



Itinerary

The beauty of this trip is that, although centered on certain special birds, we see so much of more widely distributed species on the way and tremendous scenery and places little visited by other tourists. This trip takes you through most of Uganda's birding habitats together with national parks and important bird areas. Areas to be visit on this trip consist of Mabira Forest, Kaniyo Pabindi, the Royal Mile and Busingiro in Murchison Falls Conservation Area, Kibale Forest, Semliki Wildlife Reserve, Semliki National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Mubwindi Swamp and Ruhija in Bwindi, Lake Mburo National Park, and Mabamba Wetland. The trail will take you around some of the most endangered and localized birds including the Albertine Rift Endemics.

Day 1 - Arrival

Upon your arrival, you will be met by your guide, who will transfer you to the hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, there are birding walks through the Botanical gardens which are a habitat to various bird species, tree & insects. With particular view of Lake Victoria

Overnight at Airport Guest House/Green Valley Guest House BB

Day 2 – Birding At Mabira Forest

Early departure for birding in Mabira forest the largest remaining tropical rain forest near central Uganda, also most significant ornithological places in Uganda with not less than 300 species. The whole day you will be looking out for the Grey and Yellow Long bill, Olive Green Cameroptera, Tit Hylia, Yellow Billed, Yellow Spotted, Speckled, and Hairy Breasted Barbet, African pitta, Soty Fly Catcher, Fire Crested Allethe, Nahan's Francolin, Weyn's weaver, purple-throated cuckoo-shrike and many more.

Dinner & overnight at Namirembe Guest House/Tuhende Safari Lodge BB



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Day 3—Mabira – Masindi (Birding At Masindi)

Have breakfast and make your way to Masindi. Lunch enroute will be done as we transfer out for grassland and open woodland birds. Birds that you will be most certain to view are the White Crested Turaco, Lesser and Greater Blue Eared Starling, African Mustached Warbler, Yellow Bellied Hyliota among others.

Dinner & Overnight at New Court View Hotel FB

Day 4 –Visit Kaniyo Papidi for the Puvel's Illadopsis

After a very early breakfast meal, we will embark on a journey driving to the southern part of Murchison Falls where we have a chance to see bird in the forest specifically out to get the Puvel's Illadopsis, Narina Tragon, Fire Crested Allethe, Red Tailed Ant Thrush, Xavier's, Ictrine, Plain and Little Greenbul, Ducky Long tailed Cuckoo, African Emerald Cuckoo, Grey and Yellow Long bill, Collard, Olive, Olive Bellied and Green Sunbird, Rufus Flycatcher Thrush, Crested Guinea Fowl, Yellow Billed Barbet and many other forest species.

Dinner & Overnight at New Court View Hotel FB

Day 5 – Royal Mile & Busingiro

Check out and start the drive to the next birding destination, you will have a number of stopovers along the way looking out for grassland birds like the Black Bellied Fire finch, Brown Twinspot, Caban's Bunting, Dark Capped Yellow Warbler, Fawn Breasted Waxbill, White Thighed Hornbill then continue for birding at the Royal Mile. Birding here always produces some of the rare Ituri species like the African Pygmy, and Chocolate-backed kingfishers, Ituri Batis, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Chestnut Capped Flycatcher, Blue-breasted and African Dwarf Kingfishers which are outstandingly frequent. Others include; Western Black-headed Oriole and Purple-headed Starling, Yellow spotted, Yellow Billed and Grey Throated barbet, Brown crowned Eremomela, Cassin's and Sabine's Spinetail, and many more. These birds will be tracked at two different spots, which are the Royal mile and Busingiro, in the late evening drive back to Masindi for dinner and overnight stay.

Dinner & Overnight at New Court View Hotel FB

Day 6 – Murchison Falls-Kibale National Park

Since the drive is long less birding will be done today because you will have less stop over's to look for the birds. Our main specials today will be the Dusky long Tailed Cuckoo, Joyful, and Greenbul among others. You will get to your destination in the late evening where you will check in at Chimpanzee Forest G/hse, have dinner & overnight.

Dinner & Overnight at Chimpanze Guest House and Kibale Guest Cottages FB

Day 7 – Whole day birding in the forest (Kibale National Park)

Start early after breakfast and go for a whole day birding walk through Kibale forest in search for special birds most especially the Green Breasted Pitta African Broadbill another species of birds. In the afternoon we go for birding in the Kihingamy Wetland Expect birds like Abyssinian Ground Thrush, African pitta, Joyful Greenbul, Pettit's Cuckoo shrike, Masked Apalis, White headed wood hoopoe and many more.

Dinner & Overnight at Chimpanze Guest House/Kibale Guest Cottages FB

Day 8 - Kibale National Park -Semliki Wildlife Reserve

Transfer to Semliki National Park after you have had your breakfast. Lunch will be served at Semliki Safari Lodge because you will have reached in time for one of the most important meals of the day. However, later in the evening you will go on board on a birding and game drive providing chances of seeing nocturnal birds like African Scoops Owl, Pearl spotted Owlet, Slender Tailed, Pennant winged and White Tailed nightjars.

Dinner & Overnight at Semliki safari lodge/ Vanilla Hotel FB

Day 9 - Semliki Wildlife Reserve

Very early in the morning have breakfast and carry on for birding the whole day. This part is one of the best birding spots in Uganda as it harbors birds from the West African forest that are found nowhere else in East



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Africa. birding here always produces the Lyre Tailed Honey Guide, Red Billed, Black Dwarf, Piping, Black Watled Casqued and white Crested Hornbills, Grey crowned, Pale Fronted and Chestnut Bellied Negrofinch, Red Bellied, Blue Billed, Crested and Red Headed Malimbe, Yellow Throated Nicator, Fiery Breasted Bush shrike, African Piculet, Maxwell's weaver, Black Throated Coucal, Yellow Throated Cuckoo, Western Bronze Naped and Olive pigeon, Red Tailed and Green Tailed Bristle bill, Eastern Bearded, Red Tailed, Ictrine and Xavier's Greenbul, Palm Swamp Bulbul and the Leaf Love among others .

Dinner and overnight at Semliki safari lodge/Vanilla Hotel FB

Day 10 – Semliki Wildlife Reserve- Queen Elizabeth National Park

Head to Queen Elizabeth Park. This is the second largest National Park in Uganda and home to 612 species of birds making it the biggest list for any national park in Africa and perhaps the whole world. The park has a variety of woodland birds, forest birds and water birds coupled with many northern Europe and trans-african migrant species.

Dinner & overnight at Kingfisher Kichwamba Lodge/Irungu Lodge FB

Day 11- Queen Elizabeth National Park

Go for an early morning drive in the Kasenyi area in search for Game while birding. Early starts always produce views of the Verreaux's Eagle Owl, other species expected on this birding day include the Brown, Short Toed and Brown snake eagle, Bateleur, African Harrier hawk, Martial and Tawny Eagle, Lizard Buzzard, Grey Kestrel, Crowned, Senegal and African wattled Plovers, Harlequin Quail, and Common Buttonquail among others. In the afternoon we embark on a launch cruise along the Kazinga channel which connects lakes George and Edward birding along this channel let us see the Great White and Pink-backed pelicans, African Spoonbill, Lesser Flamingo, African Jacana, Common Squacco Heron, African Open-billed Stork, African Fish Eagle, Grey Headed, Malachite and pied Kingfisher and many more.

Dinner & overnight at Kingfisher lodge/Irungu Lodge FB

Day 12 - Queen Elizabeth National Park-Bwindi National Park

Have breakfast then transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable forest birding enroute. Today we have a chance to go through the Ishasha sector which provides chances of viewing the tree climbing lions and other game, lookout for grassland birds including the pipits Larks, African Cuckoo Hawk, Black Cuckoo, White Winged Tit, Ovambo Sparrow Hawk e.t.c

Dinner and overnight Buhoma Community Camp/ The Haven Lodge FB

Day 13 & 14 - Birding or Gorilla Tracking (Buhoma Section)

Today we have optional gorilla tracking or birding in the forest on the Bwindi Buhoma area for a full day. While birding we look out for Waller's, Stallman's, narrow tailed starling, warblers, Illadopsis, Hoopoes, Tragons, Sunbirds and many more.

Dinner and overnight Buhoma Community Camp/ The Haven Lodge FB

Day 15 - Ruhija Section Bwindi

Today we transfer to Ruhija birding enroute through the neck.

Dinner & overnight at Broadbill Forest Camp FB

Day 16 - Ruhija Section Bwindi

We start after breakfast and go out birding looking out for the Black-billed and Rwenzori Turaco, Western Green Tinker bird, Olive, Elliot's and Fine-banded Woodpecker, African Green-Broadbill, Mountain, Yellow whiskered and Yellow-streaked Greenbul, African Hill Babbler, Mountain Illadopsis, Grey Cuckoo Shrike Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Grauer's Warbler, Mountain Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Collared Apalis, Stripe-breasted Tit, Rwenzori Batis, Montane Sooty Boubou, Blue-headed Sunbird, Regal Sunbird.

Dinner & overnight at Broadbill Forest Camp FB



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Day 17 - Ruhija Section Bwindi –Lake Mburo National Park

Early in the morning have breakfast then we transfer to Lake Mburo NP. You will bird along the way to reach the park in the afternoon.

Dinner & Overnight at Rwakobo Rock/Eagles Nest Camp FB

Day 18 & 19 - Lake Mburo National Park

Have breakfast very early in the morning to go for more birding in the park along the Kigambira loop, which traverses a variety of productive habitats. Expect birds like African Marsh Harriers, Banded Snake Eagles, Shikra, Goshawks, Augur Buzzard, African fish, Twany, Steppe, and African Hawk Eagles and many more. Retire for the boat ride on Lake Mburo in the afternoon to check out some of the water bird species such as Papyrus Gonolek, Malachite Kingfishers, African fin foot, giant Kingfisher etc. on the 19th after birding we transfer to Kampala

Overnight Namirembe Guest House/Tuhende Safari Lodge BB

Day 20 –Kampala-Mabamba Swamp & Area

Early breakfast and then with packed lunch proceed for birding in Mabamba Wetlands where you will be paddled in a canoe while birding through the swamp, look out for birds like the mighty Shoebill and other species like Long-tailed Cormorant, Squacco Heron, Yellow-billed Duc, Malachite Kingfisher, Long toed Plover, Blue-headed Coucal, Blue-breasted Bee-eater among other birds. Bird your way back to Kampala looking out for African open billed Stork, Grey Kestrel, African Green Pigeon, Great Blue and Ross's Turaco

Dinner and overnight at Airport Guest House/Green Valley Guest House BB

Day 21 – Departure

You will be transferred to the airport in time for your departure flight.

Price per person sharing(USD)

Number of People	2 Pax	4 Pax	6 Pax
Camping	3729	2665	2300
Budget Accommodation	4768	3589	3186
Luxury Accommodation	6025	5247	4883

Includes: Transport in a 4x4 land Cruiser, accommodation and meals as per the itinerary, all park fees & birding fees & activities and professional driver guide services.

Excludes: Airfares, visa fees, drinks, any items of personal nature, tips/gratuities and curio shopping.



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