



**Nature
Encounters
Tours & Travel**

Uganda & Rwanda Primate Safari



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Join us for a special safari based in the land of the primates – Uganda and Rwanda. We will spend time in national parks and reserve, tracking chimpanzees, Mountain Gorillas and Golden Monkeys. We won't be leaving out the other amazing mammals and birds that are found in these beautiful countries either! Your accommodation is beautiful, guides are exemplary and you will fall in love with the local people you meet along the way.



Uganda – Entebbe, Kibale Forest & Queen Elizabeth Park

February 14, 2027 – Admas Grand Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda (3 nights) <https://admasgrandhotel.com> :

Arrive at Entebbe international Airport where Carol will be anxiously waiting for you. You will be transferred to the hotel for overnight on a bed and breakfast basis. Time for a well-deserved rest!

February 15: Entebbe was the original seat of power in the colonial times, and we will step back in time to explore! Our city tour will drive past the Old Entebbe International Airport, the lakeside Botanical Gardens, the Ugandan Wildlife Education Centre and visit either Kigungu or Kasenyi traditional fishing villages. We finish our approximate 4 hour tour with a traditional Uganda style lunch at a local favorite restaurant. Return to the hotel for a short rest then we are off to enjoy a sunset cruise on the waters of the beautiful Lake Victoria. Depart late afternoon and travel out towards the equator and the lake's many islands as fishermen cast their nets. Share drinks and snacks as you enjoy the sunset. **B**



photographs of this unique bird! Afternoon TBA. **B**

February 16: After breakfast, we will transfer to the jetty for a boat cruise to Mabamba Swamp to see the rare Shoebill Stork. The Mabamba Bay Swamp is a prime wetland birding site famous for the Shoebill which is Uganda's most sought after bird by nature lovers. This magnificent, prehistoric looking bird can reach up to 5 feet tall with a wingspan up to 8 feet. Enjoy capturing some great

February 17 – Tabebuia Spa & Safari Resort (2 nights)

<https://www.tabebuiaresort.com> : Our safari begins after breakfast as we drive approximately 6 hours via Kampala, Mityana and Kyejono. We will enjoy a packed lunch along the way as well as comfort stops to stretch our legs. Continue through the remote villages where you will see people living their lives, going to market, working in their shops. Arrive at the lodge in time for dinner and overnight. **B, L, D**



February 18: Today we venture deep into the forest in search of one of our closest relatives in the animal kingdom, the remarkable chimpanzee. Along the way, keep your eyes open for other primates, colorful forest birds and a variety of mammals that share this rich ecosystem. Your Chimpanzee Trek will typically last 2-6 hours and begins with a short briefing before you set off in a small group led by expert guides and rangers. The hike follows natural forest trails and weaves through patches of undergrowth, so a moderate level of fitness is required.

Once we locate the chimpanzees, you'll have a full hour to observe them at close range - watching their playful interactions, family dynamics, and expressive personalities. This is your moment to soak it all in and capture as many photographs as you wish. Return to our hotel for a well-deserved rest and enjoy the evening chat sharing our experience!

B,L,D

February 19 – Mweya Safari Lodge (2 nights) <https://mweyalodge.com>:

After breakfast, we carry on our adventure with a 3 hour drive via Kasese

to Queen Elizabeth National Park and check in at Mweya safari lodge. After getting settled in and lunch, we will head off on a late afternoon game drive keeping returning to the lodge before dusk for dinner and overnight.



February 20: In the early morning, enjoy a game drive in Kasenyi area, within Queen Elisabeth NP, on a look out for the lions, buffalo, elephants, and large numbers of Uganda Kobs and other antelopes. After lunch we will go for a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel (2 hours approx.), to look out for the hippos, crocodiles, great herds of buffalo and lots of water birds. Return to lodge for dinner/overnight. B,L,D



February 21 – Ishasha Wilderness Camp (2 nights) - <https://ishasha.ugandaexclusivecamps.com> :

After breakfast, drive to Ishasha sector of the park; check in at Ishasha



Wilderness camp for lunch. Late afternoon game drives returning before dusk, freshen-up ready for dinner and overnight. This exclusive camp blends the magic of a wilderness tented camp with superb service in this unspoiled and remote region of the National Park. The Ishasha savannahs are famous for its



population of tree climbing lions that can sometimes be spotted resting in the branches of the large fig trees. Being within the park the wildlife is free to also pass through the camp and elephants can be seen bathing in the river, buffalo enjoy grazing and resident troops of Black-and-White Colobus and vervet monkeys are frequently viewed.



February 22: A full day to enjoy the park with morning and afternoon game drive. Option to track chimpanzees at Kyambura Gorge or Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest at an extra cost.

February 23 - Ingagi Park View Lodge (3 nights) - <https://ingagilodge.com>: After an early breakfast we are

heading to Ruhengeri, Rwanda, approximately a 3 hour drive through Kisoro and Cyankika border post. The drive will give you an insight on the beauty of Uganda and Rwanda and it's unique ecosystem. Arrive at our lodge, dinner and a gorilla trek briefing. Get a good night's rest to be ready for tomorrow's trek! B,L,D



February 24: Today you will walk in Dian Fossey's footsteps and track the very endangered Mountain Gorilla. An early departure takes you to the area where they are found. You will walk through the countryside gaining altitude until you reach the park and begin your forest walk, often slippery and having to bushwack through the vegetation. You will have an expert guide and porters to

help you and once you see the gorillas – you will be thrilled you make the trek! Return to the lodge for lunch and a visit to the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Foundation for more information on these gentle giants. B,L,D





February 25: Another day for an optional gorilla trek or head to see the Golden Monkeys. Return to the lodge for meals. B,L,D



February 26 – Kigali Serena Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda (1 night): We set out early driving past coffee, tea and banana plantations on a breathtaking scenic drive to Kigali. Upon arrival we will have lunch and then a visit to the Genocide Memorial – a very important place that will help you understand what these brave Rwandan’s endured over 30 years ago. Return to the hotel for dinner.

February 27 – In Transit: A sad day as we depart this amazing area and head home.... Or how about extending to Kenya?



We’d be happy to design an extension to see:

- The wildebeest calving in Tanzania
- Beach time on the white sands of the Kenya or Tanzania coast
- Or climb Mt. Kilimanjaro!



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5 Guests - \$11,195USD per person

6 - 10 Guests - \$10,895USD per person

11 – 15 Guests - \$10,695USD per person

*** Prices subject to change with update of 2027 quotes

Air – Economy from \$2000 -2800CDN per person

Business Class Please Enquire

We are proudly a Canadian company and, whenever possible, we prefer to price our journeys in Canadian dollars. However, our ground operating partners quote in USD, and with the ongoing fluctuations in the US/CDN exchange rate, we have found it most fair and consistent to provide our pricing in USD. This approach allows our guests to choose the payment method that works best for them.

We also work diligently to keep our pricing competitive. That said, certain costs such as local park fees, government taxes and fuel surcharges, are set by external authorities and may change without notice. While these adjustments are beyond our control, we will always do our best to inform our guests of any increases as soon as we are made aware of them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Payment Options

- USD Bank Draft or Cheque - Pay the exact amount quoted or invoiced in USD.
- USD Credit Card - Pay the quoted/invoiced USD amount, plus a 4% service fee.
- CDN Credit Card - The USD amount quoted/invoiced will be converted to Canadian dollars using the closest exchange rate provided by our bank, plus a 4% service fee.

All Inclusive Of

Comprehensive pre-departure package with unlimited information and personalized support
Luxury accommodation as outlined in your itinerary
Air and ground transportation between lodges
All meals while on safari, with bed & breakfast provided during your stay in Entebbe & Kigali
Primate permits for 1 Gorilla Trek in Rwanda, 1 Chimpanzee Trek in Uganda and 1 Golden Monkey Trek in Rwanda **Optional extra permits available
Game drives, guided activities and all park entry fees
Donation to a wildlife conservation organization along the route
Gratuities for lodge staff and portage
Expert tour leadership and photographic guidance from Nature Encounters Tours owner and photographer, Carol Petersen



What Is Not Included

Round-trip international airfare
Items of a personal nature, including drinks and laundry
Travel insurance, including cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation, and medical coverage
Optional second Mountain Gorilla Trek (\$1500USD PP) or Chimpanzee Trek (\$250USD PP)
Any newly implemented government taxes or fees

Climate – Uganda and Rwanda enjoy a tropical highland climate, with mild temperatures year-round thanks to their elevated landscapes. Daytime temperatures typically range from 16–26°C, creating comfortable conditions for travel. There are two main rainy seasons - March to May and October to December. September generally falls within the dry season, though weather patterns can vary. In the mountain highland forests, you can expect some rainfall almost daily, while the lower plains tend to remain drier. Evenings can be cool, especially at higher elevations, so packing rain gear and a light sweater or fleece is recommended.

About Your Tour Leader Carol Petersen

Carol Petersen is a wildlife photographer, videographer, and founder of Nature Encounters Tours & Travel. Since 1990, she has been traveling to Africa and has personally led over 100 safaris across the continent. Her journeys span Tanzania, Kenya, Botswana, Namibia, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, India and beyond. Carol's passion for wildlife is the heartbeat of her work. She has spent time with elephants in Amboseli, tracked wild gorillas in Rwanda, and photographed Bengal Tigers in India. Her deep connection to nature is reflected in every image and story she shares. She believes that

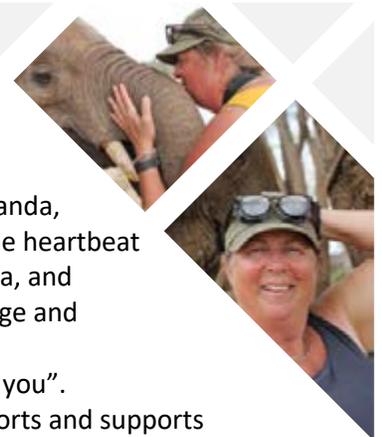
“Once you've been a part of Africa, it becomes a part of you”.

Carol is actively involved with global conservation efforts and supports organizations including:

- Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
- Painted Dog Conservation
- Mara Meru Cheetah Project
- Galápagos Conservancy
- Wildlife SOS
- Beyond Bride Rescue Foundation

Her mission is to inspire others to connect with nature, protect endangered species, and experience the magic of the wild firsthand.

Whether you're dreaming of your first safari or returning for another adventure, Carol brings decades of experience, heartfelt storytelling, a deep respect for the local culture and natural world to every journey.



About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel... where extraordinary journeys begin.

For more than 35 years, we've been crafting immersive, life-changing travel experiences that bring you face-to-face with the world's most spectacular wildlife, landscapes and cultures. Our deep, firsthand knowledge of every destination, paired with the expertise of our exceptional local guides, means you enjoy seamless service, insider access and the kind of personalized care that keeps travellers returning to us year after year. From your very first inquiry to the moment your adventure begins, we're committed to delivering nothing less than your *best vacation ever!*

Picture yourself on safari watching a lioness tenderly care for her cubs, feeling the presence of a five-ton elephant as he shows off his massive ears or relaxing on a pristine beach with the Indian Ocean whispering at your feet. Whether you stay in charming lodges or luxurious tented camps, you'll enjoy exceptional comfort, warm hospitality and settings that immerse you in the magic of the wild. Swimming pools, sweeping views and the fragrant smell of wild sage surround you as you scan the horizon for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac-breasted rollers, hyena and tawny eagles to name a few. Your days may include thrilling game drives in comfortable Land Cruisers; expertly guided nature walks that reveal hidden wonders or boating and canoeing through some of the world's most remarkable waterways.

At Nature Encounters Tours & Travel, responsible travel isn't a slogan, it's our foundation. Every journey supports local communities, schools and conservation efforts that protect the wildlife and landscapes you've come to experience. We proudly partner with organizations such as the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Painted Dog Conservation Project, Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, Mara-Meru Cheetah Project, Wildlife SOS in India and Friends of the Galapagos. When you travel with us, your adventure directly contributes to a healthier planet.

Come and dance with the Maasai in East Africa, watch tiger cubs tumble through the forests of India or photograph the whimsical courtship dance of blue-footed boobies in the Galápagos Islands. Our destinations are filled with amazing species and breathtaking places offering authentic experiences that connect you to the heart of each region.

Our mission is simple - to create unforgettable moments that stay with you forever.

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