

# Uganda Service, Nile & Rhinos

8 Day Expedition



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## Highlights

- Learn about Rhino conservation on patrol with the Ugandan Wildlife Service
- Participate in ongoing conservation initiatives to protect wildlife and the environment
- Volunteer at community projects
- Experience Ugandan culture
- Relax at the source of the incredible Nile

## Create real impact

You're in the hands of the community you live in. You will work collaboratively with them on projects that are based on what they believe needs doing. So one thing is for sure, your work will be purposeful and impactful.

## Your only limit is yourself

The support Camps gives you before during and after your experience covers every last detail, so what you make of it, is up to you.

## We are a social enterprise

Our business model is designed to have maximum, long term impact in partnership with the communities we are based within. We believe that as a business we have enhanced our impact because we are not reliant on funding or grants.

## Overview

Based from two different locations in Uganda 'The Pearl of Africa,' this trip takes in vital conservation initiatives and community activities. Working in partnership with the only safe haven for white rhino the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, students will learn about wildlife conservation from the very people engaged in the daily battle for their survival.

No visit to Uganda is complete without journeying along the longest river in Africa, the Nile, and its source, Lake Victoria. This trip facilitates positive learning outcomes and encourages students to take on new challenges and reflect on their own personal achievements.



## Accommodation

Accommodation is in a simple tented camp, either in safari style large tents with beds or tents with mattresses. The comfortable and rustic set up enables you to relax, enjoy and at the same time, appreciate camp life. Flushing toilets and a shower block (warm water). All around camp it is beautiful and green and the unforgettable red soil.

## Camp Life

We offer lots of fun activities like cooking local Chagga dishes such as banana stew and beans as well as collecting water from the pump to understand what it's like to fetch water each day. Indulge in a game of football with the locals or sit and exchange stories and learn about a new culture, there is never a dull moment in Africa. Camp activities range from Swahili lessons, African stories and toasting marshmallows on the camp fire, to wildlife quizzes and learning the famous Jambo song!



# 8 day Uganda Itinerary

## **Day 1: Arrive Entebbe International Airport and transfer to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary (Overnight Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary)**

Transfer to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, receive welcoming and orientation.

## **Day 2-5: Rhino conservation and environmental project work (Overnight Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary)**

Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary is currently home to 12 Southern White Rhino's. However, Ziwa is not only home to these magnificent animals, but much, much more. The wildlife on the reserve is amazing, ranging from Bush Buck, Oribi, Water Buck, Grey Duiker and Reed Buck to Leopard, Aardvark, Warthog and Crocodile. The birdlife on the Sanctuary has been said to be one of the best in all of Uganda, with many endemic species making this safe haven their home.

The main purpose of the reserve is to protect the rhinos of Uganda 24 hours a day. A security force of 40 Rangers patrols the fence, guard the gates and monitor the rhinos 24 hours per day. The Sanctuary is currently in the process of becoming a game reserve, in which rhinos and other species of wildlife can be encountered, highlighting Uganda's unique biodiversity and emphasising the importance of conserving it.

Project work will vary depending on the needs of the community at the time, but may include; the refurbishment of existing classrooms, patrolling the fence lines, assisting to keep the fence line clear of

obstructions, monitoring the rhinos and noting behaviour and eating patterns. The team will also go on evening foot patrols, for rhino tracking, cleaning and maintaining the enclosures.

They will also visit and assist the local nursery school. The camp also runs a conservation and awareness program with local school children and the community. The team will also assist the camp's education office in educating the group on wildlife conservation and sensitisation.

## **Day 6: Transfer from Ziwa to Red Chilli Rest Camp (Overnight Red Chilli Rest Camp)**

Transfer to Red Chilli Rest Camp on the banks of the River Nile for some rest and relaxation.

## **Day 7: Safari, Murchison Falls National Park (Overnight Red Chilli Rest Camp)**

Depart for an early morning game drive around the Nile Delta. Return to the Rest Camp for lunch. Depart on Falls Cruise to Murchison Falls for more scenic wildlife viewing. Hike up the Top of the Falls. Return to the Rest Camp by minibus for another relaxing evening.

## **Day 8: Transfer to Airport and depart**

Depart from Murchison Falls National Park to Entebbe Airport and depart.

Although it is our intention to operate the itinerary as detailed above, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of climatic conditions, alterations to flight schedules, or other operational factors.



# Overview



## Included

- Comprehensive travel insurance
- UK Expedition Leader
- Fully staffed camps and local guides
- Entrance fees for all sights listed in the itinerary
- All transfers listed in the itinerary in air conditioned vehicles
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Unlimited drinking water
- Project costs and management
- 24 hours support throughout expedition

## Not Included

- International flights
- Visa
- Vaccinations
- Spending money
- Additional food and drinks
- Personal equipment

## Weather

Situated near the equator, Uganda is known for its tropical climate of fine sunny and rainy weather with very little temperature variation throughout the year. The average annual temperature is 26°C. In the southern part of the country, April is the rainiest month. Rains stretch up to May with another wet season in October to November. Most of Uganda is green all year round.



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