

10 DAYS' BIRDING UGANDA TOUR, UGANDA BIRDING

10 days Birding Uganda tour guides you through some of the richest birding areas of Uganda .The highlighted birding locations are either Important Bird Areas, National parks, wetlands and forests. The spot habitats have unique biological diversity reflected in the number of birds per square kilometers.

Birding spots on Uganda birding tour

- * Introductory birding at Entebbe botanical gardens
- *Birding Mabamba swamp best site for the shoebill stork
- * Birding in Lake Mburo for woodland species
- * Queen Elizabeth National park, look out for migrants and water birds
- * Bwindi forest park birding the Montane highlands for rift endemics

GO1: Birding Uganda Tour

Uganda birding tour, Birders fly into Entebbe international Airport, meet and transfer to booked hotel.

O/N Imperial botanical hotel/ Boma guest house B/B

GO 2: Watching birds of Mabamba wetland

Mabamba swamp birding Tour, guide Picks you up from Entebbe hotel and drives to Nakiwogo landing site hop into a dugout canoe to Mabamba wetland with the help of a local guide explore the wetland for 3-4 hours in search for the shoebill stork and other swamp species. Return to hotel for lunch and visit the Entebbe botanical gardens later in the day.

O/N : Imperial botanical hotel /Boma Guest house B/B.

Birds of Mabamba wetland: Elegant shoe bill stork, lesser jacana, long toed lapwing, blue headed coucal, black crane, purple gallinule, swamp flycatcher and African pygmy goose,. Malachite king fisher, Purple Heron, Blue swallow, Broadbill roller, Blue breasted bee-eater, White thighed hornbill, wye's

Birds in Entebbe botanical gardens: Grey parrots, Red chested sun bird, Great blue and Ross's Turaco, Broad billed roller, Splendid starling, Black and white casqued hornbill, Klass's cuckoo, Diederick cuckoo. Gaint and pied kingfisher, Yellow billed duck, Yellow backed weaver, Orange tufted sunbird Vieillot's black weaver

GO 3: Bird watching Lake Mbuoro Park

Today you will drive early morning from Entebbe cross to the Southern Hemisphere, halt at the equator monument for pictures and water experiment. Continue birding to Lake Mbuoro National park for an afternoon game drive

O/N: Rwakobo rocks/Lake Mbuoro safari lodge F/B

Birds of Lake Mbuoro Park: Red faced barbet, Tabora cisticola, brown-chested lapwing, Nubian woodpecker, rufous-napped lark, Black-bellied bustard, lilac-breasted roller, helmeted guineafowl, Coqui francolin, plus many raptors.

GO4: Birding Papyrus endemics in Lake Mbuoro

Leave hotel after an early breakfast, Meet up with an armed guide for a Nature guided walk access ideal habitats for many species of acacia woodland and papyrus endemics, lesser and greater swamp warbler, Papyrus canary, Papyrus Gonolek, Papyrus yellow warbler. You will continue birding to more open savanna areas that leads you back to the hotel. Check out and travel Queen Elizabeth Park.

O/N: Mweya safari lodge/ /Buffalo safari lodge/ Park view lodge F/B

GO5: Savannah birding in Queen Elizabeth Park

After an early breakfast you drive along the main road that gets you to Kasenyi plains and Lake George look out for savannah species and raptors. Return for an early lunch and later drive to the water deck for a 2 hours' boat trip on the Kazinga channel high end area for most bird watchers encounter schools of Hippos, Elephants, buffaloes, Nile crocodile and amazing arrays of birds including migrants.

O/N: Mweya safari lodge/ /Buffalo safari lodge/Park view lodge FB

Birds of Kazinga channel: African fish eagle, Pallid Harriers, Black tailed Godwit, Slender billed gull, Common tern, African Spoon Bill, African Skimmers, Great White pelican, Pink backed pelicans, Saddle billed stork, Martial Eagle, lesser Flamingoes

GO 6: Watching Forest Endemics in Bwindi Park

An early start to Bwindi National park will enable you visit Ishasha sector famous for tree climbing lions. Drive will take you through the biggest sector of Queen Elizabeth park, get to Ishasha southern sector area rich in raptors and vultures have a game drive after descend into the Montane highlands of the Albertine valley.

O/N: Buhoma homestead lodge/Ride 4 a woman / Bwindi Community Homestay F/B

Bwindi forest species: Ross's Turaco, Black billed Turaco, Black bee-eater, Strange weaver, Magie manikin, Grey headed negrofinch, Black billed weaver, Black necked weaver, Stuhlmann's starling, Pink footed puff back, Bocage's bush-shrike, Ludher's bush shrike, Narina tragon, banded prinia, blue headed sunbird

GO 7: Watching Albertine endemics

Gorilla trekking (optional US\$ 700) otherwise full day birding the Montane forest along the water fall loop and forest trails search for rift endemics and other forest species of interest.

O/N: Buhoma homestead lodge/Ride for a woman / Bwindi Community Homestay F/B

Bwindi Endemic birds : Black bee eater, short tailed warbler, purple breasted sunbird, yellow eyed black fly catcher, red faced woodland warbler, brown capped weaver, red throated alethe, Kivu ground thrush, Strange weaver, Black faced apalis.

GO 8: Birding in Ruhinja

Today you will head to Ruhija the eastern sector and highest point 2300M of the Bwindi forest. An early transfer will enable you bird through the neck section with chance to see more endemics that you missed in Buhoma area.

O/N Ruhija Gorilla Resort/ Trekker's Traven / F/B

Albertine Rift endemics: Handsome Francolin, Stripe breasted tit, Regal sunbird, Dusky Crimson wing, Shelly's crimson wing, Doherty's bush shrike, Mountain masked apalis, Archers robin chat, Rwenzori batis.

GO 9: Birding Ruhija Rift endemics

After early breakfast you will pick up a picnic lunch and bird down to Mubwindi swamp a trail that promises the most difficult of all rift endemics explore the rich valleys and montane forest of the Kigezi highlands. The walk is practically tough and demanding at some points but manageable if taken at good pace.

O/N: Ruhija Gorilla Resort/Trekkers Tavern F/B

Birds of Ruhija: Grauer's rush warbler, African broadbill, Caruther's cisticola, Handsome Francolin, Hill babbler, Shelly's crimson wing, collared apalis, Regal sunbird etc

GO: 10 Back to Entebbe for home flight

This morning you will transfer back to Entebbe airport for your evening home flight.