

14DAY'S BIRDING RIFT ENDEMIC & UGANDA WILDLIFE TOUR

14 days birding rift endemics, Uganda Wildlife Tours in Uganda's protected areas:-

*Albertine Rift Valley

* Lake Mburo Park

*Mgahinga National park

*Bwindi Impenetrable forest

*Semliki /National Park

GO1: Fly in Entebbe International Park

Arrive in Uganda O/N: Boma Guest house/ Imperial botanical hotel B/B

GO2: Birding in Lake Mburo Park

Travel to Lake Mburo Park exploring the varied habitats from Acacia woodland to open savannah and boat ride on the lake for water birds.

O/N Rwakobo Rocks F/B

Species of interest: Red faced barbet, Tabora cisticola, white backed night heron, Rufous belied heron, Papyrus Gonlek, papyrus canary, African fish eagle, Pied King fisher, Bateuler, Brown snake eagle, etc.

GO 3: Birding Albertine rift endemics

Birding Lake Mburo swamps in the morning, transfer to Kisoro Town

O/N: Lake Mulehe safari lodge F/B

GO4: Rift Endemics –Mgahinga National park

Watching birds in Mgahinga National Park see endemics different vegetation zones and spectacular views of the Volcanoes.

O/N : Lake Mulehe safari lodge F/B

Endemic species: Dusky Turtle dove, Rwezori Turaco, Strage weaver, Archer's robin chat, Doherty's bush shrike, White tailed blue flycatcher, Dusky Crimson wing, Red faced woodland warbler, Bronze sunbird

GO5: Birding Ruhija, Bwindi Forest Endemics

Morning, transfer to Ruhija birding through, bamboo zone and Ruhija surrounding in the afternoon.

O/N: Ruhija Gorilla resort/Agandi eco lodge

Rift Endemics: Regal sun bird, Red faced woodland warbler, Grauer's Rush Warbler, Rwenzori Batis

GO 6: Birding Mubwindi swamp

Spend the entire day birding forest trails down to Mubwindi swamp in search for forest species and rift endemics.

O/N: Ruhija Gorilla resort/ Agandi eco lodge F/B

Bwindi bird species: Yellow eyed black flycatcher, African Green broadbill, archer robin chat, Strange weaver, collared apalis, black faced apalis, Rwenzori night jar, Chapin flycatcher, , Rwenzori batis, striped breasted tit, dwarf honey guide.

GO 7: Birding to Buhoma through the neck

Transfer to Buhoma birding through the Neck where the forest narrows and offers excellent forest birding

O/N: Mahogany springs /Ride 4 a woman F/B

Bwindi Endemics: Black bee eater, handsome francolin, Regal sunbird, Red throated alethe, Mountain masked Apalis

GO 8: Gorilla Trekking Experience

Gorilla tracking is tough and demanding but a rewarding exercise, you need to be physically fit to manage elevation gains. For those with extra energy bird the hotel surrounding in the afternoon.

O/N: Mahogany springs/ Ride 4 a woman F/B

GO 9: Birding water fall trail at Buhoma

Start at office block and follow the main road into the forest, take up the waterfall trail for a 2-3 hours birding ending at the three waterfalls searching for forest species.

Endemics of Bwindi forest: Chapin flycatcher collared apalis, black faced apalis, yellow eyed black flycatcher, Rwenzori batis, Short tailed warbler, Kivu ground thrush, Purple breasted sunbird, rufous flycatcher, Strage weaver, Black bee eater,

O/N: Mahogany springs/ Ride 4 a woman F/B

GO10: Birding in Semliki Reserve

Transfer to Fort Portal town through Ishasha sector searching for tree climbing lions.

O/N Kluges Guest house F/B

GO11: Birding Semliki Rarities

Get to Semliki Park early morning explore Kirumia trail searching for rarities and other species of the Ituri forest. Return and drive to Fort portal for dinner and over night.

O/N: Kluges Guest house F/B

Bird species: Spot breasted ibis, long tailed hawk, Nkulengu rail, piping horn bill, red billed dwarf horn bill, black dwarf hornbill, African piculet, lyte-tailed honey guide, red rumped tinker bird, yellow throated nicator, Sassi's olive greenbul, fiery breasted bush shrike, forest scrub robin.

GO12: Birding Bigodi swamp

Bird watching in Bigodi swamp for swamp specialties and 8 species of primates namely the blue monkey, grey cheeked mangabey, red tailed colubus, white and black colobus, L'Hoest monkey, vervet monkey and Olive baboons.

O/N: Chimpanzee guest House F/B

Birds in bigodi swamp: Red tailed bristle bill, white collared olive back, yellow billed barbet, white napped pigeon, grey winged warbler, black billed turaco, papyrus canary, white winged warbler, blue shouldered robin chat, white spotted flufftail and red winged francolin.

GO 13: Birding in Kibale Forest

Drive to kibale forest for excellent birding, Chimpanzee tracking or chimpanzee habituation experience Forest has the highest numbers of primates therefore offers primate walk activities.

O/N: Chimpanzee guest House F/B

Key species: Bar tailed tragon, fine banded wood pecker, red faced crimson wing, Nahan's Francolin, Africa Pitta etc

GO14: End of safari

Transfer to Entebbe or Kampala as you may wish.