



Itinerary for ShashUGX Service Tour 18-24 August 2012

Day 1 Arrive in EBB

Stay at **Entebbe Airport Guest House** (Clean rooms self contained rooms). Meal plan: Dinner

Explore Entebbe.

Visit Andorita Beach, View Lake Victoria from the beachy shores. Find monkeys and birds at the National Botanical Gardens. If you are not doing a safari, visit the Entebbe zoo to find a baby elephant and many other animals found in Uganda. Transfer to Kampala in the evening. Stay at **Red Chilli Bugolobi**. Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 2 Travel day to Murchison Falls.

Depart by 6am. Travel to Murchison via Ziwa Rhino sanctuary for a Rhino tour. After lunch visit the top of the falls and hike. This journey will take up your whole day; Arrive in camp at around 3 or 4pm. Stay at **Red Chili Safari Camp**. Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 Safari!

Murchison is probably the national park in Uganda that is most frequented by tourists because of the consistency of the safari. See lions, elephants, giraffes, hippos, and hundreds of elan, hartebeest, and oribi. You might chance at a leopard in the trees, if you arrive in the game section early enough. Stay at **Red Chili Safari Camp**. Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 Travel from Murchison to Ngora.

Dep 5am, Arrive just before dark. Board games for the long journey! Break up the trip by seeing Teso's flagship town, Soroti. Rated one of the best towns of East Africa, this is one of the few places in Uganda that has a sense of a planned design for its town; a great chance to see a clothes market, food market, and local shops of Uganda! Stay at **mission Mt Elgon Hotel in Mbale**. Meal plan: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5 Ngora!

Plenty of things to do in Ngora. See the village, the hut-style living accommodations. Visit Nyero Rock Paintings (a 5 minute drive away) to see some of the earliest cave drawings found anywhere in the World. Volunteer at Okoboi Primary School! Stay at **Mt Elgon Hotel in Mbale**. Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6 Ngora, travel after lunch to Sipi Falls.

Travel to Sipi in the morning with cascading waterfalls within sight.

Sipi Falls Hiking day

Enjoy a short hike up to the first waterfall (up a rickety, but still standing, set of stairs). Find a natural pool and cave to explore in. For those that are interested, continue hiking up to the higher waterfalls,



and track the stream as it meanders to its starting point. **Stay at the Sipi River Lodge.** Meal plan: Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 Jinja

Travel to Jinja via Tiriny road. See the Nile river from your doorstep, as you will be in a banda (self contained and very nice) on the edge of a cliff of the river itself. Go bird watching, take a sunset cruise and see the "Source of the Nile," or simply relax and have a Nile Beer, on the Nile River. **Stay at Nile Porch, in Bujagali Falls.** Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8 Jinja-Travel to EBB

Depart EBB are in the (late evening or early morning). If you're interested, stop by KLA to see the Old Taxi Park (organized chaos), the Nakasero Market (KLA's food market) or, if you are really adventurous, Owino. Owino is KLA's clothing market, and it is packed full with all kinds of interesting items. If you are good at bargaining, and don't mind getting lost/grabbed by no less than 20 people, have some fun and try and snag a good deal! .Meal plan: Breakfast and Lunch .

Cost:

USD\$1500 per person (double occupancy)

The package includes:

- Airport transfers.
- Transportation by a 4wd safari vehicle
- Accommodation and meals as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees for Nyero Rock paintings
- Boat trip on the Nile in Murchison
- Source of the Nile Tour
- All Park fees
- Ziwa Rhino tour
- Hike to the top of the falls and Sippi Falls
- Entrance fees Botanical gardens and UWEC
- Source of the Nile excursion in Jinja
- Game drives
- Services on an English speaking Driver/guide.

Price Excludes:

- Airfares
- Visas or Insurance
- Tips to local guides, Porterage or Laundry
- Soft or alcoholic drinks or mineral water (excl. water in the vehicles)
- Items of a personal nature
- Any tours not mentioned from the itinerary above

Visas and Immunizations

For information on visas and immunizations advice, see:

<http://goafrica.about.com/od/uganda/a/ugandafacts.htm>



APPENDIX A

“Uganda is Africa condensed, with the best of everything the continent has to offer packed into one small but stunning destination. Uganda is home to the highest mountain range in Africa, the Mountains of the Moon in the Rwenzori National Park. It is the source of the mighty Nile, and around Jinja offers the best white-water rafting in the world. It has the highest concentration of primates on earth, including the majestic mountain gorilla, one of the rarest animals on the planet.

On top of all this, the scenery is so striking that it looks like an oil painting, the beautiful national parks see far fewer visitors than in neighboring Kenya and Tanzania, and the capital, Kampala, is safer and friendlier than most in Africa. In 1907 pioneering tourist Winston Churchill called it the ‘Pearl of Africa’. He was right.”

This year **Lonely Planet** rated **Uganda as the #1 tourist destination** in the world.

Gorilla Trekking/Chimp Trekking:

On the border of Rwanda, the trip from KLA is about 422km and will take just over 10 hours on public transport (less in a private hired car). Hike is short but strenuous up to where the gorillas reside, where it is all but guaranteed you will see the entire family of gorillas, including the alpha male; the grey silverback. Chimp trekking is a separate adventure, not less worthwhile.

Nile River Rafting

Found Northeast of KLA in Jinja, about 80 kilometers from the capital, less than 2 hours journey. Bujagali Falls has world class rapids that have brought adventure enthusiasts from every corner of the globe to experience it. For those not up to racing down Class 5 rapids, there are many other options; birding tours, beautiful sunsets, and cruises up and past the “Source of the Nile” (not to mention amazing resorts with great menus) make the trip worthwhile to everyone, no matter what age or adventure level.

Mt. Elgon, Sipi Falls

Looming over Mbale town 228km Northeast of Kampala (about 4.5 hours journey), Mt. Elgon is well known for its many waterfalls that spring off of its steep cliffs. Travel to Sipi Falls and hike a short 5 minutes to its base, and enjoy the natural pool formed. For those more spirited, hike to the top of the mountain and view the Falls from its’ start, taking in not only the water but the amazing scenery found all around.

Safaris

Three major parks, found in the Southwest, West, and Northeast parts of the country, provide you with amazing scenery and unbelievable wildlife. Wherever you go, you’ll see giraffe, elephants, elan, hartebeest, and bird species in the hundreds. In the Southwest at Queen Elizabeth you’ll see the tree-sleeping lions; at Murchison, a bit higher up, you’ll see hippos and crocodiles sunbathing before the Falls. In Kidepo you’ll chance seeing the elusive cheetahs, all the while being amazed at the amazing savannah of the Northeast. See them all, or see only one; either way, you won’t forget it.

Hiking

Hike 3 volcanoes in 4 days and be able to put your right hand in DRC, your left hand in Rwanda, with your feet in Uganda. Travel up one of the top 15 rated trails in the world (National Geographic) with Mt. Rwenzori, above the clouds in the highest mountain range in Africa. Or, instead, stay in the foothills and travel through the jungles of Kibale Forest, seeing 13 different kinds of primates and perhaps some of over 1500 chimpanzees that reside there.

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