

RANGER AFRICA SAFARIS

6 DAYS SHOEBILLS AND GORILLA EXPERIENCE

Trip Program.

Day 1: Arrival at the Airport check in Nkima Lodge.

Arrival at the airport where you will meet our representative who will brief you about the trip and transfer you to Nkima Lodge, then go for Birding in search for the Shoebill depending on the arrival time and an over night at Nkima Forest Lodge.

The owners of the area have prioritized preserving the natural surroundings, ensuring minimal disturbances and creating an ideal environment for birders and naturalists. Among its highlights is the shoebill stork, an endangered species related to herons and pelicans, standing over 100 cm tall on the marshy ground.

Start your journey with early birding at Mabamba Swamp, a renowned destination for birdwatching and wildlife enthusiasts. After a rewarding morning, enjoy lunch at Nkima Lodge before transferring to Lake Mburo National Park. Upon arrival, check in for an overnight stay at Rwakobo Lodge or a hotel of your choice.

Mabamba Bay, a Ramsar Site spanning approximately 64 square miles, features a diverse natural habitat of papyrus marshes, reeds, and water lilies. Conveniently located on Lake Victoria near Entebbe International Airport, Mabamba Bay is one of Uganda's top destinations for shoebill stork sightings.

As the first stop on our 6-day Shoebills and Gorilla Safari, Mabamba Bay offers a high chance of encountering this iconic bird. Beyond the shoebill, the area hosts an array of fascinating species, including the blue swallow, white-backed duck, pygmy goose, papyrus gonolek, white-winged warbler, and papyrus yellow warbler. These unique

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sightings make Mabamba Swamp an unforgettable highlight for eco-tourists and birding enthusiasts alike.

Day 2: Boat Trip at Mabamba Bay and Road Transfer to Lake Mburo.

Just in case we happened not to get the Shoebill the previous day we then get a chance to go birding again in the morning hours, have hot lunch at Nkima Lodge or carry your packed lunch and transfer to Lake Mburo National Park with a stopover at the Equator line. Sleep over at Rwakobo Rock. Or the Hotel of the Choice.

Day 3: Birding Lake Mburo National Park and Transfer to Bwindi.

After a delightful breakfast, your day begins with birding in the scenic surroundings of Lake Mburo National Park. Enjoy a boat cruise along the lake, where you'll have the chance to observe hippopotamuses, buffalos, waterbucks, and a variety of bird species, including the Rufous-bellied Heron, African Finfoot, White-backed Night Heron, and Red-faced Barbet.

Following this, you'll have the option of a hot lunch or packed lunch before embarking on a scenic transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Upon arrival, check in at Broadbill Forest Camp, your comfortable base for the next adventure.

Along the way, a game drive may present the opportunity to spot an array of mammals, including zebras, elands, Rothschild's giraffes, leopards, topis, and dwarf mongooses. Black-and-white colobus monkeys add to the park's vibrant wildlife.

For bird enthusiasts, Lake Mburo National Park is an exceptional habitat. It is particularly renowned for regional endemics such as the Long-Tailed Cisticola (Tabora Cisticola), making it a must-visit for avid birdwatchers.

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Day 4: Gorilla Trekking



Wakeup early in the morning, have breakfast and set off to the Park headquarters before 8:00am where you will be briefed by the ranger guides about gorilla trekking. On this day get well dressed in thick clothes to avoid mosquito bites and cuts from tree branches and Jungle boots for hiking. After the Trekk you will then head back to the park headquarters to for a simple ceremony as you receive your gorilla trekking certificates. Head back to the lodge and relax. For the Birders, Bwindi is A birders haven that hosts among others the Regional endemics and Very good chances to see the Following Albertine Rift Endemics as it is a 6 days Shoebills and Gorillas.

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- African Green Broadbill
- Short-tailed Warbler
- Red-throated Alethe
- Kivu Ground-Thrush
- Red-faced Woodland Warbler
- Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher
- Strange Weaver
- Rwenzori Batis

- Grauer's Warbler
- Grauer's Rush Warbler
- Handsome Francolin
- Rwenzori Turaco

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- Rwenzori Double-collard Sunbird
- Blue-headed Sunbird
- Regal Sunbird
- Purple-breasted Sunbird
- Mountain Musked Apalis

- Rwenzori Apalis
- Stripe-breasted Tit
- Archer's Robin-Chat
- Rwenzori Nightjar
- Dwarf Honeyguide
- Dusky Crimsonwing
- Shelly's Crimsonwing

Day 5: Transfer to Ishasha and Overnight at Enjojo Lodge

On this day you will be checking out of the Lodge of the Choice and transfer to Ishasha to try for the Tree-Climbing Lions and this location as the site where we can as well try looking for the Shoebill Stork. Edwards Flats of Queen Elizabeth National Park Ishasha Sector is a Fantastic Habitat not only for the famous Tree-Climbing Lions, but as well as the Shoebills. Ishasha means the sound made by the Waters movement and its home to a lot of Wildlife and constitute to the Total Number of 660 birds species that are found In Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Day 6: Transfer to Entebbe.

On this day we shall be checking out of Enjojo Lodge or any Hotel of the Choice as we head back to Entebbe International Airport or to any lodge for an overnight marking the end of our 6 days Shoebills and Gorillas Experience Trip.

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COST

The Costs Includes the following:--Gorilla tracking permit, Park entrances, Accommodation and meals in all the mentioned Lodges, Boats and Conservancy fees, Drinking water in Transit, Transportation for the Entire trip.

Excludes:-Tips and gratuities, Air transfers, Grants, Curio shopping, Laundry, Drinks of personnel nature.

Enjoy our 6 days shoebills and Gorillas Uganda Target species 300-350.

It ranges from 2200\$ to 2924\$ per person.

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