



# 14 Day Masai Mara & Gorillas Camping or Accommodated Tour



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Masai Mara National Reserve
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Murchison Falls National Park
- Chimp & Gorilla Trekking
- Budongo Central Forest Reserve
- Ziwa Rhino sanctuary
- Lake Bunyoni
- Pygmy Village Visit
- Nairobi



# TOUR ITINERARY

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## 14 Days | Kenya, Uganda

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

### 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 overland 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.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Masai Mara Excursion <a href="http://www.keniatours.com">http://www.keniatours.com</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Permanent tent with shared ablutions<br><b>Camping:</b> Permanent tent with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Nairobi to Masai Mara   |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | 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.

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| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | 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.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Waterbuck Hotel <a href="https://www.waterbuck.co.ke">https://www.waterbuck.co.ke</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite<br><b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Masai Mara Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park   |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | 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.



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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp <a href="http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp">http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with shared ablutions<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Lake Nakuru to Jinja  |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | 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.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>     | Kabalega Resort <a href="http://www.kabalegaresort.com/">http://www.kabalegaresort.com/</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>        | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite ablutions<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>             | Jinja to Masindi  |
| <b>Meals</b>             | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b> | 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 vice versa. Please allow for flexibility.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Kabalega Resort <a href="http://www.kabalegaresort.com/">http://www.kabalegaresort.com/</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite ablutions<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | Chimp trekking (half day) / Nile River Cruise   |

### **DAY 7: LAKE KIKORONGO**

This morning we depart Masindi and transfer towards the edges of the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Our accommodation for the night is nestled atop a hill overlooking Lake Kikorongo.

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| <b>Accommodation</b> | Simba Safari Camp <a href="https://ugandalodges.com/simba/">https://ugandalodges.com/simba/</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>    | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>         | Masindi to Lake Kikorongo  |
| <b>Meals</b>         | 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.

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| <b>Accommodation</b> | Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort <a href="https://mbzgroup.africa/">https://mbzgroup.africa/</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>    | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>         | Kampala to Lake Bunyonyi   |



**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.

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| <b>Facilities</b>        | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>             | Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)  |
| <b>Meals</b>             | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Optional Activity</b> | 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.

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| <b>Facilities</b>        | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Meals</b>             | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Optional Activity</b> | 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.

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| <b>Accommodation</b> | Hillside Plaza Hotel <a href="http://www.hillsideplazahotel.co.ug/">http://www.hillsideplazahotel.co.ug/</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>    | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Two per room with En-suite bathroom<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>         | Lake Bunyonyi to Kampala  |
| <b>Meals</b>         | 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.





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| <b>Route</b>                    | Kampala to Jinja   |
| <b>Meals</b>                    | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>        | 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.

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| <b>Accommodation Facilities</b> | Naiberi River Camp <a href="http://www.naiberi.com">http://www.naiberi.com</a><br><b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with shared ablutions<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>                    | Jinja to Eldoret  |
| <b>Meals</b>                    | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Border Post</b>              | Kenya: Busia 09256 454 3482<br>Uganda: Malaba   |

### **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.

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| <b>Accommodation</b> | Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent. |
| <b>Route</b>         | Eldoret to Nairobi   |
| <b>Meals</b>         | Breakfast, Lunch   |

**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.**

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## **TOUR INFORMATION**

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### **Pre-Departure Information:**

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet to help you prepare. Below is some basic tour information.

### **Tour departure point**

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time

**7.00am** Hilton Nairobi, Mama Ngina Street

Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: +254 20 2790311 <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nbohitw-hilton-nairobi/>

### **Tour ending point**

Hilton Nairobi, Mama Ngina Street

Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: +254 20 2790311 <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nbohitw-hilton-nairobi/>



### **PCR Testing / Requirements**

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

### **Maximum Number of Passengers**

20 - All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

### **After hours emergency contact**

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer, or you are running late for your tour departure.

*If calling from outside South Africa:*      0027 82 578 2199

*If calling within South Africa:*            082 578 2199

### **Arrival / Departure**

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

### **Pre and Post Tour Accommodation**

If you require accommodation before or after your tour, we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

### **What's included**

All meals which are prepared and served at the tour truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the tour truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

### **What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

### **Countries Visited**

Kenya, Uganda

### **Optional Activities**

We provide you with a great tour however there are additional optional activities that you can do enroute. At the various places you will find a selection of optional activities that can be booked on the tour you have chosen. Your guide will also help you choose what is best for you. If you want to do an extra night drive, go white water rafting or bungee jumping -we will make sure you book this with the safest and most professional operator. Some optional activities operate concurrently so the group may have to decide as a team which optional activities they'd prefer to do.

On the pre-departure information your consultant sends you there will be a lengthy list of what the locals offer in the various places we visit.

These are as the name says... totally optional and you do not always have to do an activity to enjoy being in an area, simply walking around the local markets or interacting with the locals is an experience with in itself.

### **General**

All information is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better-quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system.



Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier- your consultant will send you a link to do this, we ask clients to download the latest tour dossier 1 week before your tours departure so you are up to date with any changes.

### **Meals**

#### **Breakfast:**

As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

#### **Lunch:**

Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. They do have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

#### **Dinner:**

This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes.

Most evenings are spent talking about Africa. Your tour dossier will have details of where you will be each night and the prices of meals if we are spending an evening at leisure in a city or town. After or during dinner, guides will do briefings, please use this opportunity to discuss things with them.

### **Special Requirements**

Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour.

### **Luggage**

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. It is not a destination where you want to lug suitcases and heavy bags around. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers. On booking the pre-departure info will have a packing guide to help you prepare, however please note hard suitcases are not suitable. Soft bags are needed to fit in the luggage lockers.

Locker sizes are ±35cm sq, 80cm deep. If the frame of your suitcase does not fit these diameters, there is unfortunately nowhere else to safely store your bag.

**Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details:**

**General Enquiries & Reservations:** [info@detourafrica.co.za/](mailto:info@detourafrica.co.za/)

**Website:** [www.detourafrica.co.za/](http://www.detourafrica.co.za/)

**Phone:** + 27 21 424 1115

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**Telegram:** @DetourAfrica



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