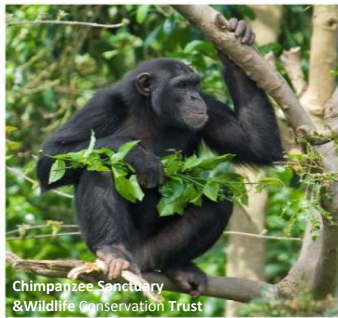




SEACOLOGY AFRICAN ADVENTURE: DISCOVERING UGANDAN WILDLIFE



Join Seacology for 9 days in Uganda on an exciting safari in search of elusive Mountain gorillas, charismatic chimpanzees, and a dazzling array of African wildlife. Our trip includes a site visit to Seacology's project at the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on Lake Victoria.

July 22-30, 2012



MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

Sharing 95% of our DNA, gorillas are the world's largest primate and among the most captivating of all African species. Seacology's expedition takes us to one of the last remaining Mountain gorilla habitats, Bwindi National Park. Located in the mist-covered Impenetrable Forest of southwest Uganda, Bwindi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park is famous for its rich biodiversity, including many rare and unique species. With less than 800 individuals remaining, Mountain gorillas (*Gorilla beringei beringei*), legendary for their gentle nature and endearing displays of humanity, are a critically endangered species found only in select areas of Central and East Africa.

Mountain gorillas are distinct for their particularly long hair, which is blue-black to brownish-grey in color. Mature males are called "silverbacks" for the saddle of white hair on their back. Gorillas live in stable family groups that typically contain one adult male, several females, a few adolescents and babies. Threatened by poaching, political turmoil, and habitat destruction, gorillas are a vanishing species.



While visiting the gorillas in Bwindi Park, we will be staying in world-renowned Gorilla Forest Camp, ideally situated for gorilla tracking. The intimate lodge includes several permanent tents with modern ensuite facilities and looks out onto the surrounding mountains and spectacular scenery. The camp also contains a dining cottage and bar, as well as open-air dining and a traditional African campfire.



CHIMPANZEES & A SEACOLOGY PROJECT ON NGAMBA ISLAND



Our first outing takes us to the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, located on an island in Lake Victoria. Another close human relative, chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) are intelligent, expressive, and much more active than their mountain relatives. Increasingly threatened by hunting and habitat

destruction, chimps are an endangered species. The Ngamba Island Sanctuary, where Seacology recently funded a critically needed solar-powered medical refrigerator, provides 98 acres of protected habitat for 42 chimpanzees and other wildlife. Chimpanzees are notoriously social animals that live in groups, spending their time roaming in search of food and grooming. For this tour, we embark on boats at dockside in Entebbe for a scenic ride through the vast waters of Lake Victoria.



The sanctuary is overseen by the Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT), which promotes awareness about chimpanzees and the many threats they face, such as bushmeat hunting, poaching, infectious diseases and armed conflict. CSWCT works with local communities to promote peaceful cohabitation between humans and chimpanzees, provides education and ecotourism through the 200 visitors who visit Ngamba per month, and protects the sanctuary's rescued chimpanzees who cannot return to the wild. The new Seacology-funded refrigerator, powered by solar panels on the clinic's roof, is used to store the chimpanzee's medical supplies. Our visit will include a tour of the island and meeting some of the sanctuary's primate residents.



VISITING UGANDAN NATIONAL PARKS

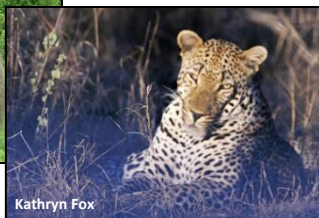
Because of their extreme rarity, even in Africa, Mountain gorillas and chimpanzees will be the highlights of our expedition. However, Uganda hosts a bounty of African wildlife which will more than fill our nine day safari.

Located near the country's southwestern border, Queen Elizabeth National Park is Uganda's most-visited game reserve. This park features abundant game, volcanic cones and crater lakes. Situated between Lakes George and Edward, the park contains grasslands, forests, and stunning views of the nearby Rwenzori Mountains. It boasts one of the highest biodiversity ratings of any national park in the world, with over 500 bird species and 100 species of mammals.

Queen Elizabeth National Park's Ishasha sector is home to one of only two populations of tree-climbing lions in Africa. We will spend one morning in search of these amazing creatures, known for resting in the branches of trees during the heat of the day and descending in the evening to hunt.



Another morning in the park features a game drive through the park's extensive forests and grasslands, seeking out some of Africa's celebrated fauna, including elephant, leopard, warthog, baboons, and the kob, a beautiful fawn-colored antelope for which Uganda is famous.



OTHER AFRICAN WILDLIFE

Our time in Queen Elizabeth National Park will include a Nile cruise in the park's Kazinga Channel, linking Lake George and Lake Edward. The Channel contains the world's largest concentration of hippopotamus as well as many Nile crocodile and Water buffalo. After elephants, hippos are Earth's largest land animal and semi-aquatic, remaining in rivers and lakes to stay cool during the day. Our boat ride will provide opportunities to observe these enormous social animals in their natural habitat. The channel is also rich in bird life, including pelicans, Fish eagles, kingfishers, storks, and one of the world's most sought-after birds, the shoebill (bottom left), which stalks the giant Nile perch.



From there, our safari takes us to adjoining Kibale National Park to trek the forest in search of its illustrious population of chimpanzees. Our afternoon in the park's Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary will include sightings of some of 300 plus bird species in the park, like the Dusky crimsonwing, Black-capped apalis, Blue-headed sunbird, Blue-breasted kingfisher and Crowned eagle (these last two are shown below, center and right).



ABOUT KIMBLA-MANTANA

Founded in 1959, Kimbla-Mantana is a leading East African Safari company, providing luxury safaris in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Our trek with Kimbla-Mantana will take us to several national parks, including the site of half the world's remaining population of Mountain gorillas at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the rich biodiversity of Lake Mburo National Park, habituated chimpanzees and 12 other species of primates at Kibale National Park, the tree-climbing lions of Ishasha, and hundreds of hippos close range on a launch along the Kazinga Channel. All of this and much more await you in Uganda – the country that so inspired Winston Churchill, he named it “the pearl of Africa.”



Kimbla-Mantana's quality lodgings combine seclusion and exclusivity in enchanting surroundings, offering extraordinary contrasts of comfort and wilderness. The accommodations emphasize personal service and idyllic settings, from the spacious, airy sleeping tents and cottages to the comfortably furnished dining areas and well stocked bars, where guests can unwind after each day's activities.



TRIP ITINERARY

- July 22:** Arrive at Entebbe Airport, where you will be met and taken to **The Boma**, our lodging for the first two nights.
- July 23:** Breakfast, transfer to the jetty for the 9 a.m. departure for **Ngamba Island Chimp Sanctuary**. Morning spent on the island, lunch, afternoon visits to educational center and botanical gardens, dinner at **The Boma**. (BLD)
- July 24:** Early departure for **Kibale National Park**, lunch at **Primate Lodge**, afternoon visit to **Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary**, lecture and dinner with the chimp habituation team, overnight **Primate Lodge**. (BLD)
- July 25:** Chimp trek in the morning, lunch, afternoon visit to the local village, dinner and overnight **Primate Lodge**. (BLD)
- July 26:** Drive to **Queen Elizabeth National Park**, game drive to **Mweya Lodge**, lunch, afternoon launch trip on the **Kazinga Channel**, dinner, overnight **Mweya Lodge**. (BLD)
- July 27:** Early departure via the **Ishasha** section of **Queen Elizabeth National Park** in the hopes of seeing the tree-climbing lions. A picnic lunch and dinner and overnight at the **Gorilla Forest Camp** near **Bwindi National Park**, home of the Mountain Gorillas. (BLD)
- July 28 & 29:** Trek gorillas, overnight at **Gorilla Forest Camp**. (BLD)
- July 30:** Breakfast, drive to **Kihihi** airstrip for charter flight to **Entebbe Airport** for your flight out, end of services. (B)



BOOKING A SPOT ON SEACOLOGY'S UGANDA EXPEDITION

Join Seacology on this once-in-a-lifetime African adventure! We will depart from Entebbe, Uganda, on Sunday, July 22, 2012, and return on Monday, July 30, 2012.

The cost of this extraordinary trip includes the 9-day, 8 night expedition, all transportation within Uganda, admission to all parks, gorilla and chimp trekking permits, visit to Seacology's project on Ngamba Island, most meals (as noted in the itinerary above), deluxe accommodations, and \$100 per person donation to Seacology's Carbon Offset Fund.

Double Occupancy (per person) \$8,500

Single Occupancy (per person) \$11,500

These prices do not include international airfare, gratuities, or personal expenses such as phone calls and laundry. Reservations can be made with a deposit of 50% of the per person cost. Payments can be made by check, payable to **Seacology**, or by credit card. A 4% surcharge will apply for those paying by credit card. These deposits, less a \$300 per person cancellation fee, are 100% refundable up to February 24, 2012, after which they are nonrefundable. The final nonrefundable balance will be due by April 27, 2012.

IMPORTANT: *Due to the tightly controlled number of permits allowed by the Ugandan government for Mountain gorilla tracking, this trip is strictly limited to 10 people. It will likely sell out very quickly, so we strongly recommend you make your reservations as soon as possible.*

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