

## **15 DAY'S BIRDING RIFT ENDEMIC & UGANDA WILDLIFE TOUR**

15 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: Anna's place /Nyumbani 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/ Mburo Safari lodge F/B

**Species of interest:** Red faced barbet, Tabora cisticola, white backed night heron, Rufous belied heron, White winged warbler, 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 and Echuya forest enroute to Mgahinga National park.

O/N: Lake Mulehe safari lodge/ Muchas lodge F/B

**Albertine Species:** Mountain wagtail, Black bee eater, Bar tailed trogon, Regal sunbird, olive pigeon, white tailed ant-thrush, Banded prinia, Mountain capped apalis, Handsome francolin, Chapin's flycatcher, sooty flycatcher.

### **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/Muchas 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 Echuya forest, bamboo zone and Ruhija surrounding in the afternoon.

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

**Rift Endemics:** Regal sun bird, Red faced woodland warbler, Short tailed 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 /Trekking Traven 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: Buhoma homestead lodge/ Ride 4 a woman F/B

**Bwindi Endemics:** Black bee eater, handsome francolin, Ruwenzori turaco, regal sunbird, Red throated alethe, kivu ground thrush, short tailed warbler, 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: Buhoma homestead lodge/ 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: Buhoma homestead lodge/ 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 Ntoroko Lodge/Fort motel two nights F/B

### **GO11: Birding Lake Albert**

After breakfast drive to Lake Albert. Take a canoe search for the shoebill stork and water birds, Return and travel down the Valley of Semliki National Park, Visit Ssepaya hot springs

O/N: Comfort Hotel F/B

### **GO12: 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 Kibale forest cottages/Chimpanzee 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.

GO13: To Kibale forest, 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: Kibale forest cottages/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 14: Birding in Kibale Forest**

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

O/N Kibale forest cottages/Chimpanzee guest House F/B

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

### **GO15: End of safari**

Transfer to Entebbe or Kampala as you may wish.

