

# UGANDA

Birding, Gorillas, & Wildlife

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WORLDWIDE NATURE TOURS



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Greetings, Fellow Explorer!

With its unique geographical position, Uganda is a country like none other in Africa. Here, abundant rainfall lands on a convergence of several distinct ecological biomes, creating one of the most lush, verdant landscapes on the continent. Uganda sits in an elevated basin between the eastern and western arms of the East African Rift, giving it a relatively high average altitude of over 3,000 ft. The country's elevation serves the traveler well as it greatly moderates the region's tropical climate. Even though Uganda is positioned squarely in the equatorial zone, lying between 2° S and 4° N latitude of the equator, the country's maximum temperature rarely exceeds 80° F.

Uganda's rich biodiversity is a function of the variety of habitats and ecosystems found within its borders. With snowcapped mountains in the west, semi-arid deserts in the northeast, rainforests in the central & southwest regions, and wetlands of all shapes and sizes throughout the country, one can easily understand how life flourishes here. Over 5,000 species of plants can be found within Uganda, as well as 150+ species of reptiles, more than 300 species of mammals and over 1,000 species of birds... all in a country smaller than the State of Oregon! Perhaps most notable is the country's primate diversity. Depending on one's taxonomic view, Uganda has between 19 and 24 species of primates, more than any other country in Africa.

The majority of our trip will be in the south and far west of Uganda, where the volcanic peaks of the Virunga Mountains and the massive Rwenzori Mountains dominate the landscape. Our days will start early to take advantage of the cool mornings, when birds and other wildlife are most active. Our activities will further reflect those of the bush, as we will, when possible, rest during the heat of the day and venture out again late afternoon and into the evening. Drive times will vary from day-to-day, and your guides will be sure to tell you the evening before what to expect the following day. A few long drives are inevitable as we wish to see and experience the most we possibly can while in this unique region of the world.

### TRIP DETAILS

**Start Date:** Nov 9, 2026

**Duration of Main Tour:** 14 days

**Number of participants:** Max of 12

**Price of Tour:** \$7,295 per person

**Deposit:** \$3,600

**Single Supplement:** \$1,295

**Trip Leader:** Steve Robertson

**Activity Level:** Semi-strenuous

#### Included:

- Double-occupancy lodging
- Ground and water transportation
- Breakfasts and lunches
- Excursions and park fees
- Gorilla and Chimpanzee Permits
- Guiding services

#### Not Included:

- Flights
- Dinners
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal items
- Optional gratuities for guides



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## ITINERARY

*Tentative and subject to change depending on weather, road, or other conditions.*

### Day 1 - Nov 9 - Arrival in Uganda

Group arrives in Entebbe and is greeted at the Airport by Steve Robertson and our local guides. After brief introductions, we load the vehicles and travel a short distance to our first night's accommodations, located just 15 minutes from the airport. After checking in, we'll gather for an official welcome to Uganda, a light meal and a short briefing on the next day's agenda before calling it a night.

Lodging: [Lake Victoria Hotel](#)

### Day 2 - Nov 10 - Mabamba Swamps in Search of the Shoebill

After an early breakfast, we head out to **Mabamba Swamp** located on the shores of Lake Victoria (a drive of about an 1 ½ hrs). Classified as an IBA (Important Bird Area), it is an extensive papyrus swamp filled with channels and lagoons. Though we'll no-doubt see many species of birds here, our true goal for the morning is to see Uganda's most famous avian resident, the **Shoebill**. This stork-like bird is the only member in its family



(monotypic), and birdwatchers come from around the world to catch a glimpse of this charismatic species. Uganda is considered the best country in the world to see the Shoebill, and Mabamba Swamp is the most reliable location in the entire country to get a sighting. We will make a special effort to get excellent views of the Shoebill and other water birds by paddling through the channels via small boats.

There will be a good selection of other African water birds in the swamp as well. We will also be on the lookout for species such as the **Malachite & Pied Kingfishers, Pink-backed Pelican, Long-tailed Cormorant, Goliath, Purple, Squacco & Black-headed Herons, African Fish Eagle, Yellow-billed Duck, African & Lesser Jacana, Long-toed Lapwing, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Swamp Flycatcher, Hamerkop, African Water-Rail, Allen's Gallinule, Papyrus Canary, African Open-billed Stork, Red-chested Sunbird, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Winding Cisticola**, and even such specialties as the **Papyrus Gonolek** and the **Grey Crowned Crane**. The farmlands surrounding Mabamba Swamp could yield the **Great Blue & Ross's Turacos, Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill, African Pied Hornbill** and the **Superb Sunbird**, so we will keep our eyes peeled as we approach and depart the wetlands.

The Shoebill





After our morning at the swamps, we'll travel back to our hotel for lunch. As this is our first day in Africa after our long flights, we want to be sure to rest up a bit before our big trek, and our hotel has a wonderful pool and outside bar to help you relax. We'll offer a bit of optional local birding in the late afternoon, early evening, then after sunset, we'll gather to record the species we've seen on our bird lists, have a short briefing on the next day's agenda, all before enjoying dinner at the hotel's indoor/outdoor restaurant.

Lodging: [Lake Victoria Hotel](#)



Impala

## Day 3 - Nov 11 - Lake Mburo

After breakfast, we'll load the rigs and depart for **Lake Mburo National Park**. The 4-5 hr. drive, mostly on well-paved roads, will provide interesting scenery and fascinating views of Uganda's modern-day culture in action. Our amazing lodge is located on a rocky outcrop that provides a stunning 360° panoramic view of the surrounding country side. After Checking in at the lodge and refreshing for a spell, time permitting, we'll travel the short distance to explore Lake Mburo National Park, known for its rich diversity of both birds & mammals. As to the later, the park should yield us nice sightings of **Impala, Waterbuck, Topi, Bushbuck, Burchell's Zebra, Cape Buffalo, Warthog**, the rare **Bushpig, Dwarf & Banded Mongoose,**

**Side-striped Jackal**, and the massive **Eland**. We'll tour the park as long as daylight allows, then head back to the lodge to go over our birdlist, have dinner and enjoy each other's company around the campfire.

Lodging: [Rwakobo Rock Cottages](#)

## Day 4 - Nov 12 - Game Drive and Boat Cruise, Lake Mburo National Park

We'll enjoy a hearty breakfast in the open-air, thatched dining room of the lodge that also provides wonderful birding of the surrounding landscape. After our meal, we'll load into our Land Rovers to game drive through Lake Mburo NP.



Most of the park is dominated by tall grass savanna dotted with Acacia and Euphorbia trees, common birds in this habitat include: **Crested & Coqui Francolins, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Brown Parrot, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Blue-naped Mousebird, Lilac-breasted Roller, Green Wood-hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, African Grey Hornbill, White-headed & Double-toothed Barbets, Nubian & Cardinal Woodpeckers, Trilling Cisticola, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Northern Black Tit, Chin-spot Batis, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Marico Sunbird, Black-headed Gonolek, Rufous-chested Swallow, Black-bellied Bustard, African Wattled Plover, Yellow-throated Longclaw and Southern Red Bishop.** Mbuero NP is the only location in Uganda to see southern-savanna avian species such as **Red-faced Barbet**

## Our Commitment to Conservation

*On every Wild Latitudes tour, we aim to make a positive conservation impact wherever we travel. We utilize the services of local guides and, when possible, stay in environmentally-sensitive, locally-owned lodges. Through our partnership with the Rainforest Trust, a portion of all international tour fees goes to purchasing rainforest acreage, for its protection in perpetuity. On every trip, we also make a contribution to a local conservation effort that works to protect a native species or ecosystem.*



Lilac-breasted Roller



and the **Tabora Cisticola**, and if lucky, we may also catch a glimpse of the impressive **Southern Ground Hornbill** as well.

After lunch we'll enjoy a **boat cruise on Lake Mburo** where we hope to see a number of water birds including the **African Finfoot**, **White-backed Night Heron** and if fortunate, one or more of the "papyrus endemics," like the **Papyrus Gonolek**, the **Papyrus Yellow Warbler** and the stunning **Blue-headed Coucal**. The herds of **Hippopotamus** that inhabit the lake are also a joy to witness, as are the **Nile Crocodiles** sunning themselves on the bank, and the playful **Clawless Otters** that often frolic in the lake, sometimes following the boats.

We'll return to camp by late afternoon to refresh a bit, go over our species list, and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by the lodge staff. After dinner, weather permitting, we'll head out in the Rovers on our first night drive of the tour in search of such nocturnal species as the **Black-shouldered Nightjar**, **Swamp Nightjar**, **Verreaux's Eagle-owl** and the **African Scops-owl**. Of course, nocturnal mammals are always possible as well, including the **Genet**, **Spotted Hyena** and the secretive **African Leopard**. We'll return to our lodge in time to get a good night's sleep, as we have a fair bit of ground to cover tomorrow to get to our next lodge.

Lodging: [Rwakobo Rock Cottages](#)



Green Wood-Hoopoe



African Fish-Eagle



## Day 5 - Nov 13 - Bird to Ruhija: Bwindi Impenetrable NP

We'll rise early as usual and enjoy another wonderful breakfast at the open-air lodge of Rwakobo Rock, after which we say goodbye to our hosts, load up the Rovers and depart for the village of Ruhija. Our journey takes us through the small town of Kabale and over highlands reaching almost 7500 ft. above sea level. Species we may see on this journey include the **White-winged & Papyrus Yellow Warblers**, **Papyrus Canary**, **Carruthers's & Chubb's Cisticola**, the **African Stone Chat** and the **Augur Buzzard**. We eventually reach the huge montane forest of Bwindi, our home for the night. We will bird a bit enroute, and stop for lunch mid-way, so our drive time is difficult to estimate, but we plan to arrive at our next accommodation well before dark. With luck, after checking in, we'll have some time to bird the local area a bit before sundown.



After some evening birding, we'll catch up on our species list and have dinner at the lodge. Though only 1° S of the Equator, temperatures here can be quite chilly at night because of the high elevation. Fortunately, the lodge has a large fireplace that warms the dining hall nicely, and provides a cozy atmosphere in which to enjoy the evening before we settle in for the night.

Lodging: [Trekker's Cottages](#)



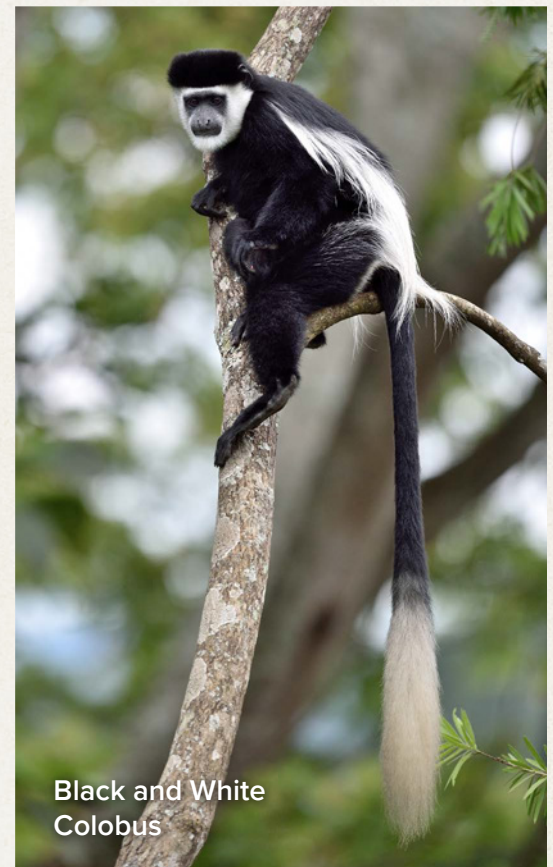
## Day 6 - Nov 14 - Birding for Albertine Rift Endemics

Today after breakfast, we'll bird this high-altitude region in search of birds that live here and only here, the Albertine Rift Endemics. The village of Ruhija borders the highest section of **Bwindi Impenetrable NP**. At an altitude of 7,800 ft. above sea level, it offers some of the finest montane forest birding in Africa, and is understandably a key destination for any birder coming to Uganda. The park is blessed with 90% of the Albertine Rift Endemics, species that are nearly impossible to see in any other part of East Africa. There are a total of 41 of these highly localized species, and spotting any of them will be a birder's delight.

We'll carry our picnic lunch and head out for the morning to bird the famous trail through the Bwindi Forest to the **Mubwindi Swamp**, in search of endemics such as the **Handsome Francolin, African Green Broadbill, Dwarf Honeyguide, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Regal, Purple-breasted & Blue-headed Sunbirds, Stripe-breasted Tit, Strange Weaver**, and the flamboyant **Rwenzori Turaco**.

Other species we may encounter include the **Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Black-headed Waxbill, White-headed Wood-hoopoe, Eastern Mountain Greenbul, Greenbul, White-naped Raven, Barred long-tailed Cuckoo**, the impressive **African Crowned Eagle**, and the highly sought-after **Bar-tailed & Narina Trogons**.

In addition to birds, other likely encounters include **Ruwenzori & Yellow-backed Duikers**, the beautiful **L'Hoest's** and **Blue Monkeys**, and the distinctive **Black and White Colobus**.



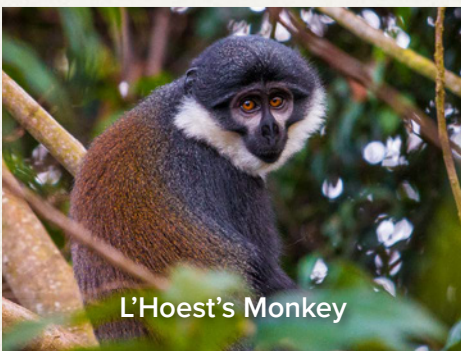
Black and White  
Colobus

After a full morning in the field, we head off to the small town of **Buhoma**, located a short distance away and still within the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. To get there, we travel through the "Neck," a relatively narrow stretch of forest that separates the two sections of the Park (Ruhija and Buhoma). This section is characterized by riverine forest vegetation that yields a new cast of avian characters. Some of the species likely to be seen here are **African Black Duck, Mountain Wagtail, Dusky Blue & African Dusky Flycatchers, Kakamega Greenbul, Yellow-spotted, Hairy-breasted & Grey-throated**



**Barbets, African Emerald Cuckoo, Dusky Tit, Grey-headed & Green Sunbirds, Red-headed Malimbe, Red-tailed Bristlebill, Purple Headed & Stuhlmann's Starlings, Tambourine Dove** and the **Western Bronze-naped Pigeon**. It is also the best place in Uganda to find the stunning **Black Bee-eater**.

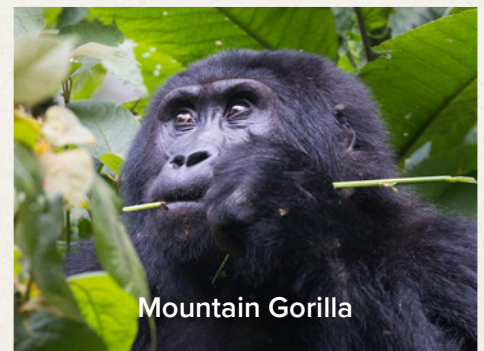
We arrive at Bwindy Homestay in Buhoma by late afternoon, allowing time to freshen-up before we meet to review our species list and have dinner. Also called "Ride For A Woman," the Bwindy Homestay's mission is to provide support for local women who



L'Hoest's Monkey



Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater



Mountain Gorilla

are victims of abuse and/or otherwise underprivileged. To that end, the proprietors hire these women to work at their lodge and provide them with bicycles to give them the mobility they need. During our last stays in 2017 and 2019, the camaraderie and sense of pride amongst the staff was heart-warming. Supporting local efforts such as these is a goal of Wild Latitudes, which doubles our joy at being able to stay here.

**Lodging:** [Bwindy Homestay \(Ride For A Woman\)](#)

## Day 7 - Nov 15 - Gorilla Trekking & Birding in Buhoma

Today, after breakfast, we split into two groups, 50% of which will bird the area, half will spend the morning on a trek in search of **Mountain Gorillas**.

The Bwindi Impenetrable NP is home to an estimated half of the world's population of endangered Mountain Gorillas, underlining the park's importance as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Interestingly, the forest was named not for its dense vegetation, but because of the steepness of its hills, which made exploring and researching there almost impossible. The forest now has a well-developed system of excellent trails, and though still steep, they are much easier to traverse and prove to be quite manageable for the majority of visitors.

Having the chance to see a family of Mountain Gorillas nestled in the forest, resting





African Lion



African Jacana

or casually foraging, while the youngsters pull at the adults or play overhead, is truly one of the most unforgettable experiences of a lifetime. The fascination these massive primates engenders is spell-binding. If fortunate, we will not have to trek too far for the opportunity to enjoy close-up views of the Gorillas, and we may also have a chance to see other forest dwellers like the **Ruwenzori & Yellow-backed Duikers**, **Blue & L'Hoest's Monkeys** and the **Black and White Colobus**. We'll head back to the lodge for lunch, then head out birding in the afternoon, returning as the sun sets to go over our species list, have dinner, and enjoy another pleasant evening at the lodge.

While half the group is off Gorilla Trekking, the other half will head out to bird the highly productive Buhoma trail. Here we'll look out for species such as the **African Broadbill**, **Black-faced Rufous Warbler**, **Red-capped**, **Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat**, **Oriole Finch**, **Arsorge's Greenbul**, **Equatorial Akalat**, **Scaly-breasted**, **Pale-breasted & Mountain Illadopsis**, **Thick-billed Seed eater**, **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**, **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**, **African Goshawk**, **Frazer's Eagle-Owl**, **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Red-headed Bluebill**, **Olive-green Camaroptera**, **Bronze**, **Scarlet-chested & Green-headed Sunbirds**, **Honeyguide Greenbul**, the crowd-pleasing **Great Blue & Black-billed Turacos**, and the sought-after **Pink-footed Puffback**, to mention but a few of the avian possibilities.

Other wildlife to keep an eye out for include the **Vervet**, **Blue Monkey & Red Colobus**, the **Spotted Hyena**, **Yellow-backed Duiker**, and the rare **Giant Forest Hog**, the largest species of suid in the world. In the evening, we'll all re-group at the lodge to catch-up on the day's events and go over our species list. After a delicious dinner at the lodge we'll head off for a well-earned rest.

Lodging: [Bwindy Homestay](#) (Ride For A Woman)



## Day 8 - Nov 16 - Gorilla Trekking & Birding in Buhoma

Same schedule as the day before, but groups switch, so that those who went birding now go trekking for **Gorillas**, and visa-versa.

Lodging: [Bwindy Homestay](#) (Ride For A Woman)



African Elephants

## Day 9 - Nov 17 - Birding to Queen Elizabeth NP

Today we head out after breakfast for **Queen Elizabeth National Park**, for what will be another full day of traveling and birding. While in the southern part of the park, in the region known as Ishasha, we'll keep a keen eye out for the area's famous **tree climbing Lions**. While here, we'll make several stops to "glass" the trees, searching for any signs of these magnificent creatures. As for the **Leopard**, though they can lay motionless for hours, what often gives these great felines away is their constantly twitching tail.

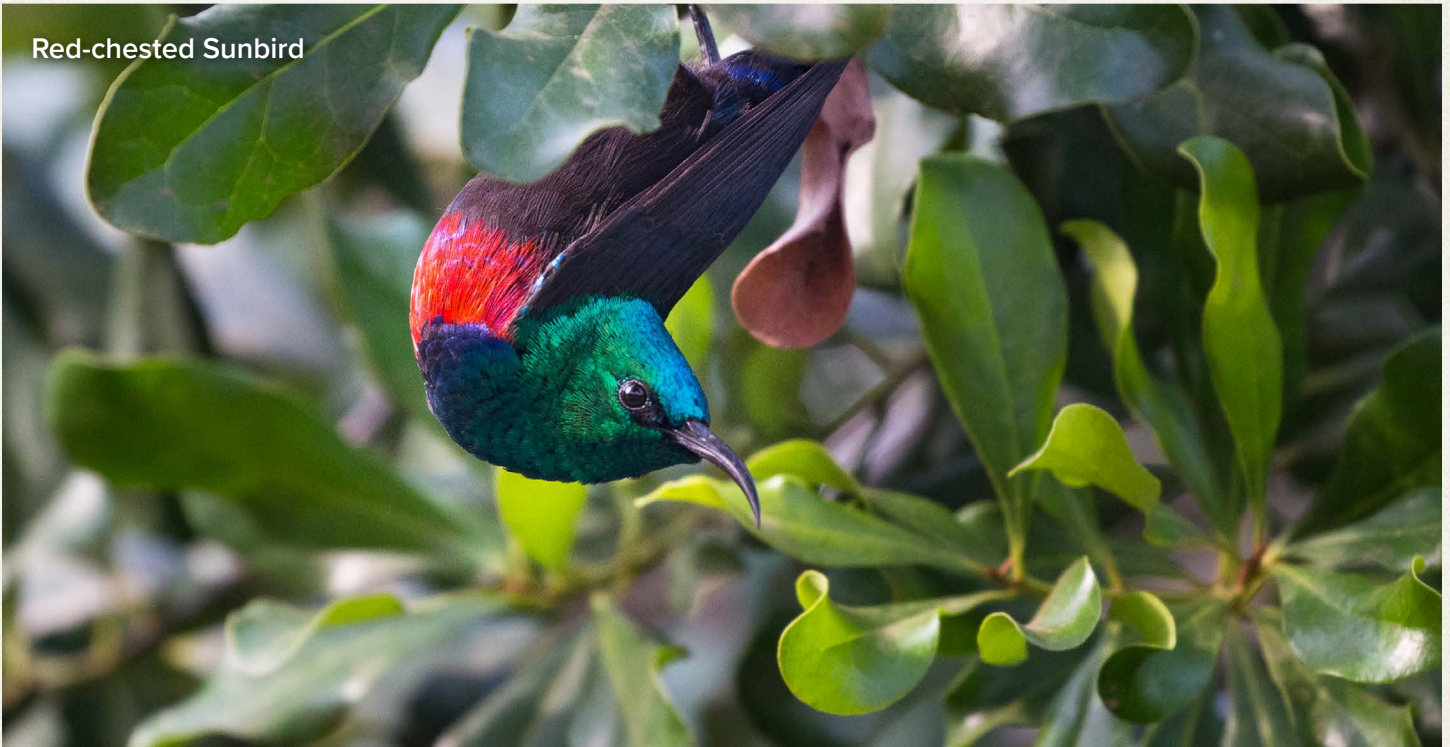
Queen Elizabeth NP is yet another area with some of the highest avian diversity of any National Park in the world. Its varied habitats of open savanna, Acacia woodlands, tropical rainforests, and an array of dense papyrus swamps, makes it one of the most species-rich parks in Africa. Here we shall look for such birds as the **Stout & Zitting Cisticolas**, **Holub's Golden Weavers**, **Double-toothed Barbets**, **Sooty Chat**,



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Red-chested Sunbird



Warthog



Finch's Agama Lizard



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**African Moustached Warblers, White-winged Tits, Black-lored Babblers, Cardinal Woodpeckers, Woodland Kingfisher** and the lovely **Blue-throated Roller**.

This region is rich in raptors well, and we have good chances of seeing the **White-headed, Lappet-faced, African White-backed & Ruppell's Griffon Vultures**, the **Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Long-crested Eagle, Martial Eagle** and the unique **Bateleur**. As always, we plan to arrive at our next lodging well before dusk, in time to check in, freshen-up, go over our species list, and have dinner. The Bush Lodge offers high-class lodging in a bush-camp like setting. The individual cabins are luxurious, yet we'll dine out doors under the stars.

Lodging: [Bush Lodge](#)

## **Day 10 - Nov 18 - Game Drive in the NP; Boat Cruise the Kazinga Channel**

The Bush Camp is ideally situated within the Queen Elizabeth NP, near the banks of the Kazinga Channel that connects Lake George to Lake Edward. Because of its close proximity to the channel, **Hippos** can often be heard frolicking throughout the night. In fact, one needs to take care here at night because the Hippos often come up into the camp after dark to graze. Today we shall leave for a morning game drive in the northern part of the park, then after lunch, enjoy a boat cruise on the channel in the afternoon. Birding from the boat is outstanding, and we'll be on the lookout for all the expected species of waders such as the **Goliath Heron, Yellow-billed Stork**, and the **African Spoonbill**. We may also see the **African Crake, Black-chinned Quail-Finch, Black Coucal, Green-winged Pytilia, Marsh Tchagra, Black-crowned Lapwing**, and perhaps get our first chance to see the **African Skimmers. Malachite & Pied Kingfishers, African Fish Eagle**, and even the **Black Crake** may also be seen. Possible mammals seen from the boat have included **Elephants, Cape Buffalo, Uganda Kob, Bushbuck, Giant Forest Hog, Hippopotamus, Spotted Hyenas, Banded Mongoose, Waterbuck, Leopards** and **Lions**.

We return to the Bush Camp in time to enjoy the pleasant evening in the beautiful setting near the water. At dusk, we'll gather to enjoy an evening beverage, an African tradition called "Sundowners," then set into our species list before enjoying dinner and the camaraderie of our group.

Lodging: [Bush Lodge](#)



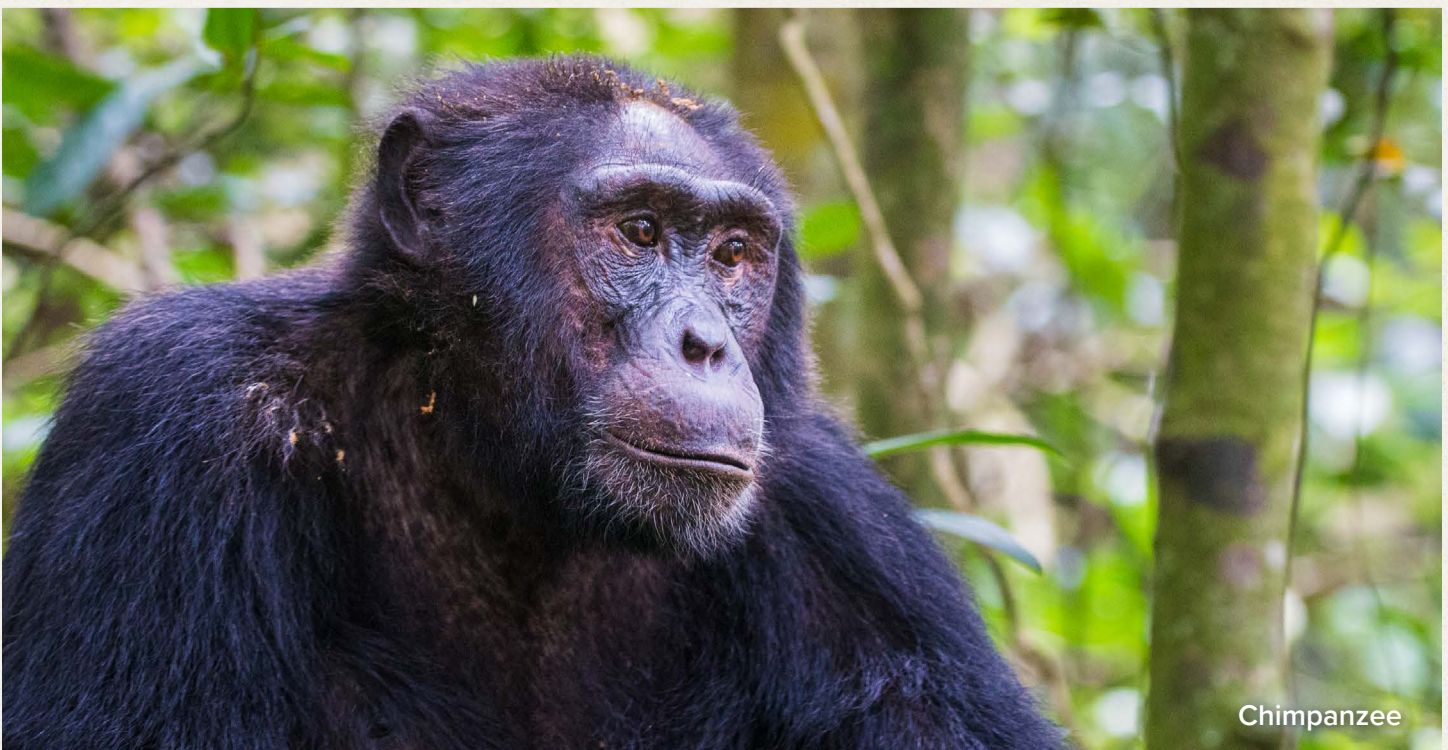
## Day 11 - Nov 19 - Bird our way to Kibale NP

Today we will offer some pre-breakfast birding to take advantage of the wonderful grounds of the Bush Camp. After breakfast, we'll load the Rovers and begin our journey to Kibale National Park. Drive time will again depend on the number of birding stops we make, but the roads are mostly paved and in good repair, and the scenery again offers a wonderful glimpse into rural life in Uganda. We plan to stop mid-day in the city of Fort Portal for a nice sit-down lunch before continuing on to our next accommodation, the Kibale Forest Camp. We should arrive in the early afternoon, giving everyone plenty of time to refresh themselves before meeting up for dinner and perhaps a little evening birding.

Lodging: [Kibale Forest Camp](#)

## Day 12 - Nov 20 - Chimpanzee Trekking in Kibale National Park

After enjoying an early breakfast at the Lodge, we'll load the Rovers to drive a short distance to Kibale NP, then head into the forest on foot to search for a troop of wild **Chimpanzees**. The park is dominated by mostly secondary (some primary) tropical rainforest, and is celebrated for its high diversity of primate species, considered the highest of any park in all of Africa. It is also regarded as one of the most reliable places in the world to see Chimpanzees. The Chimps here are only semi-habituated, meaning



Chimpanzee



they have come to tolerate human presence but they tend to keep a greater distance from people than the Mountain Gorilla. They are also much more energetic, less sessile, and more arboreal than Gorillas, giving the impression that these Chimps are still truly wild.

Other primate species we may see in Kibale NP include the **Olive Baboons, Guereza Colobus, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, L'Hoest's, Blue, Vervet & Red-tailed Monkeys**, and the localized **Central African Colobus Monkey**.

After our trek for Chimpanzees, we'll head back to the lodge for lunch and a bit of well-earned down time during the heat of the day. Later in the afternoon, we'll go out back into the park for a bit of forest birding. Species we may see include **White-spotted & Red-crested Flufftails, Joyful Greenbul, Purple-headed Starling, Red-chested Owlet, Blue Breasted Kingfisher, Crested Guineafowl, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Black-crowned Waxbill, Black-and-white Mannikin, African Pied Hornbill, White-headed Wood-hoopoe, Petit's Cuckoo-shrike, Superb, Orange-tufted & Green-headed Sunbirds, Yellow-mantled Weavers, Dusky Longed-tailed Cuckoos, African Goshawk** and the majestic **African Crowned Eagle**. We'll return to the lodge in time to freshen-up before we gather to go over our species and have dinner one last time for the main trip.

Lodging: [Kibale Forest Camp](#)

## Day 13 - Nov 21 - Travel Back to Entebbe

Today is a big travel day to get back to Entebbe. We'll load the Rovers after breakfast and depart, the drive to Entebbe likely taking about 6 hours or so, but again, the roads are good and we will be traveling over new ground offering fresh scenery. We plan to arrive in Entebbe in time to check into our hotel and enjoy a little relaxation by the pool. We'll meet for dinner and go over our list one last time.

Lodging: [Lake Victoria Hotel](#)

## Day 14 - Nov 22 - Free Day: Local Markets, Bird, Re-pack, Fly Home

As the homeward flights will likely depart in the evening, we'll play today by ear and likely offer a trip to a local market for souvenirs, and/or a bit of birding in a local greenspace. Meals will be at the hotel, and we'll all gather for dinner before we head to the airport to say our farewells before boarding our flights home.



## YOUR GUIDE

### STEVE ROBERTSON

A true lover of the natural world, Steve Robertson has been a student of nature his entire life. First, as a little boy, who caught every creature he could for the mini zoo he kept in the garage, then later as an adult, leading scientific research expeditions into some of the most remote regions of the world, searching for rare species in such places as Tasmania, Madagascar, and the upper Amazon Basin.

He is the Co-owner of Wild Latitudes. With degrees in Wildlife Biology, advanced biology & education, Steve has worked in the field of Environmental Education for over 30 years. From 1998 to 2017, he served as the Education Director for the Audubon Society of Portland, creating a number of innovative programs including International Ecotours, a program that has won hundreds of accolades from around the country. During his time with Audubon, Steve personally designed and led ecotours to over 20 countries, spanning six continents.





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## THE PACE AND STYLE OF OUR TOURS

The primary goal of our trips is to experience and learn about the natural world, especially the region's birds and other wildlife, and of course, to have fun! As birding is often a primary focus of our tours, and birds are active in the morning, we will sometimes have early morning outings before breakfast. That said, our style of birding may not be ideal for hard-core "listers." We prefer to spend time observing the species we encounter, and learn a bit about their natural history, rather than rushing through the field to add the maximum number of species to our bird list. We also make diversions for interesting, non-avian wildlife, plants, geological wonders, and cultural activities. The pace of most of our trips is moderate, and we encourage anyone in good health to attend and enjoy the experience. Please contact us about if you need specific information on the types of physical activities on a tour and their physical requirements.

We strive to immerse participants in the local culture and to that end, wherever possible, we stay in locally owned and operated hotels that are designed and run in an environmentally sustainable way. Though some accommodations may be more basic than others, all are safe, clean and comfortable. We also utilize the services of local guides, visit local markets, and other culturally significant sites.

## TOUR DATE AND TRIP LEADER CHANGES

Leaders and schedules are determined up to a year in advance of our tours. In the event that we have a change in a tour's dates or leaders, we reserve the right to do so, and will strive to inform participants as early in the process as possible. Additional leaders may be added to tours according to the group size, and will be specified in the tour itinerary. We also reserve the right to cancel any trip for which there are insufficient reservations.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TOUR

When you're ready to sign up for the tour, please let us know by doing one of the following:

- Send us an email at [info@wildlatitudes.com](mailto:info@wildlatitudes.com)
- Call us at 503-714-3504

Then we'll send you the link to our online registration form. You can choose to pay your deposit by credit card or check. See 'Deposit Policy' below.

## DEPOSIT POLICY

A deposit is due at the time of registration. ***A deposit is the only thing that guarantees your place on the trip.*** Registration can be made over the phone with a credit card: 503-714-3504. *Note:* there is an additional 3.0% fee for credit card payments. This is only what we are charged by the credit card company.

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Checks are happily accepted and should be made out to *Wild Latitudes LLC*. Include the tour name on the memo line of the check and send to:

Wild Latitudes, PO Box 25115, Portland, OR 97298.

## **PAYMENT POLICY**

Full payment is required **90 days** prior to the tour departure date for international tours or any tour involving flights; and **30 days** prior to the tour departure date for local (i.e. in the Portland, Oregon area), van-based tours.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

In the event a participant needs to cancel a reservation for any tour, the following policies will apply:

- **90 days** or more prior to tour departure date, the deposit will be refunded, minus an administrative fee of \$100.
- **Less than 90 days but more than 60 days** prior to tour departure date, all payments refunded, minus 50% of deposit.
- **Less than 60 days** prior to tour departure date, no refunds will be given.

**We *strongly* recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect yourself from unforeseen circumstances.**

If for any reason Wild Latitudes cancels a tour prior to the start of the tour, full refunds—minus the cost of any internal/in-country airline tickets purchased and/or any non-refundable deposits or expenses already made by Wild Latitudes—will be given to all participants. In the event that the tour is canceled while underway due to unforeseeable events such as but not limited to natural disaster, military activities, social uprising, or other extremely dangerous conditions not within the control of Wild Latitudes, no refund will be issued.

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