



The Grand Circuit

Day 1:

Destination: Entebbe

Drive: 10 km | 0.5 hour

Welcome to Uganda! As soon as you enter the airport you will be embraced with a pleasant temperature and hopefully a charming smile of the immigration officer. Take this day to relax from your trip. Entebbe is a charming town, with a pleasant lakeside, some good restaurants and large swimming pool at Laiko Hotel.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Via Via Guesthouse](#)

Our favourite restaurants:

Dine at the Boma Hotel, Carpe Diem Guesthouse, or eat fresh fish and great pizza at Gorreti's, with your feet in the white sands viewing Lake Victoria.

Day 2:

Start: Entebbe

Destination: Lake Mburo NP

Drive: 225 km | 6+ hours

Your road trip adventure starts today. Its a smooth and scenic ride to [Lake Mburo National Park](#). Covered with extensive acacia woodlands, this park is one of the best places in the country to enjoy a walking safari and see the giant eland antelope, zebras and leopards.

Accommodation options:

Budget: [Eagle's Nest](#)

Mid-range: [Rwakobo Rock](#)

Day 3:

Enjoy: Lake Mburo NP

Enjoy a day in the park. With no dangerous predators such as lions, Lake Mburo is the best place to go on a guided safari by foot, bike or horse. Moreover, this is one of the few national parks in Africa allowing night game drives, which give you the chance to see some of the rare nocturnal animals like the mongoose, hyena, leopard and serval cat.



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Day 4:

Start: Lake Mburo NP

Destination: Lake Mutanda

Drive: 225 km | 6+ hours

Drive to the Kigezi Highlands, perhaps the most fertile and scenic region of Uganda. A landscape of expansive blue lakes, steep terraced slopes and dormant volcanoes. Lake Bunyonyi and Lake Mutanda are great places to stay. Read more about [Bwindi Impenetrable Forest](#).

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Mutanda Lake Resort](#)

Day 5:

Enjoy: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.

Rise and shine. You probably get up in the dark for an experience of a life time. Today you will be trekking the rare mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Bwindi's mist-covered, forested hills protect an estimated 320 mountain gorillas, roughly half of the global population. This includes 11 habituated groups which can be tracked. You will start from Rushaga or Nkuringo.

Read more about gorilla trekking [here](#)

Day 6:

Enjoy: Lake Mutanda

Relax from your gorilla tracking and spend another day at this splendid lake Mutanda. Plenty of activities can be arranged from the lodge such as; Stand up surf paddling, hiking, birding or sundowner boat trips.

Check the [Mutanda Lake Resort](#) website for more information.



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Day 7:

Start: Lake Mutanda

Destination: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Drive: 220 km | 7+ hours

Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park. From open savanna to green rainforest, from dense papyrus swamps to the vastness of Lake Edward, it is little wonder that Queen Elizabeth boasts one of the highest biodiversity rates of any game park.

Read more about Queen Elizabeth National Park [here](#)

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Bush Lodge](#).

Deluxe: [Mweya Safari Lodge](#)

Day 8:

Enjoy: [Queen Elizabeth National Park](#)

Enjoy a day in the park. Boat trips on the Kazinga Channel offer great game viewing, as do game drives around Mweya and the Northern Circuit. The Kyambura Gorge harbors habituated chimps, the Maramangambo Forest is home to many forest monkeys and flamingos abound in the dozens of crater lakes.

Day 9:

Start: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Destination: Kibale National Park

Drive: 125 km | 2½ + hours

Drive to Kibale Forest near the pleasant town of Fort Portal. Kibale is a 800 km² tropical rainforest, home to 13 primate species and an impressive range of birds.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Kibale Forest Camp](#)



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Day 10:

Enjoy: [Kibale National Park](#)

Kibale Forest is a nature lover's paradise with its sublime bird watching and chimpanzee trekking. Also many other primate species abound in Kibale. Chimpanzee trekking is a half-day activity starting either early in the morning or just after lunch. A field of beautiful crater lakes lies between Fort Portal and the Forest which are perfect for a swim or exploration on foot or by bicycle.

Day 11:

Start: Kibale National Park

Destination: Hoima

Drive: 200 km | 4+ hours

Beautiful and slightly bumpy back roads passing through friendly villages will bring you to Hoima town, the staging point between Fort Portal and Masindi.

Accommodation options:

Budget/Mid-range: [Kon Tiki Hotel](#) and [Hoima Cultural Lodge](#)

Day 12:

Start: Hoima

Destination: Murchison Falls NP

Drive: 120 km | 5+ hours

Today you will cross the Murchison Falls National Park entering the reserve from the south, whilst staying overnight just outside the northern section of the park. Along the way, you can visit Budongo rainforest and visit the top of the waterfalls, which are spectacular. The wildlife is concentrated at the northern section of the park, after you crossed the Nile with the ferry.

Read more about Murchison Falls National in our Uganda Travel Blog [here](#).

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Fort Murchison](#)



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Day 13:

Enjoy: Murchison Falls NP

As animals are most active early morning and late afternoon, these are the best hours for your game drive. Other recommended activities are taking a boat trip to the base of the falls, or for the bird lovers, take a smaller boat downriver from Paraa lodge towards the Nile river delta where it flows into Lake Albert.

Day 14:

Start: Murchison Falls NP

Destination: Kidepo Valley NP

Drive: 350 km | 7+ hours

Full day of driving ahead. Northern Uganda is the least developed region of Uganda. It is a beautiful area though, and completely different from the lush south west. Gulu is nice for a morning coffee break, we recommend Café Larem for coffee and a piece of banana cake. By the way, if people shout Muno, they are talking to you (Mzungu). Kopango? (How are you?), Kopêh! (Good!). From Kitgum (last fuel stop) to Katurum gate via Orom is around 140 km and takes around 3½ hours. Drive slowly and carefully, as roads can be in bad condition (sometimes even washed away) after heavy rains.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Kidepo Savannah Lodge](#)

Day 15:

Enjoy: Kidepo Valley National Park

Kidepo Valley National Park is one of Africa's last great wilderness areas. It is an endless area of vast savanna plains and mountain ranges. Out on the savanna, you are likely to see impressive herds of ostriches, hartebeest, buffaloes and giraffes and possibly predators such as lions, cheetah and leopards. While the game viewing is excellent, it is the thrilling sense of supreme isolation that many people enjoy most.

Read more about Kidepo National Park in our Uganda Travel Blog [here](#).



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Day 16:

Enjoy: Kidepo Valley NP

As Kidepo Valley is one of the highlights of the trip, it's advise to spend another day. Head out on a beautiful drive to reach the unimpressive hot springs, relax at your veranda and enjoy the view or go for a hiking trail with an UWA guide: exciting!!

Day 17:

Start: Kidepo Valley NP

Destination: Moroto

Drive: 260 km | 5+ hours

With a morning game drive you exit the park via the Mataba gate to Kaabong and Kotido. The scenery changes drastically to plain arid landscapes with large boulders (kopjes). From Kotido to Moroto is a 2 hour drive. When you reach Moroto, the guides from Kara-Tunga can take you into the manyatta's; traditional villages of the Karamajong. Immerse yourself in nomadic pastoral culture of the Karamajong by experiencing daily life in a manyatta. You could even spend a night in the kraal.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Kara-Tunga Guesthouse](#)

Day 18:

Enjoy: Moroto

Time to stretch your legs and climb Mount Moroto. During your hike, you pass through some small villages and the guides can tell you everything about the local lifestyle and culture. You can explore this mountain in either one or two days, the latter comes with an authentic bush camp in the wilderness.



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Day 19:

Start: Moroto

Destination: Sipi Falls

Drive: 175 km | 4+ hours.

We are going further south-east today. You will drive to Sipi Falls at the foothills of Mount Elgon, home to a series of three spectacular waterfalls, some of the best Arabica coffee in the world, and beautiful sunsets! Sipi Falls is a place to enjoy for some great hiking, but also a place to just relax and unwind in a cool and peaceful environment.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Sipi River Lodge](#)

Day 20:

Enjoy: Sipi Falls

Plenty of activities can be organised from the lodge. Popular is to explore the three waterfalls with a local guide. Other activities include a coffee tour, mountain biking, rock climbing, abseiling, trout fishing and day hikes in Mount Elgon National Park. Or, also an old-time favourite, hang-out in the beautiful garden of the lodge, read a book and relax.

Day 21:

Start: Sipi Falls

Destination: Jinja

Drive: 220 km | 4+ hours

Jinja is on the menu for today. Referred to as the "Adventure Capital of East Africa", the area has much to offer including class-5 rafting, bungee jumping, mountain biking, horse riding, Nile river sunset cruise, fishing and so forth. Also, Jinja town is nice to wander around for an afternoon.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [The Haven](#)



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Day 22:

Enjoy: Jinja

A perfect day to relax... or to go for an action-packed day of world-class, grade-5 rafting with Nalubale. Thrill of a lifetime!

Day 23:

Start: Jinja

Destination: Entebbe

Drive: 130 km | 4+ hours

To all good things come an end? Return to Entebbe and drop off the car at the airport, or at your accommodation. As you're passing through Kampala, allow plenty of travel time for some (un)expected, world-famously slow traffic, or jam. If you have spent the night at the Haven, you can take the newly rebuilt northern route via Kayunga – Gayaza.

Accommodation options:

Budget / Mid-range: [Via Via Guesthouse](#)

Day 24:

Enjoy: Entebbe

Depending on your departure time, you have some time to relax at your lodge - well deserved after such an epic trip! If you have the energy to head out, go and visit the Botanical gardens; its a beautiful place with lots of bird watching opportunities. Its also a great place for a picknick.