

# UGANDA PHOTO SAFARI

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COST: \$7995 USD PP TWIN SHARE

## SAFARI ITINERARY

DAY 1: ENTEBBE

4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Arrive in Entebbe and be greeted at the airport and transferred to your guesthouse accommodation in Entebbe.

Dinner tonight is at guests own expense but breakfast tomorrow morning is included in tour package.

DAY 2: KIBALE

5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

Today you will leave Entebbe and head towards Kibale National Park where you will be staying in safari tented accommodation for 2 nights (with ensuite facilities).

This afternoon upon arrival at the camp you will participate in the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary Walk which is home to 8 primate species.

All meals are included throughout.

DAY 3: KIBALE

6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

This morning after breakfast you will visit & explore the Kibale forest in the search for its most famous primate – the Chimpanzee and you will take part in a chimp tracking experience.

You will follow them during their daily activities which will enable us to learn about their lifestyle and present numerous opportunities for some great photos.

All meals are included throughout.





DAY 4: QUEEN ELIZABETH NP

7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

Today you will leave Kibale for Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP).

After checking in and having lunch at your Bush Lodge (with ensuite facilities) in which you will be staying for 2 nights you will head out on an afternoon game drive to search for local wildlife including the endemic Ugandan Kob antelope.

All meals are included throughout.

### DAY 5: QUEEN ELIZABETH NP

8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

After breakfast you will head out on an early morning game drive in QENP.

In the afternoon a boat cruise is planned to explore the Kazinga Channel which is home to a large population of hippo, buffalo and bird life.

All meals are included throughout





### DAY 6: LAKE MUTANDA

9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

Today you continue your journey towards the Gorillas and end up in Lake Mutanda where you will set up base for **3** nights in our safari accommodation (with ensuite facilities).

All meals are included throughout.

#### DAY 7: MGAHINGA

10TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Today the wait is over with your journey into the forest to see the endangered Mountain Gorilla.

The time spent with these primates promises to be a truly memorable experience.

All meals are included throughout.





#### DAY 8: LAKE MUTANDA

11TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Today is a lovely day spent at leisure at Lake Mutanda. You have the choice of relaxing at the lodge or tracking the gorillas or golden monkeys (extra permit not included)

All meals are included throughout.

#### DAY 9: LAKE MBURO

12TH SEPTEMBER 2024

After breakfast you will leave Lake Mutanda for Lake Mburo where numerous wildlife species can also be seen here including carnivore species such as Leopard.

We will spend the afternoon on an afternoon game drive in the park and the night will be spent in our intimate bush camp (with ensuite facilities).

All meals are included throughout.



#### DAY 10: MABAMBA WETLANDS

#### 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Today after breakfast you will depart Lake Mburo and start your journey back towards Entebbe passing over the Equator including stops along the way for photo opportunities and shopping for souvenirs.

You will arrive in the afternoon at the Mabamba Wetlands your accommodation tonight will be in a Forest Lodge (with ensuite facilities).

All meals are included throughout.

#### DAY 11: ENTEBBE

#### 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

After an early breakfast you head out on a canoe journey into the Mabamba Swamp in search of the rare and elusive Shoebill Stork.

Returning from the swamp in time for lunch at the Forest Lodge you will then be transferred to Entebbe Airport in time to meet your departing flight.





COST INCLUDES	COST EXCLUDES
Airport and road transfers	International flights and visas
Accommodation and meals as specified	Guide and lodge staff tips
Gorilla and Chimpanzee permits	Travel and medical Insurance
Game drives & wildlife activities	Items of a personal nature
All meals as specified	Drinks
Bottled water whilst travelling	Laundry
Park fees and government taxes	Any Covid-19 Testing or additional requirements imposed by local authorities.
	Extra gorilla or golden monkey permit on day 8

# **BOOKING INFORMATION**

To book on this exciting safari please fill in the booking form at the e8nd of this itinerary document and forward back to us.

Please take the time to read and understand all the tour terms and conditions featured at the end of this document.

In order to confirm a booking a **30%** non-refundable deposit is also required.

The final balance payment is then due **90 days** prior to the safari start date.

For gorilla trekking permits, **100%** payment is due immediately.

In the event that you may have to cancel your safari booking then this cancellation notice will need to be made in writing and

For cancellations **made more than 90 days** prior to start date: **30%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full depos

For cancellations **made less than 90 days** prior to departure date: **100%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost).



# CANCELLATIONS

In the event that you may have to cancel your safari booking then this cancellation notice will need to be made in writing and

- For cancellations made more than 90 days prior to start date: 30% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit).
- For cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure date: 100% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost).

# WHY IS YOUR DEPOSIT NON-REFUNDABLE?

Sometimes things just don't work out for whatever reason. Plans made this year may need to be changed for medical or personal reasons. However, as soon as you confirm your place with Bobby-Jo Safaris your 30% deposit is immediately distributed amongst the many lodges, camps & suppliers that are used to make up a successful and memorable safari. It locks in the required services for particular dates often in peak season that the camps or suppliers cannot then offer to other travellers.

Your decision to change your plans might be made months out from the start and often travellers will question – Why can't you just get someone else to take my spot? It is a valid question but sometimes not that easy. The moment we secure those services we are locked in for the safari arrangements for our whole group. Permits & park passes are issued and if we are unable to find other travellers to fill a cancelled spot then Bobby-Jo Safaris is left with paid services and no one to fill them. Additional marketing and promotion expenses are also incurred trying to find other interested travellers.



# TRAVEL INSURANCE

For every traveller that participates in any Bobby-Jo Safaris experience it is a non-negotiable requirement that they purchase and carry a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

It is advised this policy is taken out at the time of paying your deposit to cover you for any unfortunate or unforeseen events either before or during the tour that may affect your plans and therefore could possibly cover cancellation costs incurred.

As outlined in Why is your deposit non-refundable? the 30% deposit required to secure your place on a specific safari is non-refundable. If your plans have to be cancelled due to a medical issue or personal reason that is covered under your travel insurance policy then a claim can be made via your travel insurance provider and they will assess whether you qualify for a refund through your travel insurance policy. Please note that travel insurance policies do not process claims or issue refunds should a traveller change their mind or just want to change their plans.

Bobby-Jo Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller's failure to purchase sufficient travel insurance and all travellers participating in any tour are required to sign the booking form at the end of this document containing our full terms and conditions.

\*For an update on Covid-19 related travel insurance please refer to pages 14-17 of this document.

### VACCINATIONS

Bobby-Jo Safaris also recommends visiting your personal GP or travel vaccination service as soon as booking your safari to discuss your personal requirements that may be required in the form of injections or medications whilst travelling.

Vaccinations and medications will vary from person to person and only your GP or medical service can provide up to date and accurate information for your specific needs. Included in these discussions should be topics such as but not limited to Malaria, Yellow Fever & Hepatitis etc.

\*For an update on Covid-19 vaccinations and related information please refer to pages 14-17 of this document.



# ABOUT BOBBY-JO SAFARIS

Bobby-Jo Safaris has been created by Bobby-Jo Vial who is incredibly passionate about wildlife and conservation.

Bobby-Jo has been travelling to and hosting safaris in Africa and around the world for almost two decades and in the process, has developed a network of contacts and relationships with camps, safari guides and local safari operators which allow us to organise your safari with trusted and reliable local operators.

Bobby-Jo Safaris has been developed to deliver value-based wildlife photography safaris to some of the most amazing wildlife habitats left on the planet with a genuine focus on quality and providing all guests a real value for money experience.

Many of our safaris will make a genuine difference to wildlife conservation by visiting specific projects and providing guests with a unique insight into on-the-ground projects and raising the funds necessary to continue this important work.

For more information on Bobby-Jo Safaris please visit our website.





# COVID-19 INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting international border closures have had a devastating effect on the international tourism industry. International travel as we once knew it has changed for the foreseeable future with additional health testing & border requirements.

This checklist is for the benefit of travellers on this safari and is aimed to provide some helpful information and links to assist you in navigating what is required for your journey.

Please note however that health and border requirements are subject to change depending on local or international situations and as such this check list is to be used as a guide only. Whilst we will endeavour to keep you updated of any changes we do not accept any responsibility for changing situations that may result in additional costs or requirements you may encounter in the course of your travels.

- Prior to departing on your safari, you must have had your approved Covid-19
  and other required vaccinations such as Yellow Fever (in the case of travel to
  countries such as Tanzania and Zambia etc) and be carrying in your
  possession proof of these vaccinations and a valid International Covid-19
  Vaccine Certificate. For Australian travellers please visit this link to find out
  more about this Covid-19 certificate and how to obtain it:
  <a href="https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-vaccination-certificates">https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-vaccination-certificates</a>
- 2. Prior to your departure you need to purchase and carry a comprehensive travel insurance policy. You will need to ensure that your policy covers you for Covid-19 provisions and related issues that some travellers may encounter on their journey. Clients can choose whatever policy they feel best suits their needs and requirements. This link is not a recommendation from Duma Safaris by merely an example of a well-known brand on the market right now offering such policies:

https://www.covermore.com.au/travel-insurance/benefits/covid-19

\*We have received a couple of enquiries from potential guests about what happens if someone contracts Covid-19 whilst away on international travel. It is well noted that being vaccinated against Covid-19 provides an increased & valuable layer of protection against developing any serious illness or complications for the vast majority of people.



In the event that travellers do feel unwell and require medical assistance this situation would be treated like any other situation that may have occurred on one of our tours in the past. We have a network of fantastic ground operators that live in and work in local conditions and as such are able to provide the best advice and directions where suitable help can be obtained. If a client returns a positive PCR test it will most likely prevent them from boarding a flight home and finalising their journey.

They may be required by local health authorities to spend time in a local hotel which may incur additional costs until they are able to produce a suitable PCR result for them to resume their journey. It is for this type of situation that it is important to ensure you understand what your Travel Insurance Policy with Covid-19 provisions does and does not cover you for. Most Covid policies will now cover you for these additional expenses and our ground teams will be able to provide the help and assistance with any bookings or requirements affected guests may need.

3. To facilitate any of your international travel plans into the foreseeable future an app like the IATA travel pass may be a good option for you to look into: <a href="https://www.iata.org/travel-pass/">https://www.iata.org/travel-pass/</a>

Please check with the airline you have chosen for your international flights the best way to sync up your International Covid-19 Vaccine Certificate & PCR test results with their system.

If you are spending any time in any additional country on the way to or home from Tanzania you will need to check on any additional entry or health related forms that may be required prior to arrival.

Please click on this link below to keep up to date with country specific information. The included links contained in the information will direct you to relevant websites or online documents that you may be required to fill in prior to your travels:

https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm

Another helpful site for Australian travellers to keep up to date with country specific information and requirements is:

https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/global-covid-19-health-advisory