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"LUXURY PRIMATE SAFARI" 2012

INTERNATIONAL GROUP SAFARI – 10 DAYS

An amazing safari that combines the wide savannah plains of Queen Elizabeth National Park with the dense tropical rainforests of Kibale and Bwindi. Excellent wildlife viewing and unforgettable encounters with the primates of Uganda!

Safari Highlights :

- *Chimp tracking in Kibale Forest*
- *Game viewing in Queen Elizabeth NP*
- *Gorilla tracking in Bwindi Forest*
- *Night game drive in Lake Mburo NP*
- *Accommodation in intimate, luxury safari lodges*

B = Breakfast	L = Lunch	D = Dinner
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Day 1 ARRIVAL

Arrival at Entebbe Airport where you will be welcomed by a Great Lakes Safaris representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight at Windsor Lake Victoria Hotel (B&B).

Day 2 ENTEBBE – KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK (6 hrs)

After a relaxed breakfast we will depart Entebbe and head west to Fort Portal, with lunch en route. Fort Portal rests in the shadow of the fabled "Mountains of the Moon" and is famous for the many tea plantations. From this lovely town we will continue to Kibale National Park. Dinner and overnight at the deluxe safari tents of Primate Lodge Kibale. **(B-L-D)**

Day 3 KIBALE FOREST & BIGODI SWAMP

Today the forest opens its doors for a **sensational chimp tracking**. Kibale Forest is reputable of having the greatest variety and highest concentration of primates in East Africa. Enjoy a guided nature walk in the tropical rainforest in search of the wild chimpanzee, red-tailed monkey, black-and-white colobus monkey and many others. After a hearty lunch we transfer to the Bigodi Swamp for another, totally different nature walk. The Bigodi Swamp Walk is an initiative of the local community and is known for its rich diversity of birds and primates. Dinner and overnight at the deluxe safari tents of Primate Lodge Kibale. **(B-L-D)**

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Day 4 KIBALE FOREST – QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK (3 hrs)

After a delicious breakfast we calmly transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park while passing the region of the Crater Lakes. Have lunch and relax at the pool before going on a game drive in search of the first wildlife, including warthogs, buffaloes, waterbucks and elephants. Dinner and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge. **(B-L-D)**

Day 5 QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

The day begins early as we start with a **morning game drive** and head to the mating ground of the Uganda Kobs. We search for lions, elephants, buffaloes and other wild animals in their natural habitat before returning for lunch. In the afternoon we take on a **boat cruise** along the Kazinga Channel, a natural channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. Thanks to the abundant birdlife that is sighted, and the elephants, buffaloes and hundreds of hippos that are cooling off at the shores, this cruise will definitely be one of the highlights of your safari. Dinner and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge. **(B-L-D)**



Day 6 QUEEN ELIZABETH – BWINDI NATIONAL PARK (4-5 hrs)

After breakfast we head towards the south, passing the southern sector of the national park (if road conditions allow). This part is called Ishasha and is famous for the tree climbing lions. After a short game drive in this area we continue to Bwindi. While driving through a verdant countryside, you will pass traditional homesteads and enjoy panoramic views. In the afternoon arrival in Bwindi National Park, home of the endangered mountain gorillas. Dinner and overnight at Mahogany Springs. **(B-L-D)**

Day 7 GORILLA TRACKING

The highlight of your safari: a meeting with the **gentle giants of Bwindi!** Especially hikers will love the tracking in the beautiful ecosystem of the park. Expect to walk a long distance in steep and muddy conditions, sometimes with rain overhead, before you encounter any gorillas. But it will definitely be worthwhile as you observe them closely while they eat, play and rest. A unique and unforgettable experience!

Those who prefer not to participate in the gorilla tracking can go for a guided forest walk or explore the surroundings with the Buhoma Village Walk. Dinner and overnight at Mahogany Springs. **(B-L-D)**

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Day 8 BWINDI – LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK (4 hrs)

After breakfast we depart the impenetrable forest of Bwindi and head to Lake Mburo National Park. As we enter the park it is likely that you will spot some wildlife. After checking in you will go on a boat ride on the lake to view the rich bird life and many hippos that are cooling off. Have an early dinner before going on a **night game drive** in an open Land Cruiser with spot light. This special game drive of 2-3 hours provides 30% chances of seeing the elusive leopard and of course other nocturnal animals. Overnight at Mihingo Lodge. **(B-L-D)**



Day 9 LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK – KAMPALA (4 hrs)

Early start of the day as we will go for a **safari walk** guided by a ranger. Lake Mburo is the only national park where you can experience a safari on foot. Return the lodge for breakfast and with a game drive on our way out we depart the protected area and drive back to Kampala. Arrival in the afternoon and leisure time to visit some shops or relax at the pool. Overnight at Le Petit Village. **(B-L)**

Day 10 DEPARTURE

Enriched with an experience of a lifetime and unforgettable memories you will say goodbye to the Pearl of Africa. Depending on your flight schedule you can join our guide on a city tour and visit some interesting and historical sites. In time you will be transferred to Entebbe Airport for your international flight. **(B)**

**** END OF YOUR SAFARI WITH GREAT LAKES SAFARIS ****

Price for this 10-days "Luxury Primate Safari" / 2012		
	HIGH SEASON (Jan/Feb/Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep/Dec)	LOW SEASON (Mar/Apr/May/Oct/Nov)
When travelling with 4-8 pax	USD \$ 3190 per person	USD \$ 2990 per person
Single room supplement	USD \$ 580 per person	USD \$ 580 per person

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Included in the price:

- Airport transfer to/from Entebbe Airport
- Ground transport per private 4WD safari vehicle
- English speaking driver/guide
- Accommodation in places mentioned in the itinerary, based on a twin/double room
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- Bottled mineral water in the safari vehicle
- Entrance fees and ranger fees for national parks
- Activities and excursions mentioned in the program
- Permit for chimp tracking in Kibale Forest
- Detailed map of Uganda (1 map per person)

Exclusions:

- International flight
- Visa (USD \$50, available upon arrival)
- Gorilla permit (USD \$500 per permit)
- Forest Walk Bwindi (USD \$50 per person)
- Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- Items of personal nature
- Tips
- Christmas supplement

Departure dates:

01 January 2012	20 June 2012	08 September 2012
17 February 2012	07 July 2012	12 October 2012 *
19 March 2012 *	30 July 2012	11 November 2012 *
26 April 2012 *	20 August 2012	08 December 2012
10 May 2012 *		

* *Low season*

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Accommodation:

Windsor Lake Victoria Hotel – Entebbe

Windsor Lake Victoria Hotel is located at 4 km from Entebbe Airport. The hotel in classic colonial style nestles in spacious tropical gardens overlooking Lake Victoria. The 100 renovated rooms are all air-conditioned and offer in-house music, mini-bar, complimentary safes and cotton bathrobes. Other amenities include restaurants, bar, health club and gym, swimming pool as well as botanical gardens.

Website: <http://www.laicohotels.com/en/hotel/uganda/entebbe/laico-lake-victoria.html>

Primate Lodge Kibale – Kibale Forest National Park

The luxury safari tents of Primate Lodge Kibale are raised on a wooden platform overlooking the forest and its primates. Each of them is tastefully decorated in African style, with comfortable twin beds, large windows and en suite bathroom. The main lodge has a spacious dining room, serving local and international meals, with an adjacent bar and open lounge area.

Website: www.ugandalodges.com

Mweya Safari Lodge – Queen Elizabeth National Park

Mweya Safari Lodge has a prime location on the Mweya peninsula, with views over the Kazinga Channel. All rooms have balconies, overlooking the Kazinga Channel and Lake Edward, private bathrooms and electricity. Other features include a beautiful swimming pool, a poolside bar, safari bar, souvenir shop and restaurant serving global cuisine.

Website: www.mweyalodge.com

Mahogany Springs – Bwindi Forest National Park

Mahogany Springs is the newest lodge in Bwindi National Park. Located at a 2 minutes drive from the headquarters, it offers eight luxury bandas with 2 double beds, en-suite bathroom and a private terrace with panoramic views of the forest and surrounding land. The main building includes a craft shop, large bar area, relaxing lounge area with fireplace, restaurant and a large veranda.

Website: www.mahoganysprings.com

Mihingo Lodge – Lake Mburo National Park

Mihingo Lodge is a peaceful and exclusive retreat, situated in Lake Mburo National Park. It features ten rooms which are built on wooden platforms. Suspended under the thatched roof is a spacious and comfortable tent, equipped with en suite bathrooms with stunning views. Each luxury tented room is nestled on a private piece of the lodge's property, enabling you to enjoy the tranquil environment in complete seclusion. The main dining area is a large thatched structure built of rocks. Below the dining area, an infinity swimming pool stretches out from the rocks.

Website: www.mihingolodge.com

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Le Petit Village – Kampala

Le Petit Village is located just 10 minutes from the city centre and offers twelve intimate rooms, decorated in safari chic rustic elegance. The rooms are self-contained and have flat screen TV's, WIFI, phone, fridge and mini bar. Guests can enjoy the swimming pool and gourmet dining at the adjacent restaurant Le Chateau.

Website: www.lepetitvillage.net

Terms and conditions:

- * The mentioned rates are in US dollars and subject to change.
- * The high season period includes January, February, June, July, August, September and December.
- * The low season period includes March, April, May, October and November.
- * Availability of accommodation, permits and activities is not guaranteed until confirmation by your contact person of Great Lakes Safaris. Permits are sold on 'first come first serve' basis.
- * Gorilla permits can only be secured after receiving the requested deposit.
- * The chimp tracking in Kibale Forest may take place either in the morning or afternoon, depending on the availability of the permits for chimp tracking.
- * The safari consists of an international travel company, with a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 participants. Great Lakes Safaris has no control of the nationality, gender, age or any other details of the participants.