expedition

 Tour Duration: 8 Days

 Start: Entebbe Uganda

 End: Entebbe Uganda

Trip Highlights



Overview

Visit Uganda, the Pearl of Africa, on this authentic and engaging conservation expedition. This unique experience-based package is distinctively attuned to local culture and natural environments with a goal of inspiring expedition members toward a path of self-discovery.

This once-in-a-life-time expedition takes you to Kibale National Park, in the west of Uganda on a tour that will not only inspire, but contribute to the conservation of African wildlife. During the eight-day, adrenaline-packed tour, expedition members will enjoy breath-taking vistas overlooking crater lakes, chimpanzee tracking through lush rainforests, guided game walks and authentic cultural emersion. Other destinations over the course of this eight-day expedition includes, Entebbe and the breath-taking Crater Lakes of Uganda.

This is a perfect tour for the adventure driven traveller who seeks a once-in-a-life-time experience that is both enjoyable and adds value to the vacation destination. You will be chaperoned and assisted every step of the expedition by your very own professional conservation and wildlife expert, that will guide you through all the natural wonders you will encounter throughout Uganda.

Day to Day

Day 1 - Arrive in Entebbe

The expedition begins with your arrival at Entebbe International Airport in Uganda. You will be met by your KaiNav Conservation Foundation Expedition Leader and transferred to The Boma Guesthouse, a short drive from the airport. Nestled amongst lush tropical gardens, the guesthouse has everything you need to relax and unwind after your journey. There is a swimming pool, lounge and bar plus high-speed Wi-Fi. Use the rest of the day to rest and relax, with an expedition briefing after dinner.



Overnight:
The Boma Guest House,
Entebbe, Uganda



Meals included:
Dinner



High-speed Wifi:
Included



Transfers:
Included

Day 2 – Depart Entebbe for Kibale National Park

Depart Entebbe and travel through the central part of the country, passing the rural towns of Mityana, Mubende and Kwenjojo on the way. Experience the sights and sounds of these quaint villages while witnessing coffee beans drying on the sidewalks. Arrive at Makerere Biological Field Station in the heart of the Kibale National Forest. You will be greeted by your hospitable hosts from the Kibale Chimpanzee Trust, and ushered in for a hearty lunch. After lunch, you and your expedition team are introduced to the research team and shown around the research centre, your home for the next four-days.



Overnight:
Makerere Biological Field
Station, Kibale Forest,
Uganda



Meals included:
Full board



Select activities:
Included



Transfers:
Included

Day 3 – Snare removal and forest hike

After a rejuvenating night's sleep in your picturesque bungalow, you awake to the sound of colobus monkeys calling and forest birds waking up. Today your once-in-a-lifetime conservation experience begins! Your expedition begins with a breakfast of organic, tropical fruit, local coffee grown at the base of the ancient Ruwenzori Mountains and freshly prepared, hot breakfast. After breakfast, you and your expedition team will be greeted by the Kibale Chimpanzee Trust research manager and snare removal team. After a short briefing the expedition team will begin the snare removal hike into the Kibale National Forest. During this conservation experience, expect to encounter a plethora of exotic wildlife and plants while your expedition leader and snare removal team enlightens you about the ecology and inhabitants of this phenomenal rainforest. While taking in the beauty of the rainforest, your expedition team will learn about a few of the threats facing this natural wonderland and have the unique opportunity to actually assist in the protection of the regions wildlife, by locating and removing traps and snares placed by poachers.

You will enjoy lunch under the canopy of towering fig trees in the heart of the forest, while sharing stories of the bush and wildlife with your expedition leader and the snare removal team. After the captivating hike through one of the worlds most diverse forests, the expedition team will return to the Makerere Biological Field Station for a well-deserved rest for the remainder of the day. Dinner will be served at the Makerere Biological Field Station with the field team, after dinner the expedition team will be treated to an insightful talk on chimpanzee behaviour, ecology and conservation.

*Please note, the snare removal hikes take place in a National Park where wild animals do roam free. The likeliness of encountering dangerous game such as wild elephant and buffalo is high. The expedition team will, at all times be accompanied by wildlife researchers and armed guards for their safety.



Overnight:
Makarere Biological Field
Station, Kibale Forest,
Uganda



Meals included:
Full board



Select activities:
Included



Transfers:
Included

Day 4 – Chimpanzee tracking

Today you and your expedition team get to meet our far-removed “family members” and experience something that has not only made the “Pearl of Africa” the premier wildlife destination of the world but has also significantly contributed to the conservation of African primates. Today the expedition team gets to track chimpanzees in their natural habitat. It’s an early start, once you collect your breakfast packs there’s an approximately hour-long trip to the Kanyanchu visitor centre, Kibale National Park. The team will be briefed on chimpanzee tracking and safety procedures to be followed, thereafter, the team will head into the Kibale Forest in search of a chimpanzee community. As these communities are wild, finding them could take some time. However, once located, the expedition team will be able to spend a maximum of one-hour with the chimpanzees. The expedition team will follow a highly trained wildlife tracker and learn about the chimpanzee families, their forest habitat and all the wildlife which call Kibale Forest home. Once the expedition team completes their chimpanzee tracking, the team will be whisked away to the tranquil Bigodi Village where expedition members will be treated to a traditional Ugandan lunch and hospitality. After lunch the expedition team will return to the Makerere Biological Field Station, where the rest of the day is yours to rest and explore the forest surrounding the field station before dinner.



Overnight:
Makerere Biological Field
Station, Kibale Forest,
Uganda



Meals included:
Full board



Select activities:
Included



Transfers:
Included

Day 5 – Snare removal and forest hike

Today will be your last day in the magnificent Kibale National Forest. After a scrumptious breakfast at the field station, you and your expedition team will begin the final snare removal hike of the expedition. As the first snare removal hike, the expedition team will have the opportunity to photograph the often secretive wildlife of Kibale Forest, learn about the wildlife research that is conducted in the area and possibly locate one of the illusive non-habituated chimpanzee communities of the Kibale Forest. As the primate capital of the world, the expedition team is guaranteed to come across at least one of the fourteen primate species of Kibale National Forest. After your packed lunch under the bustling forest canopy, you and your expedition team will begin the hike out of the forest, back to the Makerere Biological Field Station. The expedition team will be treated to “surprise” activity after a long, hard day saving Africa’s wildlife... a breath-taking five-star, three-course dinner on the rim of one of Uganda’s spectacular crater lakes! This extravagant evening serves as a perfect way to appreciate the splendour that is Uganda, and the effort expended by the team during this expedition, to keep this wonderous land natural!



Overnight:
Makerere Biological
Field Station, Kibale
Forest, Uganda



Meals included:
Full board



Select activities:
Included



Transfers:
Included

Day 6 – Rest and relaxation

After five days of exploring and adventure we believe you deserve a day to rest, rejuvenate and enjoy Makerere Biological Field Station and the surrounding forest. Whether you decide to check-off your bird and animal list, take a walk in the forest or just sleep in, today is completely yours!

For those expedition members that are keen to get involved with unique conservation research, your KaiNav Conservation Foundation Expedition Leader will be conducting a bird ringing program. This bird ringing program is one of KaiNav Conservation Foundation’s bird research and monitoring programs conducted throughout Africa. We capture birds and place metal identification rings on their legs

in order to monitor movement ecology of these species. Some of these birds are migratory species, traveling vast distances within Africa as well as between continents (Asia and Europe). Expedition members therefore have the opportunity to get involved with the capture, ringing and releasing of these birds, becoming intricately involved in international bird conservation efforts.

For expedition members interested in experiencing the local hospitality and learn how wildlife conservation and community development go hand-in-hand, a visit to the Kasiisi Project can be arranged. Expedition members will have the opportunity to interact with the children who call the Kibale National Forest home, meet the teachers dedicated to educating these children and understand how wildlife and conservation is incorporated into the education of the next generations of Ugandans.



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Field Station, Kibale
Forest, Uganda



Meals included:
Full board



Select activities:
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Transfers:
Included

Day 7 – Depart Kibale National Park for Entebbe

Time to bid farewell to Makarere Biological Field Station and the magnificent Kibale National Forest as you depart for Entebbe. As you savour the last glimpses of the majestic Ruwenzori Mountains, the expedition team will stop at the town of Fort Portal to buy snacks for the road and refuel the expedition vehicle. Once the team has refuelled it is onwards through the towns of Mityana, Mubende and Kwenjojo, winding through villages and tea plantations to Entebbe, stopping on-route for lunch (at your own cost). Depending on traffic, the expedition team will arrive at Boma Guest House late afternoon, allowing for time to relax before dinner (at your own cost).



Overnight:
The Boma Guest House,
Entebbe, Uganda



Meals included:
Breakfast



High-speed Wifi:
Included



Transfers:
Included

Day 8 – Depart Entebbe

All good things must come to an end, and today marks the end of your Ugandan Conservation Expedition. Expedition members will enjoy a final Ugandan breakfast at Boma with your KaiNav Conservation Foundation Expedition Leader before boarding your shuttle to Entebbe International Airport or onwards journey within Uganda or East Africa.



Meals included:
Breakfast



Transfers:
Included