EXPLORE! Tour Notes

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Indulge Itinerary Version (TMUG9)

WILDLIFE

TOURDURAT
14
DAYS

Tour Type: Tailormade | **tour Code:** TMUG9

Tour Highlights - Indulge Itinerary Version

- ✓ Spend your honeymoon in the company of rare and enigmatic mountain gorillas
- ✓ Trek forest trails and learn about their mannerisms from expert local guides
- ✓ Spot elephants, buffalo and hippo from the lakes of Queen Elizabeth National Park
- ✓ Stay in fantastic camps and lodges, perfect for wildlife viewing, and with a touch of indulgence... if you wish!
- ✓ Enjoy African sunsets and relax on the beaches of Zanzibar

Tour Essentials

Accommodation: 2 nights Lodge
Included Meals: 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
Transport:
Countries: Tanzania, Uganda

Tailormade Ugandan Gorilla and Honeymoon Safari

Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

Your tour itinerary

Tour itinerary notes

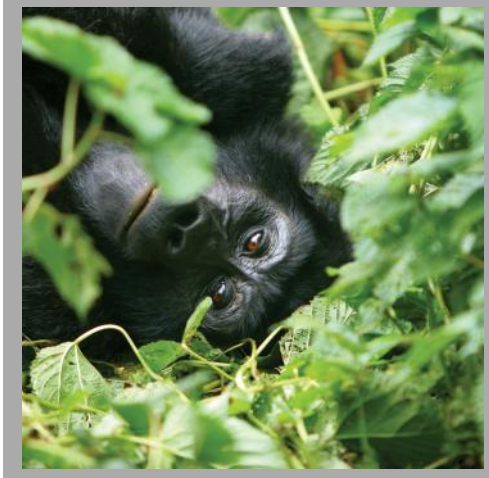
While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

DAY 1 to 2 Fly to Uganda

Depart the UK on a flight to Entebbe, on arrival transfer to Kampala.

Why Book this tour?

Uganda is sunny most of the year with temperatures usually remaining comfortable & rarely exceeding 30 degrees. Just like its African neighbours, Uganda follows a similar pattern with two wet seasons during the year. The main rainy season falls between late March and May with rain often lasting days, thus making travel difficult. The light rain season is during November when it generally lasts only an hour or two each day leaving conditions revitalised and refreshed.



Included Meals: None

DAY 3 Journey to Kibale Forest

After breakfast transfer northwest to Fort Portal, resting in the shadow of the fabled Mountains of the Moon this town is most famous for the many tea plantations. After lunch continue to Kibale National Park.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Chimp tracking

Kibale Forest is reputable of having the greatest variety and highest concentration of primates in East Africa. Enjoy a guided nature walk in the tropical rainforest in search of the wild chimpanzee, red-tailed monkey, black-and-white colobus monkey and many others. After lunch drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park. This evening enjoy a romantic private dinner on the Captains table, Captain's Table, a one-of-a-kind floating pontoon on Lake Nyamusingire.

Overnight: **Lodge**

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 Queen Elizabeth National Park

An early morning game drive takes you in search of lions, elephants and buffaloes around the park. In the afternoon take a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. Thanks to the abundant birdlife, herds of elephants, buffaloes and hippos this will definitely be one of the highlights of your safari!

Overnight: **Lodge**

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 Free morning, transfer to Bwindi

This morning has been left free, you may choose to relax at the hotel or go for a hike through the river valley in the Kyambura Wildlife Reserve in search of chimpanzees. In the afternoon continue to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, home of the endangered mountain gorillas.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 Gorilla tracking

Spend a day in and around the park. Head into the depths of the rainforest with expert guides as you track the magnificent mountain gorilla. Observing these magnificent primates in their natural habitat is such a memorable experience. Back at your lodge enjoy a complementary one hour full body massage.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 Transfer to Lake Mburo

Depart the impenetrable forest and head to Lake Mburo National Park, is renowned for its rich birdlife and beautiful lakes; you have a game drive en route to your lodge. After dinner enjoy a night safari game drive, this is a great time to spot hippos out of the water and if you're lucky, leopards!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 Lake Mburo National Park

This morning take a walking safari in search of zebra, warthog, buffalo, impala and possibly Africa's largest antelope, the eland. This afternoon transfer back to Entebbe with time for some souvenir shopping.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 to 12 Zanzibar

Depart Entebbe for Zanzibar, where you can relax by the pool, swim in turquoise waters and enjoy evening walks on palm-fringed sandy beaches. Optional excursion include snorkelling, dhow cruises or kayaking can also be arranged.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 Zanzibar

Today is free for you to arrange optional excursions including snorkelling, dhow cruises or kayaking can also be arranged.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12 Zanzibar

Today is free for you to explore the island at your leisure, or relax at your hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13 Fly to UK

A free morning to relax, before your flight to the UK.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14 Arrive UK

Included Meals: None

Accommodation and Meals

Food & Drink

Included meals: 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches,7 dinners included in the price of this tour. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

Budgeting for your Tour

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the tour price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

Food

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide.Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Tanzania

Lunch £: 8.00

Dinner £: 13.00

Uganda

Lunch £: 6.00

Dinner £: 12.00

Drink

The prices for drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive.

Tanzania

Bottle of Beer £: 1.60

Water £: 0.70

Uganda

Bottle of Beer £: 1.50

Water £: 1.00

Foreign Exchange

Tanzania

ATM Availability: Major towns and cities will have ATMs available.

Credit Card Acceptance: Credit cards are generally not accepted.

Travellers Cheques: Take some to act as reserve funds.

Local Currency: Tanzanian Shilling.

Recommended Currency for Exchange: US Dollars are preferable. Please be aware that any notes issued before 2006 will not be accepted

Where to Exchange: Banks or 'Forex' offices only in main towns/cities. Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

Uganda

ATM Availability: Very limited and unreliable.

Credit Card Acceptance: Unreliable

Travellers Cheques: We do not recommend travellers cheques

Local Currency: Ugandan Shilling.

Recommended Currency for Exchange: You should take the majority of your spending money in US Dollars cash some of which to change into Ugandan Shillings. Please be aware that notes issued pre- 2006, or are not the "Big Face" kind, are not normally accepted in East Africa at all. Take mixed denomination bills in good condition and note that higher Ugandan Shilling rates are available for larger ($50- $100) US Dollar bills. Dirty and torn US Dollar notes are NOT accepted at all in Uganda. GBP Sterling is easily exchanged in Kampala only.

Where to Exchange: Your Tour leader will advise you

Joining your Tour

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a ‘flight inclusive’ package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the ‘Land Only’ arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific ‘Joining Instructions’ prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found on our website at www.explore.co.uk, in the tour specific dates and prices section.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer. For more information please refer to https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the ‘Land Only’ arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer please refer to https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Important Information

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of joining any of our tours that you must have valid travel insurance. It must indicate that you have cover for (at least) medical expenses and emergency repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling in England and Scotland. We also strongly recommend your policy includes curtailment, personal effects and cancellation protection as all deposits paid are non-refundable. You will also need to ensure your travel policy covers you for all activities you intend to do whilst on tour.

We are delighted to include FREE travel insurance **for all qualifying customers** who book an Explore trip from 01 January 2015.

For more information about Travel insurance and to check whether you are eligible to receive free cover, please visit www.explore.co.uk/insurance. Explore Worldwide Ltd are an Appointed Representative of Campbell Irvine Limited. who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The registration number can be checked by visiting the the FCA's website www.fca.gov.uk or by contacting them on 0800 111 6768.

Vaccinations & Protection

Tanzania

We strongly recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid, polio and yellow fever. Please note you are required to produce a valid yellow fever certificate on arrival in Tanzania if you have spent 10 hours or more transiting through an endemic country. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may also wish to take immunisation against meningococcal meningitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/ and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure

Uganda

We recommend protection against malaria, tetanus, typhoid, hepatitis A, polio and yellow fever. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Please ensure you are vaccinated against measles. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/ and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

Preparing for your Tour

Climate

Tanzania

The climate is tropical but varies greatly with altitude. Coastal areas are hot and humid, the central plateau dry and arid. It can be cold at night, particularly in June & July and at altitude. Generally the long rains arrive April/May and the short rains Nov/early Dec. Although this pattern can be completely erratic. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at http://www.explore.co.uk/weather. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Uganda

Although conditions are tropical, hot and humid in the centre and west, the rest of Uganda has a pleasant and comfortable climate. The dry season is generally from December to early March and June to the end of August/early September. Temperature can vary from around 28°C during the day to 12°C in the evening. High mountain areas become much cooler at night. Most of Uganda experiences a double rainy season. Rainfall is moderate, only exceeding 1250mm a year in the higher areas. But it may rain at any time of the year, particularly in equatorial rainforest such as Bwindi. Lake Victoria influences the local weather patterns considerably and ensures the surrounding region is wetter than elsewhere. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at http://www.explore.co.uk/weather. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

General Information

Country details

Tanzania

Population: 43,739,000

Size of Country: 945,203 sq km

Major Language: Swahili, English

Religion: Christian, Muslim

Time Difference to GMT: +3

Uganda

Population: 32,369,558

Size of Country: 236,040 sq km

Major Language: English, Swahili

Religion: Christian, Roman Catholic, Islam

Time Difference to GMT: +3

Electric Supply & Plugs

Tanzania

3 Pin Flat

Uganda

3 Pin Flat

Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years' experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures, self-guided, private journeys & tailormade holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, elephant, or any number of unusual forms of transport . Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to – and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

Our commitment to the environment

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures and traditional, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: Toilet Twinning (helping to flush away poverty), Lone Buffalo Foundation (a community project based in Laos providing creative skills for young people), Dekamer (a turtle rescue centre in Turkey) and Kids Saving the Rainforest (a wildlife rescue centre in Costa Rica supported through the LATA foundation). We also care passionately about the world's wildlife. We are patrons of the Born Free Organisation and Friends of Conservation.

Cool Earth

Explore are proud to support Cool Earth in their effort to reduce global carbon dioxide levels through the prevention of deforestation in the South America rainforest. Cool Earth focus on areas in immediate danger of deforestation, supporting local communities to be forest guardians. To date 350,000 acres of rainforest has been protected. Saving rainforest also protects rare animals and plants, allows local forest communities to maintain their way of life, and protects a major source of oxygen and fresh water. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year.

Earth Matters

- The Travel Foundation

  Explore are active members and supporters of the Travel Foundation which has established a variety of sustainable tourism projects in destinations and works with industry to improve practice. Visit their website www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk
- Tourism Concern

  Explore support the work of Tourism Concern who campaign for fairly and ethically traded tourism, and are part of its Ethical Tour Operator Group www.tourismconcern.org.uk
- For further information on responsible travel go to http://www.explore.co.uk/ResponsibleTourism/

Know before you go

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety andÂ security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. ForÂ UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link atÂ http://www.explore.co.uk/essential-travel-information/travel-resources/travel-safety

Booking Your Holiday

Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's LicenceÂ granted by the Civil Aviation Authority.Â Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is ‘Available’ or ‘Guaranteed’ we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

For Self-Guided holidays and Private Journeys simply choose your date of travel and let us know so we can confirm all ground services.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% non-refundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2015.

Tour Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 9 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 9. 10/ itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 10.

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