



Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival

You will be met by our driver guide at Entebbe International Airport upon arrival, who will drive you to Airport Guest House / Green Valley Guest House BB

Day 2 - Mabamba Birding Sanctuary

Morning will drive for an excursion to Mabamba birding sanctuary for shoebill viewing and other popular birds. If the arrangement continues then this morning will carry out birding at Mabamba swamp sanctuary near lake Victoria looking for the elusive and famous shoebill plus many more species of water logged Mabamba Wetland and other avian species Yellow-backed Weaver, Grey-headed Gull, Long-tailed Cormorant, Common Squacco Heron, Yellow-billed Duck, Pied Kingfisher, Giant Kingfisher, Swamp Flycatcher, Broad-billed Roller, Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, Splendid Glossy Starling, Black-headed Gonolek, Orange Weaver plus migratory birds.

Apart from Murchison Falls National Park, Mabamba bay is the only place and site (so far rated as the best in Africa and/or the whole world) where the elusive Shoebill (*Balaeniceps rex*) can be spotted at any one time of the day, approximately 38% of the global population of the Blue Swallow (*Hirundo atrocaerulea*), and the globally-threatened Papyrus Yellow Warbler plus other birds of global conservation concern. It is also a habitat to rare plant species like *Scadoxus* species. Recently, Mabamba has become one of the strong holds for the migrant Blue Swallow with over 100 individuals recorded every year.

Mabamba has been surveyed in recent years and now boasts of over 260 species with one day's record of 157 species (Bird Life International)

Dinner & Overnight at Airport Guest House/Green Valley Guest House FB

Day 3—Kampala- Kibale National Park

Morning will be driven to Kibale Forest National Park famous for forest birds. Birding on the way will be to



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explore different forests and habitats that harbor different species of birds.

Dinner & overnight at Chimpanzee Guest House/Kibale Guest Cottages FB

Day 4—Kibale National Park

Morning will be driven to Kibale forest for chimpanzee tracking OR Morning take a natural walk birding in the Kibale forest national park. Afternoon take nature walk in Bigodi swamp exploring different community projects, birding and seeing other primates. The day will be spent birding in the forest and the environs , specialties include white tailed Ant-thrushes, purple headed glossy starling, brown Illadopsis, green Breasted pitta, white napped pigeon, Mashed Apalis, Toro olive greenbul, blacked billed turaco, buff spotted woodpecker and green crombec . (Here there is community project of Bigodi Swamp an eco tourism project that involve communities when they were persuaded to leave the forest , they are involved in income generating projects like crafts making, environment protection and do birding, training guides to sensitize the importance of birds in their environment).

Other species to be seen Red-winged Francolin , red-chested Flufftail , Abyssinian Ground Thrush, Grey throated flycatcher, white –bellied crested flycatcher, Masked and Black capped Apalises , Uganda woodland warbler , Chestnut- winged starling, Orange-tufted and tiny sunbirds, Grey-headed olive-back.

Dinner & overnight at Chimpanzee Guest House/Kibale Guest Cottages FB

Day 5—Kibale National Park-Queen Elizabeth National Park

Drive southwards to Queen Elizabeth National Park. This is the second largest park in Uganda. Serious birders may be interested in knowing that the one day record of Queen Elizabeth national park is 296 species out of the 610 bird species recorded in this park. An excellent variety of birds can be seen and these include the pelicans, skimmers, kingfishers, think knees, storks, martins, swallows, weavers, canaries, kits, and many grassland specialties. Evening birding is usually productive.

Dinner and overnight at Kingfisher Lodge/Irungu Lodge FB

Day 6 - Queen Elizabeth National Park

This whole day birding will be done in Queen Elizabeth National Park. An early morning game drive in the open savannah makes very ideal for savannah birds. In the afternoon, a launch cruise will be taken on the Kazinga Channel that connects lakes of George and Edward, is among the best known regions for its high diversity of bird species. Special birds include African skimmer. You can even have an evening game drive for special species seen at night and some nocturnal species.

Dinner and overnight at Kingfisher Lodge/Irungu Lodge FB

Day 7— Queen Elizabeth National Park-Bwindi National Park

After early game drive, while birding continue to Bwindi.

Overnight Community Bandas/The Haven Lodge FB

Day 8 – Bwindi National Park

OPTIONAL GORILLA TRACKING ON THIS DAY

This day whole birding will be done in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, Buhoma sector. This park boasts a number of special bird species such as Red-throated Alethe, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Montane Masked Apalis, Neumann's Warbler and Rwenzori Batis. Other non-endemic specials include Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Dusky Tit, Black Bee-eater, White-bellied Robin-chat and Sooty Flycatcher as well as hole-nesting Waller's and Narrow-tailed Starlings in the dead tree snags. The Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Black-necked Weaver, Lühder's Bush-shrike and Bar-tailed Trogon will be spotted, Toro-Olive Greenbul, Cassin's Grey Flycatcher and Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Collared Apalis, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Grauer's Warbler, Dinner and overnight Buhoma.

Dinner and overnight Buhoma Community Camp/The Haven Lodge, FB



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Day 9–Buhoma Section – Ruhija Section

Morning birding in the surrounding and later proceed to Ruhija birding will be at Ruhija sector. The star attractions here are Collared Apalis, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Grauer's Warbler, Shelly's Crimsonwing, Dusky Crimsonwing, Archer's Robin-chat, Regal Sunbird, Blue-headed Sunbird, Dwarf Honeyguide and many others. The trail to Mubwindi Swamp promises to reveal some of the most difficult of all rift-endemics including the mythical African Green Broadbill. Mubwindi Swamp holds Grauer's Rush Warbler and Carruther's Cisticola.
Dinner & overnight at Broadbill Forest Camp, FB

Day 10– Bwindi National Park (Ruhija Section) - Lake Mburo National Park

This morning will carry out birding in the 4km trail to Mubwindi Swamp drops from 2350m to 2050m and is the best place for some of the most difficult birds to find, all rift endemics including Grauer's (African Green), Broadbill the beautiful regal sunbird and Archers Robin Chat. Mubwindi swamp at an elevated of 2050m / 6725ft holds Dwarf Honey guide, Stripe breasted Tit, Rwenzori Apalis and African Hill Babbler sometimes treated as a separate species, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, the rare and localized Grauer's scrub warbler and carruthers' Cisticola, including very difficult to see species Fraser's
Afternoon drive to Lake Mburo National park.
Dinner & Overnight at Rwakobo Rock/Eagles Nest Camp, FB

Day 11- Lake Mburo National Park

This Park contains extensive area of wetlands. Lake Mburo National park harbours several species of mammals including Zebras, Impalas, elands, topi and buffaloes. Track at Kigambira Loop to look for savanna and Acacia woodland species including Blue-naped Mousebird, Spot-flanked Barbet, Nubian Woodpecker, Northern Black Tit, Red-headed Lovebird, Green-capped Eremomela, Ross' Turaco and the highly sought-after Red-faced Barbet.
Dinner & Overnight at Rwakobo Rock/Eagles Nest Camp, FB

Day 12 - Lake Mburo National Park-Kampala

Morning will choose what to do either game drive, taking boat ride on lake Mburo or taking guided walk while looking for different species white winged warbler, Papyrus yellow warbler, Caruthers, Cisticola, Papyrus Gonoleka, Yellow Billed Oxpecker and Northern Brown throated weaver.
Afternoon will be driven to Kampala en route stop at the Equator, arrive late afternoon in Kampala.
Dinner and overnight Kampala at Namirembe Guest House/Tuhende Safari Lodge FB

Day 13– Kampala-Mabira Forest Sanctuary

This morning you will be driven to Mabira following the eastern side of Kampala to Mabira the only remaining Forest Reserve in Central Uganda. On arrival will use local guides to look for the Wev's weaver Naha's francolin, great blue Turaco, pretty Tit hylia, leaf love African grey parrot and many more. After lunch you will be driven back to Entebbe
Overnight at Airport Guest House/Green Valley Guest House BB

Day 14 - Departure

Airport transfer for your home bound flight.

Price per person sharing(USD)

Number of People	2 Pax	4 Pax	6 Pax
Camping	2722	1877	1803
Budget Accommodation	3278	2489	2217
Luxury Accommodation	3846	3278	2785



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

Excludes: Airfares, visa fees, insurance, accommodation in Kampala/Entebbe; drinks, any items of personal nature, tips/gratuities and curio shopping.



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