

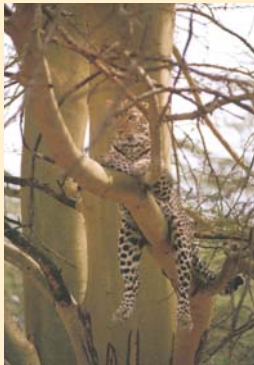
20 days Nairobi - Kigali the Gorilla Trek



what you pay

£380 PLUS local payment
\$460 paid in \$US in Africa

Visiting: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda



Nakuru National Park

Price includes The Masai Mara

what's included

Highlights Over 4 days in total in game parks and reserves incl: Game drives in The Masai Mara, Nakuru National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park - Game cruise on Kazinga Channel - The Giraffe Park - Lake Naivasha - Bujagali Falls - Lake Victoria

Accommodation and meals 19 nights accommodation (16 camping & 3 dorm beds), 17 breakfasts, 16 dinners incl. contribution to the final night out in Ruhengeri

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.

Sweeping vistas across the Rift Valley, with its soda and freshwater lakes and world famous game parks, the Masai Mara and Nakuru National Park, to the lush volcanic forest-clad Virunga. A cycle safari through Hells Gate surrounded by the evidence of past volcanic activity and watched by curious antelope. Time in the Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi, and the Giraffe Manor Park. Travel to the legendary Source of the Nile. Help out in a local school and meet Maasai tribespeople and Batwa villagers. With time for thrills and spills white water rafting on the White Nile, a bungee jump, and cycling, horse riding and quad biking to explore the local environs of Jinja.

Game drives in the Mara, the stage of the world famous migration as 500,000 wildebeest arrive on to the Mara plains of the Serengeti accompanied by vast herds of zebra and Thomson's gazelle and closely followed by the region's famous predators particularly the big cats and hyena. And in Nakuru National Park, home to both black and white rhino, lion, zebra, buffalo and giraffe, with its famous soda lake, often pink with greater and lesser flamingo. On a lucky day we might also spy a leopard lounging in a tree. A bushwalk in tropical rainforest in search of habituated chimps, and stopping over in Joy Adamson's Elsamere in Naivasha, for afternoon tea on the lawns with the black and white colobus monkeys.

Without doubt the highpoint of the trip is the trek to visit the highly endangered mountain gorilla, a chance to come face to face with this gentle giant in the misty, montane cloud forests of the Virungas. Following the hike we return to celebrate that night in one of the fun restaurants in Ruhengeri, for our final night together. The safari finishes the following morning in Kigali.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Kigali	Depart Nairobi	Finish Kigali
24 Jan 12	12 Feb 12	20 Oct 12	8 Nov 12
14 Feb 12	4 Mar 12	14 Nov 12	3 Dec 12
30 Mar 12	18 Apr 12	1 Dec 12	20 Dec 12
19 Apr 12	8 May 12	7 Dec 12	26 Dec 12
22 May 12	10 Jun 12	25 Jan 13	13 Feb 13
12 Jun 12	1 Jul 12	27 Feb 13	18 Mar 13
24 Jul 12	12 Aug 12	19 Mar 13	7 Apr 13
26 Aug 12	14 Sep 12	27 Apr 13	16 May 13
19 Sep 12	8 Oct 12	22 May 13	10 Jun 13

Special departure details • 7 Dec 12 - Christmas with the gorillas



optional excursions

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

Select from the following during your safari:

- Hells Gate National Park £16
- Crater Lake Sanctuary £23
- White water rafting The White Nile £81
- Kayak School £48
- Quad biking Nile (2 hrs) £45
- Horse riding Nile (2 hrs) £32
- Volunteer work in a local school £16
- Kalinzu Forest chimpanzee trek from £50
- Mountain gorilla trek from £380
- Golden monkey trek from £86
- Trek to Dian Fossey's grave from £86

Also to consider:

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £320

spending money

Remember to bring spending money for lunch, drinks and meals for when the truck is parked up in Jinja. You will also need money for incidentals such as upgrades from camping, internet, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 such as local walks. Clients usually take between £240 and £300 to cover for this trip.

visas

Between £33 and £84

Remember to also budget for flights, insurance, vaccinations, any pre and post safari costs such as taxis, add on excursions etc, as well as for any equipment you might need to purchase.

For assistance with working out accurately how much your travel plans will cost please don't hesitate to contact us. We are keen for you to have a realistic budget based on your specific interests and travel arrangements so that you have the very best time possible in Africa.

TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR SAFARI:

- **Beach stays on the Kenyan Coast**
Tree house accommodation from £14 a night. See page 49.
- **Kilimanjaro** Trek to "the roof of Africa" with the Absolute trekking team. A range of routes available. See page 47.



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