

# UGANDA, RWANDA & BURUNDI

14 DAYS

# ITINERARY

by Go Group Travel



An immersive exploration through three remarkable East African nations – from the Nile’s source to mountain gorillas, volcanic lakes, royal drumming, and living history.

## DAY 01 — ARRIVAL IN ENTEBBE & TRANSFER TO JINJA

Arrival at Entebbe International Airport and meet your local guide. Begin the journey by driving to Jinja, a pleasant town at the source of the Nile River. Optional visit to Speke Monument where the source was first identified in 1858, or a short boat ride to the exact source. Overnight in Jinja.



## DAY 02 — EQUATOR LINE AND MURCHINSON FALLS

After breakfast, we depart for Murchinson Falls, Uganda’s largest national park, with a stop at the Equator Monument along the way. The monument marks the line dividing the northern and southern hemispheres and offers a quiet moment to reflect on the Earth’s balance.

We will continue through lush landscapes toward Murchison Falls, where the Nile crashes through a narrow gorge into a roaring cascade. Overnight in Murchinson Falls Lodge,



## DAY 03 — SAFARI AND NILE RIVER CRUISE

Our day starts with a safari across the open plains of Murchison, home to elephants, giraffes, lions, and Uganda kob. In the afternoon, we take a boat along the Nile River to the foot of the falls. The riverbanks are alive with hippos, crocodiles, and colorful birdlife, while the roar of the waterfall echoes through the park.

Overnight at Murchison River Lodge.



## DAY 04 — FORT PORTAL & KIBALE FOREST

We leave the savannah behind and travel through rolling countryside and tea estates to Fort Portal, a quiet town nestled in the foothills of the massive Rwenzori Mountains.

After lunch, continue to the edge of Kibale Forest, one of Africa's most important primate habitats.

Overnight at Chimpanzee Forest Guest House.



## DAY 05 — CHIMPANZEE TRACKING

We enter Kibale Forest, a thick, humid jungle alive with the sounds of birds and rustling branches. This ancient rainforest is a haven for primates, especially wild chimpanzees. We will join the group of expert guides from the national park.

Later, we drive south to Queen Elizabeth National Park, where savannah and volcanic hills await.

Overnight in the park.



## DAY 06 — QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

We start early morning with a game drive through the Kasenyi plains, where lions and hyenas often follow herds of antelope. Then we drive toward Bwindi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most biologically rich forests on Earth. This ancient rainforest shelters roughly half of the world's mountain gorilla population.

Overnight at Buhoma Rest Camp.



## DAY 07 — GORILLA TREKKING & LAKE BUNYONYI

In the misty depths of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, we start a trek along steep trails, guided by trackers who know where the gorillas were last seen. This forest is one of the richest ecosystems in Africa - dark, damp, and teeming with life. When we find a gorilla family, you'll spend an hour observing their behavior - often surprisingly gentle and humanlike.

Afterward, we drive to the serene Lake Bunyonyi, surrounded by terraced hills and peaceful islands, where we will relax for the rest of the day.

Overnight at Lake Bunyonyi.



## DAY 08 — **RWANDA: ALONG THE KIVU LAKE**

Depart Uganda and cross into Rwanda, following the shores of Lake Kivu to the peaceful town of Kibuye. This scenic drive reveals Rwanda's volcanic hills, coffee plantations, and rural life. Kibuye itself is a tranquil lakeside settlement known for its stunning views and reflective atmosphere. Overnight in Kibuye.



## DAY 09 — **NAPOLEON ISLAND**

We will take a boat across Lake Kivu along the Congo Nile Trail, a scenic route that stretches over 227 kilometers through Rwanda's stunning landscapes, connecting the shores of Lake Kivu to the Congo River. On Napoleon Island, we will explore its lush terrain, home to a large colony of fruit bats and diverse birdlife. We take a short hike to the summit for panoramic views of the lake and surrounding hills. In the afternoon, we'll drive to Kigali, Rwanda's vibrant capital. Overnight in Kigali.



## DAY 10 — **KIGALI**

We will spend the day discovering Kigali's history and culture. Visit to the Genocide Memorial, a powerful and respectful space for remembering Rwanda's past and understanding its journey toward reconciliation. Walk through local markets and neighborhoods that reflect a vibrant, modern-day Rwanda. Kigali's clean streets, art galleries, and cafes reveal a city reshaped by healing and innovation. Overnight in Kigali.



## DAY 11 — **TRANSFER TO BURUNDI**

A day of travel south from Kigali, briefly passing through Tanzanian territory before entering Burundi (since no direct border crossing is open). We will arrive in Kirundo, a quiet lakeside town where nature remains untouched. The surrounding landscape of gentle hills and lakes creates a peaceful setting.

Here, rural Burundi remains as it has for generations: untamed and warmly welcoming. Overnight in Kirundo



## DAY 12 — LAKE OF BIRDS & ROYAL DRUMMERS OF BURUNDI

Our day starts with a boat trip on Lac aux Oiseaux (Lake of Birds), an important wetland habitat and a key stopover point for birds traveling across East Africa on their way to Europe.

We head to Gitega, Burundi's cultural capital, where you'll witness the renowned Royal Drummers. Their performance: deeply rooted in tradition and symbolism, is considered one of the most impressive drum rituals in Africa. Optional trip to Karera Falls.

Overnight in Gitega



## DAY 13 — BUJUMBURA & LAKE TANGANYIKA

We drive to Bujumbura and explore the capital's colonial architecture, lakefront, and museums. Then, we take a boat along the Rusizi River, where hippos roam and birdlife is abundant. The river connects Lake Kivu to Lake Tanganyika, the world's second deepest freshwater lake.

Lake Tanganyika's clear waters and ancient depths hold some of the planet's oldest aquatic life.

Overnight in Bujumbura



## DAY 14 — DEPARTURE

Transfer to Bujumbura International Airport for departure.

Our journey ends here, but the rhythm of East Africa: the waterfalls, forests, lakes, and drums - will remain with you.



### INCLUDED:

- All accommodations
- Private transportation throughout
- All park entrance fees
- Gorilla and chimpanzee permits (where applicable)
- Activities listed in the itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide

### NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Meals
- Visa fees
- Tips
- Personal expenses



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