

13 days Entebbe - Arusha

Gorillas & Game Parks

Visiting: Uganda,
Rwanda, Tanzania



what you pay

£450

PLUS local payment
\$395
paid in \$US in Africa



Price includes Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater

what's included

Highlights 6 days in total in game parks and reserves incl: Game drives in Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Queen Elizabeth National Park - Game cruise on Kazinga Channel - The Grumeti Reserve - Lake Victoria

Accommodation and meals 13 nights accommodation (11 camping & 2 dorm beds), 13 breakfasts, 13 dinners incl. pre prepared bbq at the end of the tour

As well as, Two experienced English speaking crew, specialist local guides en route, transport in a custom-built overland truck including all camping and cooking gear - fridge, gas cooker, tents, sleep mats etc. Advice and back up of the Absolute team. Road tolls and taxes paid.

We meet in Entebbe to head to our base camp for time in and around Queen Elizabeth National Park. On our way we stop at local curio markets where you may be tempted to buy a traditional drum. A chimpanzee trek in a Ugandan forest either in Kyambura Gorge or Kalinzu Forest is an exciting way to get out on foot in lush jungle amongst tropical birds and butterflies, and with a little luck spot wild chimpanzee. We game drive in the park and take a cruise on the Kazinga Channel to view hippo and crocodile as well as Cape buffalo and elephant by the water's edge.

With only 720 remaining mountain gorillas in the wild a gorilla trek in the misty Virunga Mountains for most is a once in a lifetime. Our stay in the region whilst we trek also allows time to stop over at the Genocide Memorial and there are options to visit a children's orphanage, a Batwa village and for other hikes including to see the rare golden monkey.

Our journey into Tanzania takes us to the southern shores of Lake Victoria and on to the Grumeti Reserve at Serengeti's Ikoma Gate at the start of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem. We now have days of game drives including night drives, with a wonderful chance to see all the game you would want - lion, cheetah, giraffe, elephant, hyena, rhino, zebra and so much more. The Serengeti is particularly famous for the migration of over 2.5 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle who usually start to arrive back onto the Serengeti plains in November, heading for the southern plains

where calving usually commences around February. The big predators are usually close by. The ancient caldera, Ngorongoro Crater, is known as a true "Noah's ark" because of the amount of wildlife regularly seen here. Hippo loll in the pools across these parks and plain's game can be found across the savanna.

This is also the land of the cattle-herding Maasai who can be seen throughout the region in their distinctive red check. We visit a traditional village and school, and Maasai warriors perform a march by and the traditional adumu, the famous jumping dance. Our last night we enjoy a bbq together in Arusha town to say our good byes.

Shuttle transfers can be arranged the following day to Nairobi, Moshi, or to Arusha and Kilimanjaro airports.



optional excursions

Approx. guide for the most popular excursions as at Feb 12. Usually paid in USD. The rate used is 1.55:USD.

- Kalinzu Forest chimpanzee trek from £50
- Mountain gorilla trek from £380
- Golden monkey trek from £86
- Trek to Dian Fossey's grave from £86
- Orphanage visit £13
- Grumeti night game drive £19
- Batwa Pygmy village visit £13

TO CONSIDER:

■ **White Nile Adventures** Arrive 3 to 4 days early to enjoy all the excitement the Nile has to offer. Price £55

■ **Three day Murchison Falls Safari** Head out early on this pre tour safari Price £174

■ **Northern circuit game safaris** Add-On Tarangire National Park fr £115 a day Add-On Manyara National Park fr £115 a day

■ **Climb Kilimanjaro** A range of different routes available. See page 47

■ **Beach stay on Zanzibar Island** Unwind at the end of your safari on the palm fringed beaches of Zanzibar Island.

For these and other options check out www.absoluteafrica.com or call 0208 742 0226

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover lunch, drinks and incidentals throughout including cheap excursions under £10 eg entry to the Genocide Memorial. We recommend £145 to £190 for this trip.

visas

Between £71 and £97

shuttle transfer

We can arrange a shuttle transfer back to Nairobi at the end of your trip. Price £25.

Make sure you also budget for your flights, insurance, vaccinations and any equipment you might need to buy as well as pre and post safari costs.

safari dates

Depart Entebbe	Finish Arusha
11 Apr 12	23 Apr 12
1 May 12	13 May 12
3 Jun 12	15 Jun 12
24 Jun 12	6 Jul 12
5 Aug 12	17 Aug 12
7 Sep 12	19 Sep 12
1 Oct 12	13 Oct 12
1 Nov 12	13 Nov 12
26 Nov 12	8 Dec 12
13 Dec 12	25 Dec 12
19 Dec 12	31 Dec 12
6 Feb 13	18 Feb 13
11 Mar 13	23 Mar 13
31 Mar 13	12 Apr 13
9 May 13	21 May 13
3 Jun 13	15 Jun 13

Special departure details

- 13 Dec 12 - Christmas in Arusha on leaving the game parks
- 19 Dec 12 - Christmas with the gorillas

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