

Children of Conservation

UGANDA



**JOIN US FOR
THE JOURNEY OF A
LIFETIME**

Leave the stress behind as our experienced guides lead you on the journey of a lifetime. We'll visit the chimpanzees of Kibale National Park, explore the wildlife by safari at Kidepo Valley and track endangered mountain gorillas in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

TYPICAL ITINE RARY



DAY 1 & 2 - TRAVEL

ARRIVE ENTEBBE, UGANDA


After a day en route, arrive Entebbe on Day 2. We'll be there to take you to your hotel.

 Lake Victoria Serena Resort & Spa

DAY 3

RELAX & REFRESH

After a long day of travel, it's time to refresh so you can fully enjoy the amazing activities ahead. Relax by the Lake, have a massage, play a round of golf or take a half day trip to Paradise Island for some bird watching.

 Lake Victoria Serena Resort & Spa

DAY 4

NGAMBA ISLAND - MYENDE


From the banks of Lake Victoria, we depart for Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. After crossing the Equator, we arrive for a peek into the work being done to care for the orphaned chimps. After lunch, we travel to Myende, the future site of Children of Conservation's "Model Conservation Community."

 Ngamba Island

DAY 5

NGAMBA ISLAND - SERENA


Visit the chimps before breakfast then spend the morning bird watching, boating or getting a massage. Back to Entebbe for a local African dinner with Ngamba's team.

 Lake Victoria Serena Resort & Spa

DAY 6

KIDEPO VALLEY NAT'L PARK

Early morning flight & drive over the rolling hills and tea estates to Kidepo Valley, Uganda's most remote park that is home to lions, leopards, cheetah, elephants, giraffes, zebras, water buffalo and more. Arrive at Apoka Lodge and enjoy an afternoon safari.

 Apoka Safari Lodge

DAY 7

KIDEPO VALLEY NAT'L PARK

Morning game drive then lunch and choice of walking safari, birding or community visit.

 Apoka Safari Lodge

DAY 8

KIBALE - LAKE NYINAMBUGA

Early morning flight & drive over the wonderous African terrain to Kibale Nat'l Park. Known for its 300 bird species and population of chimpanzees, Kibale is home to 11 primate species. Arrive at Ndali Lodge and enjoy an afternoon hike or massage.

 Ndali Lodge

DAY 9

KIBALE - OUR CLOSEST RELATIVES

Rise early to begin the journey to the heart of the forest for your chimpanzee trek. The chimpanzees feed high in the trees, so binoculars are a must. Barks of baboons occasionally pierce the forest silence as you make your way along the trail.

 Ndali Lodge

DAY 10

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NAT'L PARK


Early flight and drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Nat'l Park. We'll arrive at our luxurious home base around lunch time where we relax and enjoy the magnificent views. We'll prepare for the following day of gorilla treks where we will be tracking a family of magnificent gorillas: a rare sight experienced by only the most fortunate.

 Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge

DAY 11

A DAY WITH THE GENTLE GIANTS

Spend the day tracking endangered mountain gorillas, spending up to an hour with these fascinating creatures -observing their surprisingly human-like interactions. Return to the lodge with time to relax or set out on another guided forest hike.

 Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge

DAYS 12 & 13

START THE TRIP BACK HOME

Begin the journey back home having experienced a lifetime dream. Spend a few hours in Entebbe with the option of a day room, massage or showers before getting on your flight to journey back home.





"OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO"

It's time to start checking items off the bucket list. Discover the secret lives of chimpanzees, spend time with a local family, marvel at the wild elephants and get up close and personal with the elusive mountain gorillas of Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. This truly is the wildlife adventure of a lifetime.

Take a walk on the wild side with us as we embark on an in-depth visit to the "Pearl of Africa." A less traveled part of East Africa, Uganda is known for its extreme biodiversity and kind people without the trappings of the typical tourist areas. As a Children of Conservation guest, you'll have an "off the beaten path" experience with opportunities to spend time with the local workers of the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary as well as a visit to the fishing village of Myende. Your interactions will have even deeper meaning knowing that a portion of your travel costs are helping to provide this village with otherwise unavailable healthcare and education.



Having gotten up close and personal with Lake Victoria and the orphaned chimps of Ngamba, we'll head off for our adventures into the national parks of Uganda. We'll start with bush safaris at Kidepo National Park.

The next adventure takes us chimpanzee trekking in the steady terrain of the Kibale forest.



Our last destination is the lush tropics of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest where we'll have a once-in-a-lifetime encounter with one of the rarest animals on Earth - the mountain gorilla. Dotted by forests and lakes and dominated by the dramatic Virunga mountain range, Uganda offers the intrepid traveller a chance to enjoy a wide variety of adventures. Boasting over 1000 species of birds, and wildlife not found anywhere else; it is the original Eden.

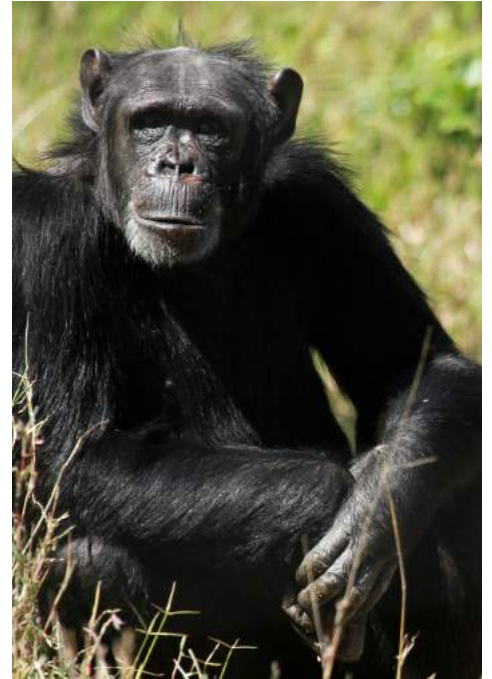
Ngamba Island & Myende

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary is located on a small island in Lake Victoria and cares for orphaned chimpanzees rescued from illegal poaching.

For our Ngamba Island Chimpanzee safari, we'll travel by boat from Entebbe through the Mukona district and across the Equator. Pay attention, you might hear a slight change in the hum of the boat's motor as we cross. Ngamba Island is a lovely forest habitat for 49 rescued chimpanzees. This semi-wild island takes us behind the scenes to see the day to day lifestyle of chimps in the forest as we watch them eat, take care of each other and play. Many people come to the

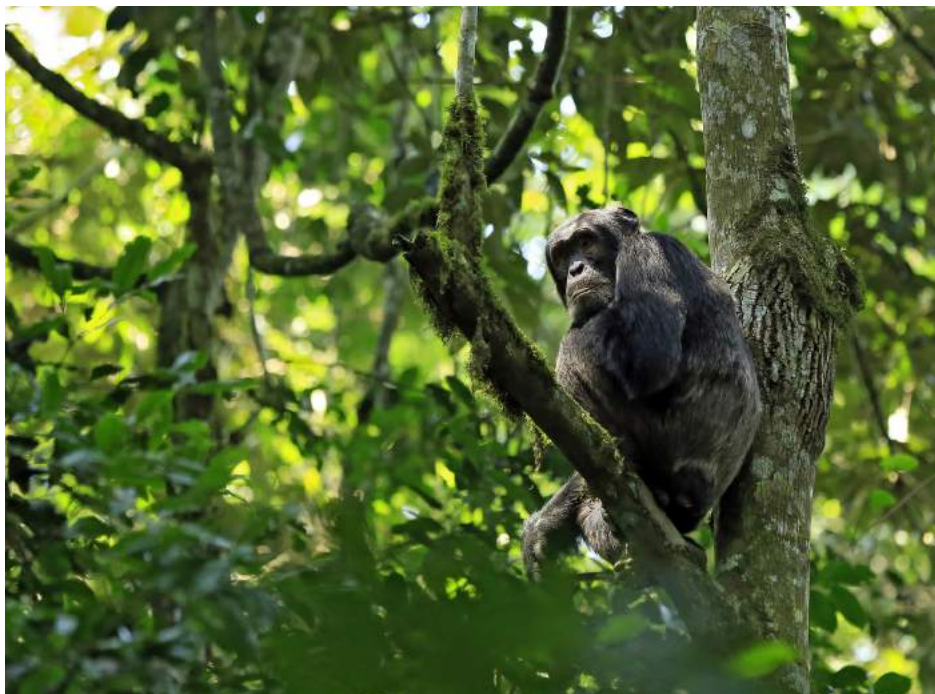
Island for its diverse bird species, like the singing black headed weavers, sacred ibis, spur winged lapwings, and others. Don't get too close to the lapwings' ground nests or you might have an angry father diving at you.

We'll visit the Myende fishing village & spend time with the islanders. Ending the day with a sunset cruise on Lake Victoria is a perfect way to take in all that nature has to offer and enjoy the peacefulness of another world.



Kibale National Forest

Kibale gives us the chance to see the natural habitat of our closest relatives, in the environment where they thrive and are meant to be.



It's incredibly rare to be able to gorilla and chimp trek in the same country **and** Kibale's forest is one of the best places in the world to see chimpanzees. Join us for a guided tour through the dense forest in search of our closest relatives. With flatter terrain than gorilla trekking, a chimp trek is the perfect introduction to the sights, sounds and smells of the African forest, the birds and the trees. The chimps will spend most of their time rustling high above us, but if we're lucky, some might come down for a closer look.

Kidepo National Park

Tucked in the northern tip of Uganda, Kidepo is the most remote park with the largest diversity of wildlife in the country.

When you close your eyes and think of Africa, the landscape you imagine – the jagged hills, the golden grasses, the plains dotted with wildlife, the soft glowing light – is likely to be Kidepo. This is Uganda's most remote park, far away from city life. The vast golden green plains punctuated with craggy, rocky outcrops, reveal an even bigger sky at night. Under a canopy of

impossibly bright stars, this is where we are reminded that the earth is round. Wildlife is abundant. Lions, leopard, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, hartebeest, waterbuck, bushbuck, warthog...the list is endless. Whether viewing animals from the privacy of your veranda, outdoor bathtub, or up close in an open-top Landcruiser, this is not the "typical" tourist filled safari.



"Look deep into nature & you will understand everything better."

Albert Einstein

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

There are no words for the feeling that engulfs you as you become a welcomed guest of these gentle giants in their forest home. For at least a moment, world peace seems possible.



Those who've had the rare experience of gorilla trekking often struggle to describe the surreal, beautiful, and often moving experience. These rare and regal creatures adorn the lush velvet-green slopes of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. It is a rainforest paradise buzzing with the sounds of jungle life—and a soft mist in the air. This is unlike any other experience you've ever had. Filled with anticipation, you move towards your group (with occasional pauses for awe of your surroundings). Your guide stops. The gorillas are near. Before you see them, you smell their deep musky scent. It's a magical moment that will most certainly be unforgettable.



Ngamba Tented Camp



Ndali Lodge

"OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL STAY"

With its terraced rose gardens, rustic bridges, and shaded colonnades, **Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa** feels more like a Tuscan hillside village than a five-star resort on the outskirts of Kampala. All rooms have 24 hour room service, wifi, televisions and hair dryers. There is also a pool, spa and golf course on-site. **Ngamba Tented Camp** provides a more rustic but serene experience. You'll stay in one of 4 tents on an island shared with 49 chimpanzees. A private chef prepares meals and you'll enjoy an evening campfire surrounded by the sounds of nature. Tents feature an en-suite bathroom and solar lighting.

Ndali Lodge sits on a ridge between two inactive volcanoes offering breathtaking views of the Rwenzori Mountains on one side and Bunyaruguru Crater Lake on the other. Cottages provide comfortable accommodations with private bath and solar power.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge



Apoka Safari Lodge



Apoka Safari Lodge

Apoka Safari Lodge is located in Kidepo Valley National Park. Everything in your room is handmade by local craftsmen. Accommodations are spacious and natural with endless views across the savannah. With inside sitting rooms and private verandas, there are plenty of places to relax, read and sprawl. Big hand-hewn beds with soft duvets are draped with mosquito nets, rooms have hand-woven woolen carpets, extra large plush towels, over-sized dressing gowns and a private outdoor stone bathtub. You may be as far away from the city as you'll ever be, but you won't miss a thing.

Our final accommodation will be at **Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge**. Picture yourself sitting up on a ridge, above the clouds, looking across to the Virunga volcanoes. Behind you is the primordial, mysterious and impenetrable forest that is Bwindi. As you sit there, drinking your chilled wine, or your freshly brewed coffee, you smile. Your personal

butler is lighting the fire in your cottage and a gorgeous meal is being prepared in the kitchen. Tomorrow after breakfast, you will head out for a once in a lifetime thrill as you track the mountain gorillas.

Guests at Clouds stay in individual cottages built of local volcanic stone with a fireplace and sitting area. The main lodge boasts soaring ceilings, massive exposed wooden beams, big picture windows and endless views of treetops, volcanoes and mountains.

The quiet dedication of the personal butlers and warmth of the staff remind you of the wonders you have experienced over the past 9 days. You take in a deep breath of the fresh mountain air, you allow the beauty of your surroundings to engulf you, you take a deep sigh - you now know why Uganda is known as the "Pearl of Africa."

TARIFF 2018 / 2019

LAND ARRANGEMENTS PER PERSON (PP)

	<i>DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (PP)</i>	<i>SINGLE SUPP.</i>
Mar-May	\$13,650	\$1,850
Oct-Nov	\$14,850	\$2,300
Other	\$15,850	\$2,650

TRAVEL TIME:

13 DAYS DOOR TO DOOR IF NO OVERNIGHT LAYOVERS

Guests make their own arrangements for getting to and from Entebbe. As such, you may choose to spend extra time in a layover city. We are available to assist you in assessing your options.

HOW WE'RE DIFFERENT

A TRIP WITH US IS LIKE GOING HOME WITH A FRIEND

Not only is a portion of your tariff providing an education for a child or healthcare to a community, because of our work with conservation and communities in Uganda, you'll get a unique behind the scenes look at one of the most diverse countries in the world. Whether this is your first trip to Africa or a repeat trip, our goal is for it to be your **best** trip!

Although you'll be staying in the same accommodations booked by luxury travel companies, you won't be one of 12-18 guests being shuffled around by those same companies. Our groups are limited to 6 people or less. This allows us to make our trips a more personal, bespoke experience.

In addition, when travelling with Children of Conservation, you won't be surprised by hidden fees. Your tariff covers all lodging & meals from arrival to departure in Entebbe, ground transportation, described excursions, in-country flights, trekking permits, park entrance fees, guide fees, tips, travel insurance, visa fees and procurement.

The only things not covered are room upgrades, vaccination expenses (yellow fever vaccine required for entry and other vaccines may be required for optional activities), premium alcohol, food/services not described in the Itinerary, and international flights to and from Entebbe and airport taxes.

A Children of Conservation representative will be with your group, available any time day or night.



TRAVEL TIPS

IMPORTANT: Arrange for vaccinations as soon as possible, they can be hard to get and you need them at least 1 month before travel.

IMPORTANT: In-country airlines limit you to 30 lbs. of luggage, so pack accordingly. Laundry services are available at all of our lodging starting in Ndali, so you can pack to get through Chimp Trekking, then start over in Ndali.

IMPORTANT: Most airlines require you to have the **credit card used to purchase your ticket** with you at the airport.

IMPORTANT: Public displays of affection are culturally disrespectful. Moreover, homosexuality is illegal in most African countries. While we will be staying in remote areas, guests are reminded to avoid overt conduct in public places that is prohibited.

Before you leave:

- Make copies front/back of your passport and credit cards, then scan and email it to yourself and a friend before traveling.

- If traveling with a companion, pack a day's worth of clothing in each other's luggage. If alone, put it in your carry-on. If a bag goes AWOL, you have backup.

- Leave jewelry at home. If it sparkles, leave it.

- Snap a photo of your luggage before checking it. If a bag gets lost, you'll have a picture for the airline rep instead of trying to describe it.

At the airport:

- When parking, click a pic of the location sign near your car, or take a car service.

For the plane:

- Don't fly hungry. Grab a banana, dried fruit, nuts or instant oatmeal for the plane.

- Consider noise cancelling headphones.

- Travel Green - Carry a reusable water bottle to fill after passing through security.

- Carry a small water mist spray bottle -refreshing in warm climates and on plane.

- Bring a travel blanket for the plane. Plus, it can get cold at night in the rainforest (hotels have a fireplace but no "heat")

- Bring warm fuzzy socks for the plane. If your feet or ankles swell, you might consider light compression socks.

- Wear ThermaCare heat wraps to reduce backaches on long flights.

- Slip a small flashlight in your carry-on bag. It comes in handy checking nooks and crannies or later treks in the forest.

- Wear or carry on footwear suitable for hiking in case your luggage gets lost.

For the hotel - Comforts of home:

- Pillow quality varies even at the best hotels so consider bringing a pillow and/or pillowcase. Use a color other than white so it catches your eye as you're checking out.

- Tuck a small lavender sachet into your luggage. It makes clothes smell good and keeps odors in dirty-clothes away.

- If you're sensitive to smells, bring a Mini Febreze or other air freshener that you can put out in your rooms (non-aerosol).

- For extra safety, bring a rubber doorstopper. Regardless of hotel ranking, many hotel room doors and inner-connecting rooms don't have security locks. A doorstopper adds safety.

- Bring a Binder clip for those hotel rooms where the drapes don't quite close.

Clothing:

- Lightweight Down Jacket – Evenings/mornings can be chilly. We love the Mountain HardWear Nitrous Jacket or North Face Thermoball. Both fold into a pocket for easy packing.

- Waterproof shell raincoat. Something you can layer over a fleece.

- Earth tones are best as it can be dusty.
- For most of the trip, bring lightweight clothing. Items that wick moisture away from your skin are great.
- Shorts/tank tops are considered disrespectful in many of the places we'll be. Around the hotel is fine, but pants or a shirt you can throw on over a tank are best. Both will also aid in avoiding malaria.
- Dinner is at our lodges (they have excellent meals). These lodges are for safari so it's not expected for guests to dress for dinner. Some women like having a wrap skirt, but it's not necessary.
- Cargo pants, t-shirts and lightweight cotton long sleeved shirts are also good bets. Jeans are too hot and restrictive.
- DO bring 1 - 2 pr. of thicker hiking pants that won't snag easily for trekking. Particularly the trek to the gorillas will require walking through brush and prickly plants. The latest and greatest hiking pants can get snagged easily and ruined in the African bush.
- Tall thicker hiking socks to tuck your pants into while trekking to protect from African ants.
- DO bring 2 hats (baseball cap, fishing hat, etc.) One should be an old one you don't mind throwing away for chimp trekking. They spend a lot of time in trees, and don't come down for bathroom breaks. While it's not a common occurrence for a tourist to receive nature's shower, it's better to be safe than sorry. An additional hat is useful to keep the sun at bay or simply to avoid dealing with hair issues.

The Practicalities- Don't Forget:

- Standard and portable phone charger
- 2 Adapters (many people have multiple items to charge (phone, camera)
- Vitamin supplements, medications you currently take or "might" need (ex. for UTI)
- if you wear glasses or contacts - extras

- Facial Cleansing Wipes (perfect for quick refresher on plane and no mess for packing)
- Extra toothbrush, sunscreen, travel size kleenex, anti-bacterial wipes
- Snacks: We'll have plenty of food at the hotels, however, it's nice to have snacks for the car rides. Bring things that don't need refrigeration (granola bars, peanut butter, beef jerky)
- Power converter for rechargeable batteries and battery charger (especially if you bring a digital camera - batteries lose their charge quickly in Africa)
- Reliable watch (durable, water-resistant, inexpensive, but NOT cheap. We like the Ironman.
- Thin tote bag or backpack that can be folded into almost nothing, but used to carry items.
- Earplugs – the sounds of Africa can be exhilarating (and exhausting).
- Do NOT hand wash your clothes while on the trip. There are bugs that lay eggs in wet clothes. The hotels will wash clothes and either dry them or iron them to insure that we don't have any issues.

Enjoying the Journey:

- Wake up for the sunrise. Take in the beauty that surrounds you.
- Keep a journal. Make it your own. Whether just a single phrase, a description of a smell or a summary of your day, it will serve as a great reminder in the future as you look back at your journey.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE YOUR TRIP OF A LIFETIME:

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or call us at:
213-992-4467



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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

”

MARK TWAIN

We look forward to sharing this amazing place and serving as your guides as you explore and discover the natural wonders and genuine people of Uganda. For questions:

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