



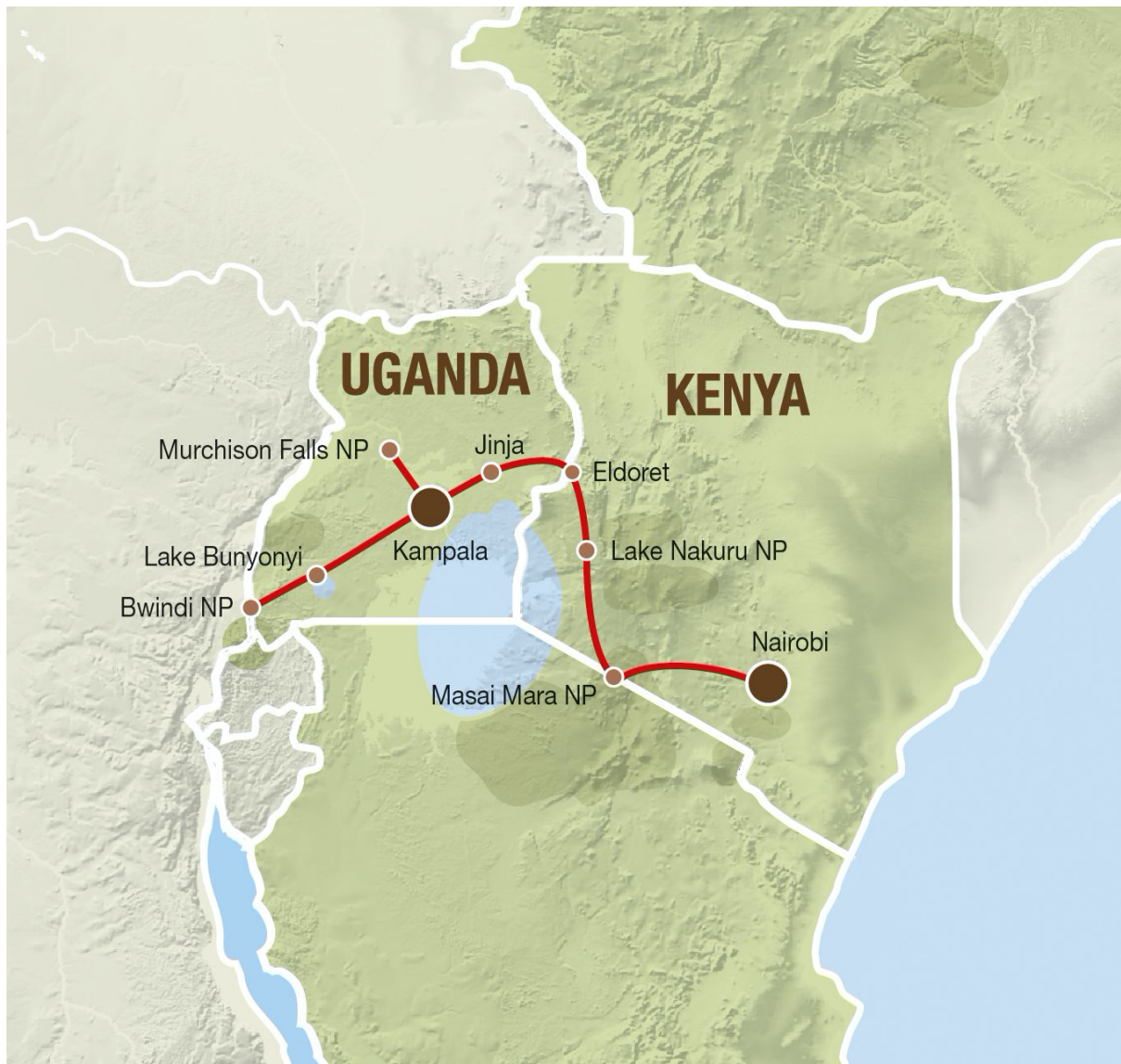
## MASAI MARA & GORILLA TOUR

### Guided Group Tour



**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKTWdth0dU>

We leave the capital of Nairobi and travel to the Masai Mara National Park, world renowned for its endless plains of wild animals and spectacular beauty. The rolling grasslands of the Masai Mara offer ideal game viewing and photographic opportunities. Some of the other 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. We take in the spectacle of Lake Nakuru National Park – a great place to spot flamingos. We then cross into Uganda where you can explore Kampala or visit a Chimpanzee sanctuary. After a visit to the Murchison Falls National Park we'll head up to Budongo Forest, the biggest Mahogany forest found in East Africa and is home to the largest number of chimpanzees throughout Uganda. We will meet up with our chimp guide who will take us on our trek through the forest in search of the chimps. Our next stop is at Lake Bunyoni where we prepare for the upcoming Gorilla trekking excursion. The mountain gorilla is extremely endangered and visiting them is a great way to ensure their survival as each permit raises money for their conservation.



**From € 2285 p/p sharing  
16 Days / 15 Nights  
15 Breakfast / 13 Lunch / 13 Dinner  
20 Passengers Max  
Adventure Truck  
Kenya / Uganda**

## **TOUR ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya**

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Welcome to Nairobi!

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your Hotel in the city.

Accommodation: Sentrim Boulevard Hotel - [www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi](http://www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi)  
Facilities: Two per room with en-suite bathroom.  
Route: Nairobi Airport to Hotel  
Meals: Breakfast



### **Day 2: Nairobi – Masai Mara National Park**

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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 Nomad 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.

Accommodation: Masai Mara Excursion - <http://www.keniatours.com>  
Permanent tent with shared ablutions

Route: Nairobi to Masai Mara  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight: Masai Mara Excursion



### Day 3: Masai Mara National Park

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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.

Accommodation: Masai Mara Excursion - <http://www.keniatours.com>  
Permanent tent with shared ablutions  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight: Masai Mara Excursion





## Day 4:

## Lake Nakuru National Park

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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.

Accommodation: Lake Kivu Lodge - <http://www.kivuresort.co.ke/>  
Two per room with shared ablutions  
Route: Masai Mara Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight: Lake Nakuru NP Game Drive



## Day 5:

## Jinja

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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.

Accommodation: Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp  
<http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>  
Two per room with shared ablutions  
Route: Lake Nakuru to Jinja  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight: Crossing of the Equator



## Day 6: Masindi – Murchison Falls National Park

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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.

Accommodation: Kabalega Resort - <http://www.kabalegaresort.com/>  
Two per room with en-suite ablutions  
Route: Jinja to Masindi  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Optional Activity: Ziwa Rhino Walk



## Day 7: Masindi – Budongo Central Forest Reserve

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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.

Accommodation: Kabalega Resort - <http://www.kabalegaresort.com/>  
Two per room with en-suite ablutions  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight: Chimp trekking (half day) / Nile River Cruise



## Day 8: Lake Kikorongo

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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.

Accommodation: Simba Safari Camp - <https://ugandalodges.com/simba/>  
Two per room with En-suite bathroom  
Route: Masindi to Lake Kikorongo  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 9: Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

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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.

Accommodation: Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort - <http://www.bunyonyioverland.com>  
Two per room with En-suite bathroom  
Route: Kampala to Lake Bunyonyi  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 10: Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

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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.**



Accommodation: Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort - <http://www.bunyonyioverland.com>  
Two per room with En-suite bathroom  
Route: Lake Bunyonyi National Park to the starting point of the gorilla trek (in safari or smaller vehicles)  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Optional Activity: Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour



## Day 11: Gorillas (Lake Bunyonyi)

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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.

Accommodation: Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort - <http://www.bunyonyioverland.com>  
Two per room with En-suite bathroom  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Optional Activity: Gorilla Trekking, Pygmy visit, Rwanda day tour



## Day 12: Lake Bunyonyi - Kampala

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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.

Accommodation: Hillside Plaza Hotel - <http://www.hillsideplazahotel.co.ug/>  
Two per room with En-suite bathroom  
Route: Lake Bunyonyi to Kampala  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 13: Jinja

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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.

Accommodation: Kalagala Falls Tented and Overland Camp –  
<http://adrift.ug/kalagala-falls-overland-camp>  
Two per room with shared ablutions  
Route: Kampala to Jinja  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Optional Activity: Quad biking, kayaking, rafting



## Day 14: Kenya - Eldoret

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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.

Accommodation: Naiberi River Camp - <http://www.naiberi.com>  
Two per room with shared ablutions  
Route: Jinja to Eldoret  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Border Post Kenya: Busia 09256 454 3482  
Uganda: Malaba



## Day 15: Nairobi

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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.

Accommodation: Sentrim Boulevard Hotel - [www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi](http://www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-boulevard-nairobi)  
Route: Eldoret to Nairobi Meals Breakfast

Meals: 2 x breakfast



Day 16: Nairobi International Airport

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Today you will be transferred to the Nairobi International Airport for your departure.

**BON VOYAGE!**

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**What's included:**

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

**What's excluded:**

International flights / travel insurance / visa / items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks) / meals not mentioned / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / optional activities / tips.

**Countries Visited:** Kenya, Uganda

**Extras:**

**\*\*Gorilla Trekking is part of this tour, however the cost of the Gorilla Trekking Permit is not included in your tour price or this booking. Gorilla permits cost \$630 to \$730. If you book**



this tour, a consultant will contact you to confirm the availability of the permit and arrange payment.

**Important Notice:**

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.



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