

KENYA AND UGANDA

LET'S CELEBRATE MY BELATED 70th BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 2017



Day 1: Depart the US

Day 2: Arrive Nairobi Ole Sereni Hotel

- Upon arrival, Patrick meets us for the transfer to Ole Sereni for the night. We recover from the flight with drinks on the deck enjoying our first sounds and smells of Africa.

Ole Sereni

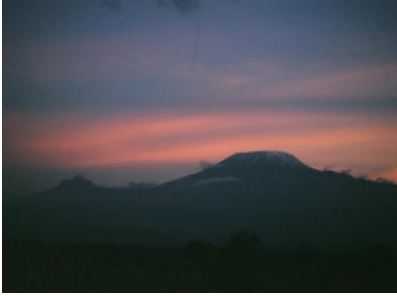


Located just minutes from the international airport and bordering the Nairobi National Game Park, Ole-Sereni offers its guests views of animals in their natural surroundings at the waterhole in the park from the restaurants, bar, roof-top swimming pool and other parts of the hotel. Ole-Sereni combines the best features of a modern hotel and a traditional wildlife lodge offering world-class facilities and personalized service. Each of the 134 rooms is exquisitely furnished and air-conditioned.

Days 3-4: Amboseli Serena Lodge

- After breakfast we depart for the 4-hour drive to Amboseli Park. We'll stop at one of the wood carvers and a curio shop on the way. The drive from the Park entrance to the Lodge is our first game drive. After lunch at the Lodge, enjoy watching for game from the pool or your room's private patio before we go out for an afternoon game drive with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background. Tonight we sleep to the sounds of the African bush.
- Game drives today are at our leisure. Late this afternoon while watching the sunset over Kilimanjaro, we have sundowners before returning to the lodge in time for dinner.

Amboseli National Park



At the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, Amboseli is one of the most popular of Kenya's national parks. The snowcapped peak of Kilimanjaro, rising above a saucer of clouds, dominates every aspect of Amboseli. Despite its small size and its fragile ecosystem, Amboseli supports a wide range of mammals (well over 50 of the larger species), birds (over 400 species), and gigantic herds of elephants. Years ago this was the locale around which Ernest Hemingway spun his stories of big-game hunting in the wilds of Africa.

Amboseli Serena Lodge

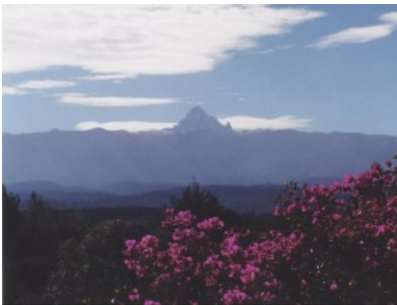
In the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro and beside a copse of giant acacia trees and a gently flowing natural spring stands Amboseli Serena Lodge, one of Africa's finest safari accommodations. The lodge offers great views of many types of big game, particularly huge herds of elephants that roam around the area. On the lodge grounds one encounters hundreds of species of wetland and migratory birds. The 92 luxury en suite rooms are accommodated in two single-storey buildings that lie to the right and left of the main reception and dining areas. Each tastefully-appointed room features a king-sized bed or luxurious twins, lavish all-encompassing mosquito-curtaining, bathroom (with walk-in shower), writing/vanity unit, and a private veranda to enjoy a view of either majestic Mount Kilimanjaro or the expansive Amboseli plains.



Day 5: Mountain Lodge

•With some stops we drive back to Nairobi for lunch before continuing on to the Mount Kenya area. There may be time for a game walk at Mountain Lodge before dinner, but we watch game 24/7 from the deck and/or our rooms.

Mount Kenya National Park



At an elevation of 5,199 meters, Mount Kenya is Africa's second highest mountain. To the Kikuyu tribes-people it is the home of the Supreme Being, Ngai. Part of the mountain's fascination is the variation in flora and fauna at various elevations. These forest belts are host to many different animals and plants, with at least eleven unique species. Game to view includes monkeys, bushbucks, elephants, black rhinos, duikers, leopards, and bongos (a rare type of forest antelope). A number of other rare or endangered species such as the sunni buck, Mount Kenya mole shrew, skink (a kind of lizard), and a variety of owls can be found here.

Mountain Lodge

The Mountain Lodge is a private hotel, located on the slopes of Mt. Kenya, surrounded by a dense rainforest that comes alive at dusk. At an elevation of 7200 feet, it is laid out specifically for bird and animal watching; all of the rooms have large windows and balconies, and a large artificial watering hole in the clearing attracts forest animals. Lights are kept on all night to attract animals for easy viewing. Elephants, buffalos, rhinos and waterbucks are regular sights in the evenings and days. Another special feature is the specially constructed bunkers that are connected to the lodge by a short tunnel, allowing spectacular views of the animals while they drink at the waterhole.

Days 6-7: Elephant Bedroom Camp Samburu

- **An interesting drive heading north to Samburu, a fabulous national park often missed by visitors to Kenya. Leopards are often seen here as well as game not found in other areas of Kenya.**
- **Our days are filled with game drives, watching game from our tents, visiting the Samburu Woman's Boma, and so much more.**

Elephant Bedroom Camp



This small and exclusive safari camp is located right on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River. With just 12 luxury tents and attractive public areas – including elegant lounge and dining tents – Elephant Bedroom Camp provides the perfect accommodation and guests are truly at one with nature as the camp is regularly visited by elephant and game which shelter under the trees. The guest tents are each set on a raised wooden deck with a small plunge pool – ideal for cooling down after a morning on safari. Each tent has one king-size double bed or twin queen-size beds as well as a sofa, coffee table, dressing table and attractive soft

furnishings. All tents have electricity and en suite facilities (showers / double basins with hot and cold running water.) Activities at Elephant Bedroom Camp are geared around introducing guests to the flora and fauna of Samburu National Reserve. Guests have plenty of opportunity to see a wide variety of Kenya's wildlife - the lesser-known species as well as the Big Five – on the high quality game drives. These are taken in open sided 4x4 safari vehicles for the best possible game-viewing experience. The camp has a resident naturalist who imparts a wealth of knowledge. The educational guided bush walks take guests as close as possible to the indigenous plants and animals to learn how the local people use the surroundings in their everyday routine. The camp also has regular visits to a local village where guests can learn more about Samburu culture and witness a little of Samburu life

Samburu National Reserve



This Reserve has a natural serenity due to its distance from any unnatural development. The park's River Uaaso Nyiro and the mixture of acacia trees, riverine forest, thorn trees, and grass vegetation attract a wide variety of animals, including elephants, lions, cheetahs, grevy's zebras, giraffes, gerenuks, buffalos, oryx, Grant's gazelles, dikdiks and waterbucks.

Unfortunately, heavy poaching eliminated the rhino population here, but you can be guaranteed leopard sightings and there are over 350 varieties of birds. These include the famous Somali Ostriches (distinguished during mating season by their unique purple/blue legs), kingfishers, hummingbirds, eagles, guinea fowls and vultures.

Luoniek Cultural Boma

This Samburu boma is run entirely by the local women. Here you experience a woman's life, hear the daily songs, and visit the school built by the women. Beautiful Samburu beadwork is available, and all proceeds go to support the school.

Day 8: Sweetwaters Tented Camp Mt. Kenya Area

After a morning game drive and breakfast, we leave for the 2-hour drive back to the Mt. Kenya area, where we stop to experience the Equator demonstration and visit the Nanyuki Weavers before having a game drive as we approach the camp. On the afternoon game drive we visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary and meet a rhino face to face.

Sweetwaters Game Reserve



This game reserve reveals magnificent views across the game-studded plains to the snowcapped peaks of Mount Kenya. The Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a project initiated in part by the Jane Goodall Institute, allows visitors to see chimps in their own environment. The aim of this project is to set up a colony where chimps can be rehabilitated and introduced to an area similar to their natural habitat.

Sweetwaters Tented Camp

Sweetwaters Tented Camp lies in the heart of privately-owned Sweetwaters Game Reserve, and the floodlit waterhole is frequented by elephants and plains game such as giraffes, zebras and impalas. The Waterhole Bar is ideal for nighttime game watching, and all of Sweetwaters' thatch-roofed tents have verandahs facing the waterhole. The camp has a swimming pool for relaxation during the hot afternoons.

Nanyuki Spinners and Weavers

Because the Kenyan highlands area around Nanyuki is a major center for sheep and wool production, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa conceived the idea of training women to become self-sufficient. Started in 1977, the women have been able to card, spin, dye, and weave sheep's wool to make cotton rugs and blankets to generate income for their families. Today over 100 women rely on their income from this project.



Days 9-10: Chui Camp Lake Naivasha

- A fun drive today with stops at markets and Thompson's Falls before arriving Lake Naivasha. Game wanders around the grounds of our lodge, and we can arrange for a night game drive on the private reserve.

- A boat tour of Lake Naivasha followed by a game walk on Crescent Island or a visit to Hell's Gate National Park fills part of the day. We might have time to visit one of my favorite truly local restaurants for a real Kenyan food experience. Game drives through the reserve, cocktails with the resident game, or just relaxing and being pampered are some of your choices for the day.

For those of you who know me, this is the area where I want to live.

Lake Naivasha



Naivasha, the highest and only freshwater lake within Africa's Great Rift Valley (and Kenya's second largest freshwater lake), is unique in that it has no known outlet, normally a prerequisite for a lake. Teeming with freshwater fish and bathing hippos, the avid bird watcher sees paradise in a vast array of exotic bird life attracted by the large population of fish. The region also hosts distinctive herds of plains game and the elusive black-faced colobus monkey.



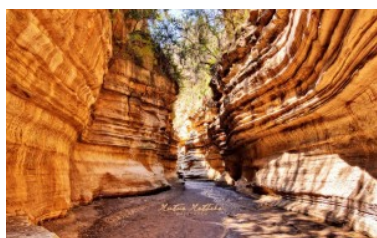
Chui Lodge

Located in the privately owned Oserian Sanctuary (which is itself in the Great Rift Valley), the exclusive Chui Lodge overlooks a waterhole with the dramatic Mau Escarpment as a backdrop. This setting epitomizes the Masai translation of the word Oserian ("place of peace"). The five well-spaced cottages and the main building are constructed of simple bush stone and local woods. Each cottage is uniquely designed with en-suite bathrooms, a private veranda, fireplace and a magnificent four-poster olive wood king-sized bed. With only five rooms, Chui Lodge is known for excellent service from staff and attention to detail like no other place ever visited. For the active guest, private game drives or walks with private guides through the sanctuary's 20,000 acres or along miles of unspoiled lakefront are available. Other optional activities include sundowners, champagne breakfasts by the lake, boating trips on Lake Naivasha, climbing, swimming, bird watching, and trips to Hell's Gate National Park.

Hell's Gate National Park

This tiny Park, located between Lake Naivasha and the Longonot and Suswa volcanoes, provides a variety of wildlife, unusual flora and many species of birds and is one of only two Kenyan parks where climbing, walking and biking are allowed. Covered by ashes from the Longonot eruption 100 years ago, the park is famous for its geothermal station, Lower Gorge and spectacular scenery. Some of the more interesting points of interest are:

Fischer Tower, a 75-foot high rocky tower, was formed by semi-molten rock forced through a fissure, cooling and solidifying as it extruded. To the Masai community, the tower is a Masai girl who was turned to stone after disobeying the family before her wedding. Watch for the rock hyrax (dassies) that are quite unperturbed by humans. You might even venture to climb the tower.



Obsidian Caves are comprised of distinctive black glass-like obsidian rock and there is a trail that leads you to a lookout over the plains around the Mt. Longonot. Obsidian resulted from the rapid cooling of molten volcanic lava coming in contact with water. Iron and magnesium give the obsidian a dark green to black color. Some obsidian contains small air bubbles that produce interesting effects such as a golden or rainbow sheen.

Ol Karia Geothermal Power Station stands over the lava flow of the Ol Karia extinct volcano and uses the super-heated steam locked 4,500 ft below surface (one of the hottest sources of the world) to provide 25 percent of Kenya's electricity.

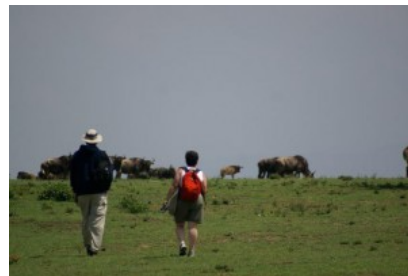
Hell's Gate's Cliffs are formed of columnar basalt. The best time to drive within the cliffs is late in the afternoon as the game comes out of cover and you may see herds of buffalo and eland drinking at the rocky cliffs indicate nests of vulture.

Grassy plains below the towering cliffs offer visitors a safe place to walk alongside giraffe, eland, eyes open for small troops of klipspringer and rock hyrax living in rocky area.

Crescent Island

This partially submerged volcanic crater is a private game sanctuary with herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, gazelle, and other plains game. Visitors can walk freely around the island among the herds of game. Crescent Island's beauty is confirmed by the fact that much of *Out of Africa* was filmed here.

To get a real understanding of Lake Naivasha, read *Wildflower* by Mark Seal....true but reads like a novel.



Days 11-14: Mara Entim Masai Mara

- Today we head to one of the greatest spectacles on earth – the Wildebeest Migration on the Masai Mara. We have a game drive on the way to our amazing camp sitting right on the banks of the Mara and Talek Rivers and at one of the main migration crossing areas. Luxury is definitely the word here. Our time on the Mara is game viewing from our private vehicles, from our incredible tents, from the common areas. Game strolls through the Camp grounds; hippos are basking in the river just outside our tents; right in front of our tents, crocs are awaiting a crossing; leopards, lions and other predators are following the migrating wildebeests and zebras; you might even have a giraffe nibbling at a tree over your tent. All makes for amazing experiences.
- A day filled with game drives, game walks, and/or relaxing. Each day we plan our drives with Patrick. One day we visit as Masai boma (village).
- Another day of game viewing. An optional hot-air balloon safari over the migration can be arranged in advance.
- Our last day on the Mara. Yes, there are 4 days here and it still isn't enough.

Mara Entim Tented Camp

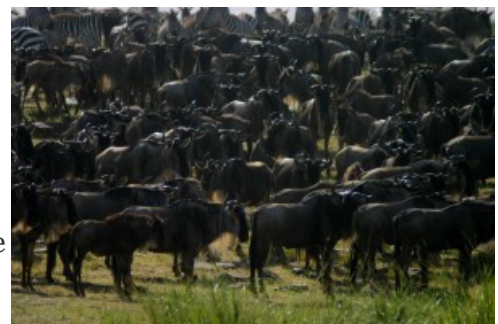


Entim, meaning “forest” in Maasai, was designed to be in the best possible location to view the wildebeest migration in the Maasai Mara game reserve and for a few months of the year the migration is on its doorstep. Overlooking the Mara River only a short drive away from where the Talek and Mara rivers converge, the camp is positioned between major wildebeest crossings. At Entim you don't have to drive for hours to get to the wildlife action because you are right there in the middle of it, nor do you have to leave the Park before gates close at 6.30 pm. You can continue to witness

the wild's most important and dramatic events, which often take place at dusk and dawn, from your tent or while sipping a cocktail. Each of the 10 guest tents overlooks the Mara River and is en-suite with flush-toilets and hot showers. There is a cozy lounge area with a small library and a separate bar and dining area that is open-fronted allowing guests the unmatched experience of eating meals while watching the animals move to and from the river to drink and forage for their food. Enjoy delicious home-cooked meals and a selection of house wines from the famous wineries of South Africa. Bread, cakes and pastries are all baked in camp, while fresh produce is flown in regularly. If you wish you can dine privately on your own verandah.

The Masai Mara National Reserve

The Masai Mara Game Reserve is widely considered to be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve. The Mara comprises 200 square miles of open plains, woodlands, and riverine forest. Contiguous with the plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania, the Mara is home to a breathtaking array of life. The vast grassland plains are scattered with herds of zebra, giraffe, gazelle, and topi, and the acacia forests abound with birdlife and monkeys. Elephants and buffalo wallow in the wide Musiara Swamp while the Mara and Talek rivers brim with hippos and crocodiles. Each year the Mara plays host to the world's greatest natural spectacle: the Great Wildebeest Migration from the Serengeti. From July to October, the promise of rain and fresh life-giving grass in the north brings more than 1.3



million wildebeests together into a single massive herd. They pour across the border into the Mara, making a spectacular entrance in a surging column of life that stretches from horizon to horizon. At the Mara River they mass together on the banks before finally plunging forward through the raging waters, creating a frenzy as they fight against swift currents and waiting crocodiles. The Mara has been called the Kingdom of the Lions, and these hunters dominate the grasslands. Cheetahs are also a common sight in the Mara, as are hyena and smaller predators such as jackals. **Patrick has an instinctive talent for spotting game and natural ability to read animal spoor, as well as signs of an impending natural event, be it a river crossing or a predator kill.**

Day 15: Giraffe Manor Or Ole Sereni Nairobi

•We bid a sad farewell to the Mara and drive back to Nairobi for an afternoon and evening with the giraffes. There is time to do a bit of shopping at Matt Bronze, visit Karen Blixen's home and museum and Kazuri Beads, and most of all, get very personal with the giraffes.

You have your choice of staying at Ole Sereni and visiting the points of interest below OR, for slightly more, you can stay at Giraffe Manor itself and have breakfast with the giraffes.

Giraffe Center



The Center provides a taste of the Africa most tourists come to Kenya to see. In addition to the short nature walk, the Giraffe Center offers the rare opportunity to be (safely) close enough to the animals to feed and touch them. The entrance fee to the Center supports the re-establishment of the Rothschild giraffes in Kenya.



Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage

Wife of the late David Sheldrick (founder and warden of Tsavo National Park), Daphne Sheldrick has been working with wild animals for over 60 years. In 1977 she opened the Elephant Orphanage at her home in Nairobi, where today her eight trained staff members virtually replace the baby elephants' families. From 11 am to noon each day you can watch and pet the baby elephants while learning about their lives.



Karen Blixen Museum

This museum was originally the home of Karen Blixen, who came to Kenya from Denmark in the early part of the 20th century. The present museum sits at the heart of the larger coffee plantation run by Blixen between 1914 and 1931. Upon Kenya's independence, the Danish government donated the house and surrounding land to Kenya. The house was restored by the Danish government and was used during the filming of *Out of Africa*. Much of the original furniture is on display in the house, and combined with the beautifully landscaped gardens and encompassing view of the Ngong Hills, the Museum has continued to be a very popular destination for international and local visitors.

Kazuri Bead Shop

This workshop is located at the base of the Ngong Hills outside Nairobi, on a portion of the farm once owned by Karen Von Blixen of *Out of Africa* fame. Lady Susan Wood founded Kazuri (which means “small and beautiful in Swahili, the language of Kenya) in 1975, after observing that many women in the villages around Nairobi were nearly destitute. She and two Kikuyu women organized a ceramic workshop and taught jewelry making to the poor, and the instruction continues to this day. Each bead that makes up a necklace or bracelet is shaped by hand, without the aid of molds or forms, by one of the 90 local women employed by Kazuri. The beads are then polished and kiln-fired, painted, and fired again before being strung. You will see the ladies making the beads at the shop.



Lady Gemini

Because Lady Gemini educates visitors on the history of beads (a fascinating learning experience), this unique gallery is often compared to a museum. The specialty here is remarkable jewelry ranging from ancient trade beads to the dazzling new trends of the 21st century.



Matt Bronze



This is a wonderful gallery with a large selection of handmade bronzes. There are pieces of all sizes and prices – everything from tasteful animal footprint ashtrays to jewelry, picture frames, and life-size sculptures.

Utumaduni

Utamaduni, meaning “cultural heritage,” is a house containing at least fifteen shops that offer various art, books, jewelry, carvings, fabrics, and both traditional and modern crafts.



Giraffe Manor

Built in 1932 by Sir David Duncan, Giraffe Manor is situated on 120 acres of land. In 1974 Jock Leslie-Melville (grandson



of a Scottish earl) and his wife, Betty (who also founded the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife) bought the Manor. They then moved five babies of the highly endangered Rothschild giraffe to their property where they have been successfully reared and now have calves of their own. When Jock died, Betty decided to open her house to visitors. Exclusive, spacious and elegant, it is the only place in the world where one can feed giraffes from the second floor bedroom window, over the lunch table, and at the front door. Guests can feed and photograph the giraffes and warthogs at the Manor, and also wander through the adjoining primeval forest to view the bushbuck, dikdik, and more than 180 bird species found there

Day 16: Flights home

- *If staying at Giraffe Manor, our last day in Africa starts with breakfast with the giraffes.*
- *If staying at Ole Sereni, we have a wonderful buffet breakfast.*

The rest of the day is at leisure to visit some shops, repack, and say Tutaonana to Kenya (see you soon). Our flight departs late tonight and we arrive home mid-afternoon Day 17.

Extension to Uganda for the Gorilla Trek

Day 16: Boma Guesthouse Entebbe, Uganda

- **The flight to Entebbe departs early afternoon. Upon arrival we transfer to the Guesthouse for a relaxing afternoon. We can tour the area or just sit and have a cocktail. Any baggage not required for the trek can be stored at the Inn.**

Boma Guest House



The Boma is set in tropical gardens a few minutes drive from Entebbe International Airport. The rooms combine modern comforts with the charm and character of the original 1940's home. Each of the rooms is en-suite, has a private veranda, satellite TV, and Wifi. The residents-only restaurant serving mostly homemade European style meals, with a dash of Indian, Thai and Mediterranean choices is open from 6am to 10pm.

Entebbe

Entebbe, located on a Lake Victoria peninsula, was the seat of government for the Protectorate of Uganda prior to Independence in 1962. Entebbe is perhaps best known as the home of Entebbe International Airport, the scene of one of the most daring counter-terrorism operations in history. Soldiers from an elite unit of the Israeli army freed over 100 hostages following a hijacking by a group of Palestinian and German militia. It was also from this airport that Queen Elizabeth II departed Africa to return to England in 1952 when she learned of her father's death. Today the President of Uganda has his official office and residence here. The National Botanical Gardens and Uganda Wildlife Education Center and Zoo are well worth a visit.

Days 17-19: Gorilla Forest Camp Bwindi Forest

- **Very early this morning we transfer to the airport for the charter flight to Kihini airstrip and the 45-minute road transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and Gorilla Forest Camp. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy walking tours, strolls through the village, just kicking back in the luxurious camp.**
- **After breakfast, we start our trek to find the gorillas. All physical abilities are welcome and yes, it can be done. Depending on how long it takes to find the gorillas, we may have the afternoon free to do a very interesting and tiny bit challenging walk to the real medicine man, visit the pygmies, and learn about the culture of the area.**
- **Our last day in Bwindi to do optional camp activities. Might even see gorillas in camp.**

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park



Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park is located in southwestern Uganda. This is the richest forest in Uganda in terms of the number of plant species. The valley basins contain a dense groundcover of herbs, vines and shrubs, and only a few trees - hence its name "the Impenetrable Forest". This is also one of the richest faunal communities in East Africa where about one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorillas live as well as several endangered species of birds.

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest impresses with a truly theatrical landscape of volcanoes, jagged valleys, waterfalls, lakes, and dramatic mountain ranges. It is here, nestled deep inside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest on a flat ridge high in the forest, that Sanctuary's Gorilla Forest Camp is tucked away. It's hard to fathom that such luxury and sophistication could be available in an area as remote as this. Guests dine under the stars and relax by the roaring campfire. The eight tents are impressive with wooden floors, and the decks overlooking the canopy are a wonderful place to sit and enjoy a glass of wine. The beds are extremely comfortable, but the best thing is to luxuriate in a huge bathtub and soak those muscles after a long day walking in the forest in search of gorillas. The Camp offers guests the best bird and wildlife viewing in the Bwindi area. In fact **Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp often receives regular visits from the gorillas themselves, up to 4-6 visits per month.** For the lucky guests in camp at those times, they may have the chance for a gorilla encounter without even leaving Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp!



Bwindi Forest Community Interaction



A short 10 minute drive from camp, are the Bakiga and Batwa pygmy communities. A guided two-hour walk begins with a stroll through a small tea-farming project where you can stop to meet the tea pickers and perhaps even learn how to pluck tealeaves along the way. Then visit a local beer brewery to see how bananas are mashed to make a fermented brew that becomes banana beer - a popular local drink in the area! From here walk a short distance to the local clinic supported by Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp. The walk continues to a nearby village for a visit with a traditional medicine man to whom knowledge

of using herbs for healing has been passed on from generation to generation. He will show us some of the herbs that grow in the forest and talk about how they are used. Later, relax and enjoy a performance by the Batwa pygmy community before returning to the lodge.

Forest Walk

Bwindi is a spectacular place to visit. While enjoying a guided walk on the Munyaga waterfall trail, watch for the more than 350 species birds, the rare forest elephant, giant forest hog, and eleven kinds of primates. You might see forest duiker antelopes, bushbuck antelopes and some of the 200+ species of butterflies found in the area.



Gorilla Trek



A maximum of six visitors per gorilla family is allowed per day, and tracking begins with walk through the forest slopes to where the gorillas were found on the previous day. The trackers look for any signs that indicate the direction the gorilla group has taken. The search continues until the gorillas are found. Even if you don't go see the gorillas, there is plenty to do in the Impenetrable Forest. You can join a variety of guided walks, including a two-hour stroll to some beautiful waterfalls. This area is excellent for watching primates and birds – you may even catch a glimpse of chimpanzees or the beautiful hornbills

and turacos. Mountain Gorillas are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed. The success rate however is well over 90%.

Day 20: Entebbe, Ngamba Island, day room, and flight home

- **After a full breakfast and a relaxing morning, we fly back to Entebbe and transfer to the Guesthouse where we have a day room. This afternoon we take a boat across Lake Victoria to Ngamba Island to see the chimpanzees. Time for a quick repack and shower at the Guesthouse before heading to the airport for our late night flight back to the US.**

Ngamba Island

Ngamba Island, established in 1997 in part by the Born Free Foundation and the Jane Goodall Institute, provides orphaned chimpanzees with a secure home in which to live out their lives. A primary function is educating visitors and local communities about this remarkable species and the importance of conserving their fragile forest habitat. Ngamba Island consists of approximately 100 acres, 98 of which are forested and separated from the visitors' area by an electric fence. Ngamba Island was officially opened to visitors in October 1999 and is currently home to 40 orphaned chimpanzees.

Day 21: Arrive Home