



## BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES SAFARI OF UGANDA

### **Tour Itinerary KT004**

***Length:*** 18 Days

***Best time of year:*** Nov - March, May - August

***Key Destinations:*** Mabira Forest, Budongo Forest, Semiliki, Kibale Forest, Maramagambo Forest, Bwindi impenetrable Forest, L.Mburo National Park, Kampala city and Entebbe

***Highlights:*** The Unique Shoebill, Great blue turaco, Eastern Rosella Parrot, African Green Broad bill, Archer's Robin Chat, Breasted Sunbird, Billed Dwarf Hornbills, Chestnut Breasted Negrofinch and Crowned Eagle, Dwarf Honey Guide, Green Breasted Pitta, Red Billed and Black Leaf Love and Purple Handsome Francolin.

### **Overview**

Birding and Butterfly watching activity relate well just like peas and carrots, especially here in Uganda, East Africa as well as Africa at Large. Like many wildlife safaris, especially in Uganda, birding is best done in the morning hours. As it gets warmer, the birds tend to relax in the shade while butterflies become more active, which brings our minds close to another set of beautiful Nature coverage. The Safari Birds and Butterflies of Uganda are well designed to bring a memorable birding and wildlife safari experience in Uganda. Of course our idea for you is to have the best of your adventures safaris while with us, for the Photography, it's an awesome lot throughout the tour, thereby *"Having the best of Birding and Butterflying away from Home"*

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL/ PICK-UP AND BE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR HOTEL



*Bird watching in Ziika Forest*



*Butterfly in Botanical Gardens*

Depending on the time upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met by one of our professional tour guides. We may have optional birding around Entebbe Botanical Gardens and in Ziika Forest. Families of butterflies found here include; Swallowtails such as Green Banded Swallowtail, Narrow Green Banded Swallowtail, Emperor Swallowtail etc. Charaxes and Hairstreaks, etc. Birds include; Splendid Glossy Starling, Yellow-fronted Tinker bird, Yellow, Creamy White-eyes, Scarlet-chested, Olive, Green Sunbirds, Double-toothed Barbet, Black and White Casqued Hornbill, Woodland, Pygmy, Pied Kingfishers, Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Vieillot's Black, Slender-billed, Golden-backed, Holub's Golden Weavers, Grey-headed Sparrow, Sunbird, Grey Woodpecker, Eastern Grey Plantain Eater, Alpine, Palm, White-rumped Swifts, Palmnut Vulture, African Green Pigeon, Hamerkop, Sacred Ibis, African Thrush, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Green Crombec, Long-tailed Cormorant, Egyptian Goose, Great Blue Turacco, Marabou Stork, Yellow-billed Duck, Pink-backed Pelican, White-chinned Prinia, Yellow-throated Greenbul, Snow-headed Robin-chat, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher. We may also visit the Nakiwogo Landing site (optional). Return for Lunch at the hotel and relax. In the evening visit the sewage lagoons and the Nakiwogo Landing site (optional). **Dinner and overnight Stay in Luxury Lake Victoria Hotel /Mid-range Lindsay Cottages, or Budget Sophie's Motel (FB)**

### DAY 2: MABIRA FOREST RESERVE

**06:00 hrs:** After Morning breakfast, depart for Mabira Forest. Like earlier on said in other itineraries, the Forest is the largest block of moist, semi-deciduous forest remaining in the central region of Uganda occupying a gently undulating country, characterized by numerous flat-topped hills and wide, shallow valleys. Some of these valleys have papyrus (*Cyperus papyrus*) swamps. The proximity of Mabira to Kampala, and the presence of various ecotourism facilities, makes this Important Bird Area a popular site for birders.



Great blue turaco in Mabira forest Eastern Uganda



Butterfly



The bird list contains almost 300 species and they include;- theNahan's Francolin, Cassin's Hawk, White Spotted Flufftail, Afep Pigeon, Gray Parrot, Dusky Long Tailed Cuckoo, Black Shouldered Nightjar, Sabine's Spine Tail, Cassin's Spine tail, Blue Throated Roller, African Dwarf Kingfisher, White - bellied Kingfisher, Forest Wood hoopoe, Black and White Casqued Hornbill, Speckled Tinker bird, Yellow - throated Tinkerbird, Yellow-spotted Barbet, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Yellow-billed Barbet, Cassin's Honeyguide, Buff Spotted Wood pecker, Brown-eared Woodpecker,

Golden-crowned Woodpecker, Green-breasted Pitta, African Shrike Flycatcher, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Jameson's Wattle-eye, Gray-green Bush-shrike, Papyrus Gonolek, Sooty Boubou, Western Black-headed Oriole, Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, Black-headed Paradise Flycatcher, Dusky-crested Flycatcher, Dusky Tit, Buff-throated Apalis, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Olive-green Camaroptera, Gray Greenbul, Plain Greenbul, Honeyguide Greenbul, Leaf love, Toro Olive Greenbul, White-throated Greenbul, Common Bristlebill, Red-tailed Bulbul, Yellow-spotted Nicator, Yellow Longbill, and many others. Butterflies include among others Broad Green-banded, Mocker swallow-tails, Immaculate and Opaque Wood-whites, Blue tiger, African Emigrant, Lady's Maid and Cambridge vagrant. **[Dinner and overnight Stay in Mabira Forest Lodge or Griffins Camp \(FB\)](#)**

### DAY 3: BUDONGO FOREST



**04:30hrs:** Take early morning breakfast and depart for Budongo Forest, the largest natural forest area in East Africa. If reach early enough, we will bird this beautiful forest upon arrival. The forest has a wide range of bird species, such as the Crested Guinea-fowl sporting their punk "hairdos," White-crested Turacco, Chestnut-crowned Eremomela, Yellow and Gray Longbills, Olive-bellied Crombec, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Little Green Sunbird, and Red-headed Blue Bill among others. There are also many other special birds with a West African origin: White-thighed Hornbill, Green-breasted Pitta, Rufous-sided Broadbill, Blue-breasted, Dwarf & Chocolate-backed Kingfishers, Yellow-crested & Brown-eared Woodpeckers, Yellow Bill, Western Black-headed Oriole, Yellow-spotted, Hairy-breasted & Yellow-billed Barbets, Green Hylia, Buff-throated, Black-throated & Black-capped Apalises, Black-eared Ground-Thrush, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, the elusive Lemon-bellied Crombec, Crested & Red-headed Malimbe and also various forest starlings among others.

This forest is also a prime area for a wide range of primates such as Blue & Red-tailed Monkeys and Black and white Colobus - and some Chimpanzees as well as a wide variety of more than 200-of butterfly species in the forest, so we'll keep alert for species such as Acreas and Charaxes, which also makes this tropical rain forest a home for both primate and butterfly safaris. The Green-veined and the Blue-spotted Charaxes are two of the most common butterfly species in Budongo Forest. Once we've reached at our place of rest, we will unpack bags and stay at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in Luxury Budongo Eco Lodge or Mid range Masindi Hotel or Court View Hotel or Budget Red Chili Camp (FB)**

## **DAY 4: ROYAL MILE AND BUSINGIRO SECTIONS OF BUDONGO FOREST**

**06:30hrs:** After breakfast we will embark on a tour of The Royal Mile, one of Uganda's best forested bird watching spots. You will carry packed lunch. This is Uganda's historically known leisure spot for the Bunyoro King; hence the name Royal Mile. The Royal Mile is also the best place in Uganda for Nahan's Francolin, Cassin's Spinetail, and Chestnut-capped Flycatcher. There are many confusing forest Greenbuls to test us including Spotted, Xavier's, White-throated, Red-tailed and Honeyguide Greenbuls.



Canopy flocks support Yellow-mantled Weaver, Rufous Thrush and Uganda Woodland Warbler. The undergrowth along the track holds numerous skulkers including Scaly-breasted, Brown and Pale-breasted Illadopses, Fire-crested Alethe, Blue-shouldered Robin-chat, Rufous Flycatcher-thrush, Red-tailed Ant-thrush, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Yellow Long-bill, and Grey-throated Tit-flycatcher. We will keep an eye on any openings in the forest canopy such as Cassin's and Crowned Hawk Eagles, Cassin's and Sabine's Spinetails, and White-throated Bee-eaters are all possible. Our guides will point out the various butterfly species present here.

**02:30hrs:**In the afternoon, we will go bird watching in the Busingiro section. Birds here include Red-headed Malimbe, Sooty Flycatcher, IturiBatis, Tit Hylia, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Buff-throated Apalis, Black-throated Apalis, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Green Sunbird, Superb Sunbird, Tambourine Dove, Golden-breasted Bunting, Rufous Flycatcher Thrush. We also stopped at a pond where we got specialties like the African Jacana, Spinetails, Swifts, African Fish Eagle, Sabine's Spinetail, White-rumped Spinetail, Pied Kingfisher, Angola Swallow, Purple-headed Starling, Hamerkop, White-headed Saw-wing, Cassin's Spinetail, Osprey, Black-shouldered Kite, Senegal Coucal. Thereafter return to your lodge to relax at own leisure time.**Dinner and overnight stay in Luxury Budongo Eco Lodge or Mid range Masindi Hotel or Court View Hotel or Budget Red Chili Camp (FB)**

## **DAY 5: BIRDING TO SEMLIKI FOREST NATIONAL PARK.**

**04:30hrs:** Take early morning breakfast and depart drive to Semiliki Forest National Park in Bundibugyo district. We shall make frequent stops to explore more birds and to stretch our legs for sightseeing as we may spot birds like Lilac-breasted Roller, Ross' Turacco, Plantain Eater, Village Indigo Bird, Ruppel's Long-tailed Starling, Jackson's Widowbird, Hooded Vulture, Black Kite, Common Stonechat, Baglafaecht Weaver, African Dusky Flycatcher, Common Fiscal, Woodhoopoe, Scimitar Bill, and Black-winged Bishop. Thereby arriving at our place of rest! We will then unpack bags and stay at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in Vanilla Hotel or Semiliki safari lodge (FB)**

## **DAY 6: BIRD WATCHING IN SEMLIKI FOREST PARK**

**06:30hrs:** After an early breakfast, we go birding in the Kirumya Trail in Semiliki. Some of the birds here include Black and White Casqued hornbill, Forest Robin, Great Blue Turacco, Red-tailed Greenbul, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Palm-nut Vulture, Piping Hornbill, Little Green Sunbird, Grey-throated Tit Flycatcher, Western Nicator, Yellow-billed Barbet, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Bronze-naped Pigeon, Splendid Glossy Starling, Brown Illadopsis, Pale-fronted Negrofinch, Blue-throated Variable Sunbird, Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Little Grey Greenbul, Olive Green Camaroptera, Yellow-throated Nicator, Crested Guinea fowl, Chestnut-



breasted Negro-finch, Crested Malimbe, Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, Red-tailed Ant-thrush, Red-tailed Bristlebill, Grey-throated Sunbird, Collared Sunbird, Black-winged Oriole, Blue-shouldered Robin-chat, Grosbeak Weaver, Grey-headed Negrofinch, Grey-headed Sunbird, Jameson's Wattle-eye, Red-tailed Greenbul, Xavier's, Brown-eared Woodpeckers, Green Hylia, Blue-throated Sunbird, Buff-throated Apalis, Green Crombec, Red-billed Dwarf, African Pied, White Crested, Black Dwarf Hornbills, Green-tailed Bristlebill, Eastern Bearded Greenbul, Blue-billed Malimbe, Grant's Bluebill, Sooty Boubou, Red-headed Bluebill, Male Tambourine Dove, Red-chested Cuckoo, Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, White-spotted Flufftail, Pygmy Kingfisher, Cabanis' Greenbul, Blue-shouldered Robin-chat, Fire-crested Alethe, Rufous Flycatcher Thrush, Toro Olive Greenbul, Rufous-sided Broadbill, Green Pigeon, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Yellow-browed Camaroptera in addition to many butterfly species. Thereafter return to your lodge. Have lunch and relax at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in Vanilla Hotel or Semiliki safari lodge (FB)**

## **DAY 7: MORNING BIRD WATCHING AND TRANSFER TO KIBALE FOREST PARK.**

**05:30hrs:** Take early morning breakfast then pack bags thereafter go bird watching in the forest. We will make an effort to pick up any birds we may have missed on the previous day. Thereafter, we continue birding to Kibale Forest National Park. Have lunch in Fort Portal. We may have chances of birds like Northern Black Flycatcher, Palm-nut Vulture, Black-winged Bishop, White-faced Barbet, and White-headed Saw-wing. Birding by the roadside may also yield birds like the Slender-billed, Joyful Greenbul, Ashy Flycatcher, Grosbeak, Brown-capped, Black-necked Weavers, White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Masked Apalis, White-chinned Prinia, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Yellow White-eye, Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, Great Blue Turacco, Grey-throated Barbet, Red-headed Malimbe, Petit's Cuckoo Shrike, Bush Shrike, Blue-throated Sunbird, Purple-headed Starling, Emerald Cuckoo, White-breasted Negro-finch. We will arrive at our place of rest! And unpack bags to stay at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Ndali Lodge, or mid range Chimpanzee Guesthouse or in the budget Nature lodges of Kanyachu Ecological centre (FB)**

## **DAY 8: BIRD WATCHING AND CHIMP TRACKING**

**06:30hrs:** After breakfast, go birding and chimp tracking whole day. The activity may last from a few to several hours.



*The Unique Shoebill in Bigodi Swamp, Kibale Park and Butterfly in Kibale Forest, W. Uganda*

Carry packed lunch. Kibale Forest is an exceptional for being home to 13 different primate species. Other primates you may find here include Red & Guereza Colobus, Olive Baboon, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, L'Hoest's Blue, Vervet and Red-tailed Monkey. Bush Pig and Buffalo, Bushbuck, Blue, Harvey's and Peter's Duikers are other shy inhabitants of the forest interior.

**02:00hrs:** After taking your lunch, we will proceed along the main for birding. Depending on the weather predictions, birding Bigodi Wetland is also productive with riverine forest birds' thereby making our afternoon a fabulous one. Kibale Forest National Park is a good site for a number of birds that are hard to find elsewhere including Speckle-breasted Woodpecker, Cabanis's Greenbul and Joyful Greenbul as well as White-spotted Fluff tail, Dusky and Olive Long tailed Cuckoo, Lesser Honey guide, Blue-shouldered Robin Chat, White-chinned Prinia, Grey Apalis, Olive-green Camaroptera and White-collared Olive back. Thereafter return to the lodge and stay at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Ndali Lodge, or mid range Chimpanzee Guesthouse or in the budget Nature lodges of Kanyachu Ecological centre (FB)**

#### **DAY 9: TRANSFER TO MARAMAGAMBO FOREST**



*Butterfly in Queen Elizabeth Park, in Western Uganda*

**05:30hrs:** After taking early morning breakfast, pack bags and proceed to Maramagambo Forest, birding along the way. Have lunch in Kasese. A few bird specialties at Maramagambo Forest include the Yellow-bellied and Jameson's Wattle-eyes, Black Bee-eater, White-tailed and Red-tailed Ant-Thrush, Brown and Grey-chested Illadopsis, Shinning Blue Kingfisher, Brown-eared Woodpeckers, Narina Trogon, Least Honey guide, Grey Greenbul, Brown-chested Alethe, and the African Fin foot plus a host of butterfly species. The trail through the forest leads past an impressive bat cave; if we are lucky we may come across a Python that lives in the cave and feasts on the bats. On arrive, unpack bags to stay at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Mweya safari lodge, or Midrange Jacana Lodge or Budget Mweya hostel (FB)**



## **DAY 10: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK**

*At 05:00hrs:* After early morning breakfast, drive straight to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Have lunch in Kabale, thereby arriving early evening. The forest is of thicket and has got many forest birds in it thus ranking as the best place for birding safari in Uganda. It is also a home to 23 highly localized Albertine Rift Endemics. Specialty birds include Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Grauer's Warbler, Banded Prinia, Black-faced Apalis, Mountain Masked Apalis, Red-throated Alethe, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Ashy Flycatcher, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Chapin's Flycatcher, Chin-spot Batis, Rwenzori Batis, Black-and-white-shrike Flycatcher, White-bellied Crested Flycatcher, Pale-breasted Illadopsis, Mountain Illadopsis, African Hill Babbler, Dusky Tit, Blue-throated Brown Sunbird, Blue-headed Sunbird, Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Grey-headed Sunbird, Mackinnon's Fiscal, Sooty Boubou, Pink-footed Puffback, Doherty's Bush Shrike, White-napped Raven, Montane Oriole, African Golden Oriole, Stuhlmann's Starling, Narrow-tailed Starling, Waller's Starling, Strange Weaver, Brown-capped Weaver, Black-billed Weaver, Dusky Crimsonwing among many others. On arrive, unpack bags to stay at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Gorilla Forest Camp, or Midrange Nkuringo Safari Lodge, or Buhoma Homestead (FB)**

## **DAY 11: BIRDING AND OPTIONAL GORILLA TRACKING**

*At 06:30hrs:* After early morning breakfast, you can do birding-and-butterfly watching or, have an option go Gorilla tracking. There are varieties of bird and butterfly species in this park such as the Yellow-bellied Waxbill, Magpie Mannikin, Yellow-crowned Canary, Thick-billed Seed-eater, Streaky Seedeater, African Green Broadbill, Shelly's Crimsonwing, Oriole Finch, Mountain Buzzard, Ayre's Hawk Eagle, Handsome Francolin, Black-billed Turacco, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, African wood Owl, Rwenzori Nightjar, Scarce Swift, Bar-tailed Trogon, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Black Bee-eater, Western Bronze-napped Pigeon, Red-chested Owlet, Tullberg's Woodpecker, Elliot's Woodpecker, African Broadbill, Western Green Tinkerbird, African Green Broadbill, Lagden's Bush Shrike, Petit's Cuckoo Shrike, Grey Cuckoo Shrike, Archer's Ground Robin, Toro Olive Greenbul, Anson's Greenbul, Equatorial Akalat, White-bellied Robin Chat, Olive Thrush, White-tailed Ant Thrush, Grauer's Rush Warbler, Short-tailed Warbler, Neumann's Warbler, and Red-faced Woodland Warbler. Return to the lodge and stay at own leisure. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Gorilla Forest Camp, or Midrange Nkuringo Safari Lodge, or Buhoma Homestead (FB)**

## **DAY 12: TRANSFER TO LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK**

*At 05:00hrs:* After early morning breakfast, drive straight to Lake Mburo National Park. Have lunch in the park at the lodge. Common conspicuous birds encountered whilst driving towards Rwonyo Camp, the park headquarters include; Red faced Barbet, Taboracisiticola, Green backed wood pecker Crested Francolin, Emerald spotted wood Dove, Brown Parrot, Barefaced Go-away -bird. Blue-napped Mouse bird, Lilac-breasted Roller, and



Green Wood-hoopoe, common scimitarbill, African Grey Hornbill, Spot-flanked Barbet, Nubian Woodpecker, Trilling Cisticola, Yellow-Breasted Apalis, Northern Black Tit, Chin-spot Batis, Greater Blue-eared starling and the Marico sunbird. On arrival, unpack bags and rest at own leisure time. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Mihingo Lodge, or Midrange Arcadia Cottages, or Montana tented Camp (FB)**

## **DAY 13: GAME DRIVE AND BOAT RIDE**

*06:30hrs:* After an early breakfast, we go for game drive will give us a chance to see animals like buffalos, water and bush bucks, zebras, leopard, mongoose, Topi, warthogs and Impalas. We will also have a chance of seeing birds like the African Finfoot, a very shy bird, white-backed night heron, plus other water birds as well as animals like crocodiles and hippos.

*02:00hrs:* In the afternoon we will do a boat-ride giving us a chance to more open grassland north of the camp, particularly along the Zebra Track, is worth exploring for species such as Coqui Francolin, Red-necked Spur fowl, Black-bellied Bustard, Temminck's Courser, African Wattled Plover, Rufous-Naped and lapped Larks, Rufous-chested Swallow, Yellow-throated Long claw and Southern Red Bishop. Small number of the migratory Brown-chested Plover is regularly observed. Check the grassland around the Mirliti Valley trail. Some of the nocturnal species include African Scops Owl; Verreaux's Eagle-Owl and Fiery-necked, Pennant-winged, Swamp, and Black shouldered Nightjars. Return to the lodge and stay at own leisure. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Mihingo Lodge, or Midrange Arcadia Cottages, or Montana tented Camp (FB)**

## **DAY 14: TRANSFER TO KAMPALA**

**07:30hrs:** Take morning breakfast, drive to Kampala. You may have a stopover at the green Equator for photography and cup of tea as you stretch legs, then proceed thereby arriving early afternoon. Have lunch in Kampala. In the afternoon stay at leisure. **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Serena Hotel, mid-range Hotel Triangle or budget Namirembe Guesthouse (FB)**

## **DAY 15: BIRD WATCHING IN KAMPALA**

After breakfast, go birding half day. The activity may last from a few to several hours to the kabaka's lake to Kololo and Makerere University Compus. Afternoon, be at leisure or visit the craft shops to buy souvenirs for self like African necklaces, bracelets, earrings and textiles. Tour briefly the city markets and a few sites like the National theatre and Museum if time allows. You may also visit night clubs later (optional). **Dinner and overnight stay in luxury Serena Hotel, mid-range Hotel Triangle or budget Namirembe Guesthouse (FB)**

## **DAY 16: TRANSFER TO ENTEBBE, VISIT REPTILE VILLAGE AND SNAKE PARK**

**06:30hrs:** After early morning breakfast, drive to Entebbe as we bird along the way from Kampala to Entebbe. We may make a stopover visit to the reptile village as well as the snake park (optional). **Dinner and overnight Stay in luxury Lake Victoria Hotel, mid-range Entebbe Travellers' Inn or budget Sophie's Motel (FB)**



## **DAY 17: BIRDING AT MABAMBA WETLAND, ON LAKE VICTORIA**

**06:30hrs:** After early morning breakfast, then go out to Mabamba Wetlands on the shore of Lake Victoria. This is one of the few remaining swamps in the country protected by the local communities - an extensive papyrus swamp with its labyrinth of channels and lagoons, classified as an IBA (Important Bird Area) and home to several pairs of Shoebills, Uganda's most famous avian resident. This charismatic species, the only representative in its family, is certainly amongst the most sought-after birds in Africa and we'll make special efforts today to find it by paddling through the channels by boat. There will of course be a good selection of classic East African water birds: Pink-backed Pelican, Long-tailed Cormorant, Goliath Heron, African Fish-Eagle, African Marsh-Harrier, Yellow-billed Duck, African Water Rail, Allen's Gallinule, Malachite Kingfisher along with slightly more local species such as Long-toed Plover, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Blue-headed Coucal, Papyrus

Gonolek, Papyrus Canary, Swamp Flycatcher, White-winged & Papyrus Yellow Warblers. Return and have Lunch in Entebbe town.

**2:00hrs:** In the afternoon, visit the Uganda Wildlife Education center (UWEC)-zoo and beaches to wind up with your trip as relax and bird along the place. The Uganda Wildlife Education center (UWEC) is a zoologist's center for captive wild animals that has lured over 170 species of wild birds 10 species of Weavers such as the rare Northern Masked Weaver, Golden Backed, Black Necked, Northern Brown Throated, Grosbeak, Baglafect and many others. 5 species of flycatchers Crested shrike flycatcher, Lead colored, Swamp flycatcher, African paradise Red bellied etc, raptors such as the Gabar Goshawk, small banded snake Eagle, Shikra, African Goshawk, African Fish Eagle, African Hobby etc and many more species including captive animals. We may also visit the Nakiwogo Landing site (optional). Return to your place of rest.

**Dinner and overnight Stay in luxury Lake Victoria Hotel, mid-range Entebbe Travellers' Inn or budget Sophie's Motel (FB)**

## **DAY 18- AIRPORT TRANSFER/ DEPARTURE**

Depending on the time upon departure, transfer to Entebbe International Airport with one of our professional tour guides to take you for your outbound flight back home.

## **END OF TOUR**

*Cost of tour: US Dollar per two persons sharing in Banda*

### **Read Codes Below:**

**Pp:** Per person

**\$:** US Dollar

**Pax:** Persons

**FB:** Full Board Meal Plan with **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch & **D**=Dinner

**BB:** *Bed and Breakfast Meal Plan*

**HB:***Breakfast with Lunch or With Dinner*

### **Accommodation Quote**

**Luxury:***Mabira Forest Lodge /Budongo Eco Lodge /Semiliki safari Lodge /Ndali Lodge /Mweya safari lodge /Gorilla Forest Camp/Mihingo Lodge /Serena Hotel/ Lake Victoria Hotel,*

**Midrange:***Masindi Hotel /Vanilla Hotel /Chimpanzee Guesthouse /Jacana Safari Lodge Nkuringo Safari Lodge /Arcadia Cottages /Hotel Triangle /Entebbe Travellers' Inn/ Lindsay Cottages*

**Budget:***Griffins Camp /Red Chili Camp/ Kanyachu Ecological centre /Mweya hostel/ Buhoma Homestead/Montana tented Camp /Namirembe Guesthouse /Sophie's Motel*

#### **Price includes:**

- 17 Nights accommodation with meal plan as stated
- Ground transportation (4WD) & fuel
- 1 Game drive & other related activities
- 1 Launch cruise/Boat trip
- Guide/Driver's Fee & his associated expenses
- Entry fees
- Birding and Butterfly fees
- Gorilla tracking (optional)
- Visit to reptile village and snake park
- Stopover at the green Equator
- City tour in the central business district

#### **But Excludes;**

- Personal Expenses like phone calls, bar bills, laundry bills etc
- Tipping of driver or staff at the Camp
- Air Tickets
- Fees for extra and optional activities NOT included in the itinerary.
- Accommodation for the first night prior to the morning of the trip & the last night after the trip.

## **Short Notes**

### ***Climate***

The mean minimum and maximum annual temperature ranges from 8C - 35C respectively. Much of the country receives between 1,000 and 1,500 mm of rainfall per annum. The south of the country has two rainfall peaks in April - May and October - November. This pattern however becomes less marked towards the North. Of recent there have been changes in rainfall patterns raining in July, making November dry.

### ***Clothing***

Depending on the weather, heat and your resistance to the sun, you could bring a mix of T-shirts and long-sleeved as well as lightweight shirts. Similarly, it is OK to wear shorts in most situations, but light-weight, washable trousers (especially those that convert into shorts by unzipping legs) are recommended. We will be at high altitudes for much of the tour, so evenings and early mornings could be chilly especially at Ruhijja. A light sweater/sweatshirt for cooler evenings and a light, easily packable rain shell are advised. Neutral colours (grays, tans, and khakis) are most appropriate for forest birding. Easily washable, quick-drying clothes are useful. There will be walking on forest trails so some ankle-supporting walking shoes with a good grip are advised. Bring a sunhat and sunglasses. Casual clothes are adequate throughout.

### ***Visas***

Visa is required for USA citizens. It is supposedly possible to obtain them on arrival, but you can choose to get it before you go. Bills with years reading 2006 and above are widely acceptable.

### ***Equipment***

You can carry your Telescope for easy spotting of birds. A small daypack for carrying your essentials in the vehicles on game drives and on walks is essential. You should bring all the camera equipment and spare batteries and film you need (especially if still using slide film), as these can at times be difficult and costly to purchase. There should be good photographic opportunities. Bring a small flashlight as some lodges don't use electricity or may run on generators that may be switched off in the middle of the night.

### ***Health***

Bottled and purified water is available throughout. It is supplied during the day's activities and is available for purchase with evening meals. You will need sunscreen and a small amount of insect repellent. Though food hygiene and quality is generally good, you may want to bring whatever remedy you prefer or are prescribed for upset stomach. Moist towelettes can be a pleasant way of keeping refreshed and clean en route. Lodges do have emergency medical kits and some lodge

shops stock basic, well-known drugstore remedies for headaches, painkillers etc. However, bring your own supply of any medical/pharmaceutical items they need or have prescribed, as these may not be available.

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