



PROJECT DOSSIER

EAST OF AFRICA SAFARI
 NAIROBI to KAMPALA
 15 days
 2,000kms

Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda

Itinerary Guideline

NAIROBI to KAMPALA

- Day 1:** Nairobi to Tanzania & Arusha at foot of Mt Meru.
- Day 2:** In Arusha (markets and local crafts), to Lake Manyara.
- Day 3:** In Lake Manyara National Park and drive to Karatu.
- Day 4:** To Ngorongoro Crater rim, by landrovers into crater.
- Day 5:** Ngorongoro conservation area through the Oldapia Gorge (formerly Olduvai) & to the Serengeti National Park.
- Day 6:** In Serengeti National Park, game viewing drives.
- Day 7:** Leave Serengeti plains to Lake Victoria.
- Days 8-9:** Lake shores to Kenya & Kisumu, across the equator to Uganda; and on to Jinja & Bujagali Falls.
- Day 10:** At Bujagali Falls – opportunity to white water raft on the Nile (optional).
- Day 11:** Drive to Kampala.
- Days 12 & 13:** Drive to and in Murchison Falls National Park on the junction of the Niles – River trip & forest trekking in Chimpanzee reserve.
- Days 14 & 15:** Leave Murchison Falls and return to Kampala. Arrangements end after breakfast on the last day.



N.B. If you are continuing on to the 7 day Mountain Gorilla Safari, then you will be camping overnight in Kampala before departing on the Monday morning.

PLEASE NOTE

The above is intended as a guide only and to indicate a typical itinerary and its highlights. While our intention is to adhere to this, it should be understood that group interests and wishes together with the constraints of weather, road conditions and local restrictions can alter our exact route, its activities and timings.

HIGHLIGHTS & ROUTE

TANZANIA

Arusha was once the headquarters of the East African Community - a union of Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda. It is an attractive town surrounded by coffee plantations and the rich green countryside

beneath Mt Meru 4,500m. The market & handicraft shops sell good Makonde & hardwood carvings, jewellery & ethnic art. Lake Manyara is one of a chain of lakes in the Great Rift Valley - stretching through Africa from Lake Malawi to Ethiopia. The escarpments & shores of Lake Manyara National Park attract flamingos and flocks of aquatic birds; hippos, giraffe, antelope & baboons. There are close-up meetings with elephant, and sightings of the famous lions of Manyara - who have long adapted to climbing trees during the heat of the day to avoid ground level tsetse flies. Village market of Mto Wa Mbu - fabrics, carvings & Masai handicrafts. Climbing the steep slopes of the Great Rift Valley there can be views across the lake to Mt Kilimanjaro in the distance. The Ngorongoro Crater is 16kms wide and almost sheer sided. We descend 700m into the crater by landrover - to a sheltered haven of zebra, elephant, rhino & buffalo. Herds graze around small lakes, lion & cheetah watch from the shade of acacia trees. Beyond the crater are the plains and Oldupia (formerly Olduvai) Gorge where, in 1959, the Leakey's discovered the skull and fossil fragments of Homo Habilis. They are 1.8 million years old and Oldupia is possibly where all mankind's ancestors first walked upright and fashioned the first tools. Migrating herds of zebra and wildebeest in their thousands move with the seasons across the Serengeti grassland plains. Wildlife here is undisturbed and in its natural home. The chances are excellent for frequent meetings with elephant & rhino, gazelle, giraffe, leopard, hippo and buffalo, lion & cheetah. Ochre robed Masai tribesmen armed with spear and shield roam just as freely - with allegiance neither to frontier nor distant government. There are unforgettable nights camped under spreading acacia trees, with the sounds and calls of the wild just beyond the flickering firelight. From purple dawn to blazing sunset, the raw beauty of Africa's nature is all around. To the wild, untouched eastern shores of Lake Victoria and Kenya.

KENYA

To Kisumu, across the equator to the rolling hills of tea and coffee plantations in the Kenyan highlands, to the border of Uganda.

UGANDA

Long & wide inlets spread outwards from the Victoria Nile, headwaters on the 6,500 km course of the world's longest river. It is a spectacular and beautiful country - of forests, wild tropical growth and red earth hills with views to silver rivers and

lakes. Villages of the Lango tribes - to Murchison Falls where the Nile is squeezed to a few metres of thundering width, plunging sheer into a narrow rock gorge.

The absolute volume of water forced through such a tight space, and the ability to stand right at its edge, make the falls an unforgettable sight. By boat upriver, in Murchison National Park, to the foot of the falls. Hippo wallow in the calm waters below the gorge and the banks are lined with massive crocodile, waiting open jawed. The rivers, wetlands and green tropical hills make Murchison probably the most attractive of all East Africa's wildlife reserves. But many of the magnificent elephant herds, rhino and pride of lion were slaughtered during the civil war and Idi Amin's retreat. Their numbers are increasing again, and buffalo, giraffe, warthog, antelope & river birds once more crowd the grasslands where the Victoria & Albert Niles join. We are now also able to trek in the forested areas to track the Chimpanzee, "the characters of the forest".

GAME PARKS & RESERVES

Time spent in the major wildlife reserves and included in the project cost is usually Lake Manyara (1 day), Ngorongoro Conservation Area (2 days), Serengeti (3 days/2 nights), Murchison Falls (3 days/2 nights).

GROUP SIZE

21 max including Encounter staff. Plus local guides in Ngorongoro Crater and Murchison Falls.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

This is a project of moderate physical demands other than the basic camping lifestyle, where often washing facilities are very limited.

THE LOCAL PAYMENT (as in the brochure)

This is the payment made to the Project Leader at the point of departure. This payment must be made paid in US\$ dollars, either in cash notes or recognised Travellers Cheques. This payment completes the total inclusive price of the project.

This amount will be utilised by the Project Leader to cover a proportion but not all of the 'on the ground' running costs of this project. There are no hidden extra payments.

INCLUDED IN PROJECT COST

All transport, food, camping equipment & supplies, local guides, camping fees, entrance fees, park fees & activities as detailed from published starting date of project until arrival in

Kampala on Day 14. There are no kitties or similar en route payment funds.

PROJECT COST DOES NOT COVER

Flights to/from Nairobi/Kampala, transfers to/from airport & airport taxes, vaccinations, visas, personal insurance, laundry, snacks, drinks, occasional lunches in major towns (minimal cost), personal clothing/equipment & items of a personal nature, individual entry fees to museums/sights not noted in Highlights & Route above (minimal cost). Option to raft on the Nile - allow US\$ 65 for half day or US\$ 95 for a full day. Accommodation and meals in Nairobi/Kampala before/after the expedition.

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

Standard Encounter truck equipment including 2 person tents, campbeds, kitchen/dining tent, tables & stools, light, cooking equipment & utensils, mosquito nets, first aid kit etc.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

A sleeping bag (non-specialised), a medium sized bag or backpack or a daypack. Personal clothing, strong footwear, water bottle, personal medicines & toiletries etc. No specialised clothing or equipment is necessary and you probably already have most of what is needed. A complete suggested clothing list is included in our pre-departure information. Most airlines flying in and out of Africa impose a 20kg baggage limit.

TRANSPORT

Encounter 4WD expedition truck; Chartered landrovers in Ngorongoro Crater; launch on Victoria Nile in Murchison Falls National Park. By foot to track Chimpanzees.

ACCOMMODATION

Camping throughout. Basic campground facilities in main centres & game reserves, usually extending to simple washing/showering and toilet arrangements only. Otherwise open 'bush' camping with no facilities other than standard Encounter truck equipment. Your involvement is needed in camp set-up, domestic & day to day routines etc. (Accommodation on night 15 in Kampala is not included unless you are continuing on to the Mountain Gorilla Safari) when we will be camping.

MEALS, COOKING & FOOD

Camp cooked breakfast & evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, bread, cereals, preserves etc, occasionally supplemented

by local & imported canned & dried goods if no fresh supplies available. Project members will be involved in daily fresh food shopping & cooking. In larger towns (e.g. Arusha) where a day is spent in individual, sightseeing or activities away from the truck, lunch will sometimes be at your own expense. The cost of these occasional lunches is minimal. Vegetarians should experience no difficulty maintaining an adequate diet, but please inform Encounter in advance. (Evening meals on Day 15 in Kampala not included, unless you are continuing on to the Mountain Gorilla option).

PASSPORTS & VISAS

You will need a passport that is valid for not less than 6 months after the end of the project, and which contains not less than **4 blank pages, 6 if doing the Mountain Gorilla option..** Visa requirements and costs vary according to your nationality, and are subject to change. Encounter or your agent can advise you of all the up to date visa requirements applicable to you, and their costs. We can also help you in obtaining any visas you may require before departure.

INSURANCE

You must have personal Travel Insurance to cover Adventure Travel and it must cover all the aspects described on p 60 of the brochure. Please bring a copy of your policy with you to the pre-departure meeting. If your policy does not cover this minimum level then Encounter will not accept responsibility for the consequences.

MEDICAL & VACCINATIONS

All vaccination requirements and medical recommendations are detailed in the pre-departure information pack at the time of booking.

PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

As a guideline you should budget approx US\$100 per week to cover personal day to day expenditure en route - drinks, snacks, occasional lunches & individual sightseeing Ethnic crafts and similar souvenirs in East Africa are attractive and tempting. You should budget approx US\$50 per day that you spend in Nairobi or Kampala before and after the project to cover hotel, meals & incidentals.(Hardwood & Makonde carvings, bracelets & jewellery, baskets & weaving). Credit cards are not accepted outside large cities. Other than the above, there are no hidden expenses, funds or kitties to surprise your spending money in Africa.

ARRIVING AT START OF THE PROJECT

You will need to arrive in Nairobi a day before departure date to allow yourself time to acclimatise and get over intercontinental flights.

There will be a pre-departure meeting at our Nairobi hotel at 1700 hrs on the evening before Day 1. This meeting is also your latest arrival time. If you are arriving early: Nairobi is an interesting city with plenty to do - National Museum, Nairobi National Park, Karen Blixen's house, Snake Park & Railway Museum, Bomas of Kenya - traditional dance & songs, cinemas, shopping along Kenyatta Avenue & city market.

LEAVING AT END OF PROJECT

Arrangements end after breakfast on Day 15 in Kampala. Any flight connections could be made late on this day. Accommodation can be arranged though Encounter or your Project Leader should you wish to stay in Kampala for this or subsequent nights.

CLIMBING MT KILIMANJARO OPTION

The walking climb of Kilimanjaro 5,894m is a challenging but very worthwhile experience not to be missed if you are fit, in the area, and have the inclination & time! The climb option, including hotel in Moshi at start and end, takes 7 days/6 nights. A further travelling day should be allowed at each end to get between Nairobi & Moshi, just across the border in Tanzania at the base of the mountain. The cost of the climb including all government, hut, & entry fees, guide, porters, food, hotel & meals before & after the climb is approximately US\$600-670. This is payable direct to the climb operators in Moshi on your arrival. The climb may be started on any day of the week. If you like, Encounter can make a confirmed reservation for you. (There is a reservation/administration charge by Encounter of US\$50 for this). In the peak periods of July - September and December - January reservations are necessary as only a limited number of people at a time are allowed on the mountain. If you think you might be interested, ask for our information sheet on Climbing Kilimanjaro. (MKC)

MOUNTAIN GORILLAS SAFARI

The trek into the Ruwenzori or Virunga Mountains to see the Mountain Gorillas is a must. This area between Rwanda, D.R. Congo & Uganda is constantly under pressure from human population growth and conflicts. But successful conservation projects have been

formed to protect the gorillas & their habitat. Here is the perfect opportunity to see & learn more from experienced guides as you trek deep into the forest hillsides. If you would be interested in taking part in this 7 day option please ask for our project dossier on Mountain Gorillas. (MGS)

INTERESTING READING

Something of Value (Robert Ruark), Serengeti Shall not Die (B & N Grzimek), Herd & Spear (Solomon Saibul). A full list of recommended reading & titles - in novels, guidebooks, animal field guides, history and maps is given in our pre-departure information.

OTHER COSTS/EXPENSES

Local Payment
Return flights.....
Visas.....
Vaccinations.....
Insurance.....
Personal Spending Money.....
Total _____	

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