



***Announcing a brand new safari adventure in Africa***

## **Uganda Gorillas and Shoebills!**

**Nature Photography Adventures**

**September 4-18, 2027**

We have been working, for some years now, to curate a special safari for photographers in Uganda. This doesn't follow the standard Uganda tour but instead is customized to ensure adequate outstanding photography opportunities with both shoebills and gorillas.

This itinerary also gives you great opportunities with chimpanzees and other primates. There are opportunities from both safari vehicles, boats, and trails for a number of exciting bird species. And, (remember we are in east Africa) there are times to photograph lions, giraffes, hippos, rhinos, cape buffalo, crocodiles, and a wealth of ungulates you may not have seen elsewhere in Africa – by both safari vehicle and slow boats.

We will have exciting landscape photography opportunities with the famed Murchison Falls and the branch of the Nile River which was made famous in the classic movie – ***African Queen*** with Bogart and Hepburn. We'll find villages and agricultural zones, wetlands, rivers, canyons, and mountains – presenting opportunities to create telling images that cannot be created elsewhere.

This adventure begins with seeking shoebills by small boat in a huge swamp on the shores of Lake Victoria. And it ends with hikes into the mountains that Uganda shares with Rwanda and Congo, to spend time with two mountain gorilla families.

While we have labored for years to design this itinerary – our in-person scout trip will take place in June of 2027. We reserve the right to make reasonable adjustments based on what we find on the ground. We may also add a small pre-trip extension – more on that later!

## Draft Itinerary

### September 4

Arrive at Entebbe, Uganda (EBB) where you are met and transferred to the Karibu Guest House. There are amazing images to make right on the grounds – both macros and birds! Karibu Guest House (B)

### September 5

On the grounds photography, rest and organize, and a to-be-scheduled orientation. (B)

### September 6

We have a short transfer to Nkima Forest Lodge and the Mabamba Swamp, where we'll spend the day on boats seeking shoebills and other exciting birds in the swamp. Nkima Forest Lodge (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

### September 7

A full day of photography in the Mabamba Swamp. Nkima Forest Lodge (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

### September 8

An early departure this morning – as we head north. We'll pass through Entebbe again and then through remote villages as we work our way up to the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. There we'll make a rhinoceros trek and another excursion to find shoebills! Uganda has an active program to reintroduce rhinos in the wild! Ziwa Lodge in chalet rooms (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

### September 9

We continue north this morning, bound for Murchison Falls National Park. We'll arrive in time for lunch at Twiga Safari Lodge. Then, we're out on a photography drive for the afternoon. Twiga Safari Lodge (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

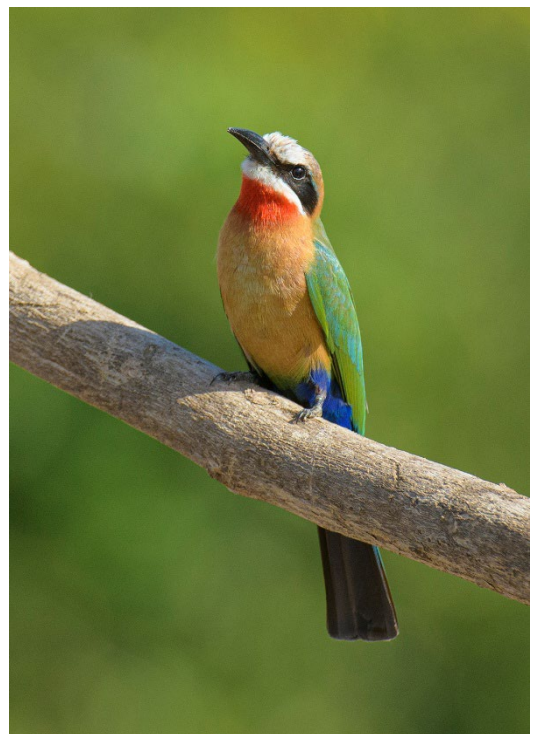


## September 10

We're headed out early on a photography drive on the north bank of the Nile River! Expect elephants, lions, Cape buffalo, Rothschilds' giraffe, hartebeest, Oribi, bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, spotted hyena. We may even find a leopard. And, of course, we'll find a wealth of birds!



We'll have breakfast and lunch back at the lodge. Then we'll head out for a private boat cruise upstream to the base of Murchison Falls. We stop just short of the Devil's Cauldron! We'll have some exciting images to make of tremendous cascade resulting from the full Nile being compressed through a 6 meter wide canyon with a 40 meter drop! Think 1/4000 of a second or faster! On our boat ride, we'll photograph hippos, crocodiles, and many bird species, including Goliath herons, pelicans, bee-eaters, kingfishers, hornbills, cormorants, and maybe even another shoebill. Twiga Safari Lodge (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)



## September 11

Today we have a long drive (6 hours) but that drive will be filled with great landscape views. We'll be passing through the Albertine western Rift Valley – part of the great Rift Valley complex where Africa is splitting apart. The resulting topography is amazing. We'll pass through verdant countryside dotted with traditional homesteads and farms. Along the way, when the scenes call out to us, we'll stop to create images. We'll have a field lunch when we're ready for a break.

Our drive will take us to the Kibale Forest Reserve where we'll make our way to the Chimpundu Lodge. That puts us in position for chimpanzees tomorrow! Chimpundu Lodge in cottage rooms (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

## September 12

It's chimpanzee morning! We'll head out into the Kibale Forest in search of chimpanzees, photographing them in their habitat, interacting with each other. If we're lucky, we'll find where they built their elevated beds to spend the previous night. We may very well find other primates on this outing.



We'll make it back to the lodge for lunch. And then head out on a trail into the Bigodi Swamp for the afternoon. We'll watch for both birds and primates – and any other wild creature we can find with our lenses! Chimpundu Lodge in cottage rooms (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

## September 13

We're headed to Queen Elizabeth National Park this morning. Along the way we'll pass through fertile agricultural land and the lower slopes of Rwenzori Mountains, one of Africa's largest mountain ranges. We'll cross the equator, heading south, once we are in the national park.

We'll lunch at Mweya Safari Lodge and move into our rooms before boarding an exclusive boat cruise on the fabled Kazinga Channel. From the boat we will be able to photograph hippos, herds of buffalo, and a wealth of water-related birds. Afterwards, we'll head out for a photography drive along the edges of the channel. Mweya Safari Lodge in deluxe rooms (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

## September 14

Today we head to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest! This forest is part of the same set of mountainous habitat that Uganda shares with Rwanda and Congo, which is home to the mountain gorillas. We'll arrive at Mahogany Springs Lodge in time for lunch. There are a lot of images to make on the grounds this afternoon – and we'll want to get organized for our next morning gorilla trek! Mahogany Spring Lodge in ultra suites (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

## **September 15**

Our gorilla trekking starts with an early morning transfer to the park gate where the park will assign a guide to our group. We'll get an orientation on trekking and protocol for our time with the gorillas. Then we'll head out to find our assigned gorilla group. We get an hour to observe and photograph the group. It will be one of the most amazing hours of our lives. Then we'll work our way back to the park gate and transfer to our lodge for a late lunch.

Again, we can photograph around the lodge in the afternoon. This is also a great afternoon to download and review images – as we get a second chance at gorillas the next day. Mahogany Spring Lodge in ultra suites (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)



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Again, we can photograph around the lodge in the afternoon. This is also a good afternoon to get organized – as our next day involves a flight back to Entebbe. Mahogany Spring Lodge in ultra suites (BLD, excludes drinks and laundry)

## **September 17**

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the Kihikihi Airstrip, where we'll meet our plane to fly back to Entebbe. Remember we are limited to 40kg. Anything beyond that will be subject to extra charges.

Once we reach Entebbe, we'll be met and transferred back to our base camp at Karibu Guest House. This is a good afternoon to reunite with any luggage you left behind – and repack for your flight home. There are also great bird and macro images to make on the grounds. Lunch and Dinner are at your own expense. Karibu Guest House (B, excludes drinks and laundry)

## September 18

Breakfast is included at the lodge. Transfers will be provided to meet outbound flights.

### **Links to Lodges**

Karibu Guest House	<a href="https://www.karibuguesthouse.com/">https://www.karibuguesthouse.com/</a>
Nkima Forest Lodge	<a href="https://nkimaforestlodge.com/">https://nkimaforestlodge.com/</a>
Ziwa Lodge	<a href="https://ziwarhinoandwildliferanch.com/">https://ziwarhinoandwildliferanch.com/</a>
Twiga Safari Lodge	<a href="https://twigasafarilodge.com/">https://twigasafarilodge.com/</a>
Chimpundu Lodge	<a href="https://chimpundulodge.com/">https://chimpundulodge.com/</a>
Mweya Safari Lodge	<a href="https://mweyalodge.com/">https://mweyalodge.com/</a>
Mahogany Spring Lodge	<a href="https://www.mahoganysprings.com/">https://www.mahoganysprings.com/</a>

### **2027 Uganda Gorillas and Shoebills Adventure**

Cost:	\$14,500, each, double occupancy	\$16,100 single occupancy
Deposit:	\$3,500, each, double occupancy	\$4,000 single occupancy
Second Payment		
February 1, 2027:	\$3,000, each, double occupancy	\$4,000 single occupancy
Final Payment		
June 1, 2027	To include any extra room nights	

*The shoebill images here are not ours. Other images are ours from nearby locations. We'll have all new images early this fall.*