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Uganda is a land of contrasts. In half a day you can drive from mist-shrouded volcanic mountains to hot hazy savannah, dappled with wildlife. Serene undulating hills of tea plantations, lush but ordered, give way to tangled jungle and rainforest with the musical accompaniment of chaotic, cacophonous birdlife. Uganda is alive with these contrasts: The tiniest sunbirds, iridescent in the morning light, the massive lumbering yet silent elephant, disappearing like a vapor behind the trees, the chimpanzees crashing about the forest canopy, the lugubrious gorilla, chewing thoughtfully in the bamboo thicket. There's the Nile, twisting its way north like a shimmering ribbon, through arid semi-desert scattered about with rocky kopjes. Snow-capped peaks, tropical, sandy, freshwater beaches, and smiling faces everywhere. It's all here, a feast for all the senses.

Let us show you the Uganda we know and love.

This is Africa the way it should be!



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## Itinerary Overview

### Day 01

Meet and greet on arrival at Entebbe Airport.

Transfer to your hotel.

**Overnight The Boma, bed and breakfast.**

### Day 02

Drive with a personal driver guide in a Landcruiser from Entebbe to Semliki Safari Lodge, Semliki Wildlife Reserve (+/- 6 hours).

**Overnight Semliki Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

### Day 03

Game activities.

**Overnight Semliki Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

### Day 04

Game activities.

**Overnight Semliki Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

### Day 05

Transfer to Semliki Airstrip (5 minutes).

Fly on a scheduled flight from Semliki Airstrip to Entebbe Airport (10h20 / 11h25).

Connect onto your scheduled flight to Kidepo Valley National Park (12h30 / 14h45).

Transfer from Kidepo Airstrip to Apoka Safari Lodge (10 minutes)

**Overnight Apoka Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

### Day 06

Game activities.

**Overnight Apoka Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

### Day 07

Game activities.

**Overnight Apoka Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

### Day 08

Transfer to Kidepo Airstrip.

Fly on a scheduled flight from Kidepo Valley National Park to Entebbe Airport (15h00 / 16h30).

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## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1

Meet and greet on arrival at Entebbe Airport.

Transfer to your hotel.

**Overnight The Boma, bed and breakfast.**

### Day 2

Drive with your personal driver guide to Semliki Wildlife Reserve in Western Uganda (+/- 6 hours).

Semliki Valley Wildlife Reserve is the oldest protected area in Uganda and home to a staggering array of flora and fauna. The Reserve is situated in the basin of the Western Rift Valley. It is one of the most diverse habitats in Africa with wonderful examples of Riparian forest, gallery rain forest, borassus palm forest, and short and high grass savannas. Chimps exist next to elephant, lion and buffalo as well as all of the Western Uganda species.

Staying at Semliki is like stepping back in time. It evokes the spirit of the old explorers, it piques curiosity and inspires discovery. Semliki is secluded and intimate. With a maximum of 18 guests it promises excellent service and attention to detail... and an unforgettable experience.

Guests stay in golden-hued tents with gleaming hardwood floors. Staying under canvas is one of the most romantic and exciting things to do in on safari in Africa. You hear the sounds, you feel the wind, you smell the rain before it comes. But this isn't roughing it either: the tents are protected by a thick thatch roof and feature en-suite bathrooms with running water, hot showers and flush toilets. Tea or coffee is brought to you in the morning so you can lie in bed or sit on your veranda and drink in the view before the day begins.



The main lodge – with its soaring thatched roof – is where guests gather round the chunky dining tables or sprawl in the comfy armchairs and sofas telling stories and sharing experiences. Lit by lanterns and open to the elements on one side, at Semliki you really feel like you are touching the wild.

Activities include walking safaris and game drives – there are miles of trails cut through the riverine forests that crisscross the savanna. Night drives will give you the chance to see fantastic nocturnal species. Sometimes the big cats are sighted as well as the diminutive genet and serval cats. Unusual nocturnal dwellers also show themselves such as forest elephants, white tailed mongoose and slender mongoose, standard and pennant winged nightjars depending on the time of year.



**Overnight Semliki Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

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### Day 03

Game activities (game drives | walking safaris | night drives).

*Additional activity (\$180 in total for the full trip):*

*Lake Albert Boat Trip*

*06h00 depart by road (1.5 hours) to Lake Albert for a boat experience (2 hours). On the boat trip on Lake Albert you will hopefully see the elusive and rare shoebill, visually a cross between a dodo and a dinosaur. The lake is superb: there are sand cliffs where brightly coloured colonies of red-throated bee-eaters dart in and out of their burrows, there are several fishing villages along the way, virtually untouched by the 'western world'. Then drive back to the Lodge through the borassus palm forest and the acacia savannah reveals different species of raptors and passerines.*



*Additional activity (\$30 per person):*

*Chimpanzee tracking*

*The tracking achieves a sighting success of around 50%, but irrespective, it is a fantastic forest walk enjoyed with a knowledgeable Lodge guide and a Uganda Wildlife Authority ranger.*

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### Day 04

Game activities (game drives | walking safaris | night drives).

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### Day 05

Transfer to Semliki Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Entebbe (10h20 / 11h25).

Connect onto your scheduled flight to Kidepo (12h30 / 14h45).

When you close your eyes and think of Africa, the landscape you imagine – the jagged hills, the golden grasses, the plains dotted with wildlife, the soft glowing light – is likely to be Kidepo. This is Uganda's most remote park, far away from city life (Kidepo has been voted 3<sup>rd</sup> best park in Africa by CNN TRAVELLER, 2013 and has been nominated for the World Travel Awards as the Leading Park in Africa, 2013). The vast golden green plains punctuated with craggy, rocky outcrops, reveal an even bigger sky at night. Under an impossibly bright canopy of stars, this is where we are reminded that the earth is round.



Wildlife in Kidepo is abundant. Lions, leopard, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, zebra (this is Uganda's only park where giraffe and zebra are found together), possibly Africa's largest herds of buffalo, hartebeest, waterbuck, bushbuck, warthog... the list is endless. Better still, much of it can be seen from the privacy of your veranda or your outdoor bathtub, but the best way to see the wildlife is up close: on foot, or in one of our open-top Land cruisers.

The swimming pool – deep and cool – has been carved out of the big rock. This is the kind of pool that makes you want to jump in, splashing and yelling, feeling like a kid again.

The rooms at Apoka have been built with comfort in mind. Everything is handmade by local craftsmen, everything is large and capacious. 10 expansive rooms with natural canvas walls surround a rocky kopje with endless views across the savannah. With inside sitting rooms and private verandas there are plenty of places to relax, read and sprawl. Big hand-

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hewn beds with soft duvets are draped with mosquito nets, hand-woven woolen carpets... you may be as far away from the city as you'll ever be, but you won't miss a thing. Step outside to a sheltered terrace and slip into your own outdoor stone bathtub, big enough to fit the whole family.

Do you want stride out across the savanna and walk with zebras? Spend time in a Karamojong village learning about their traditional way of life? Enjoy a sundowner in the arms of a massive fig tree? Sit and watch a breeding herd of elephant frolicking in the mud? Chat to your safari guide and the Lodge Manager and determine how you would like to discover Kidepo.



Take a walking safari or drive in an open Land cruiser along a sandy dry river bed fringed with palm trees, climb to the top of a rocky outcrop and take in the views. Guides move slowly along isolated tracks to fully appreciate all around you, looking for tracks and signs of the animals movements we can stop at any point to investigate further. Perhaps track the lions, or even cheetah, often surrounded by Zebra, Waterbuck, Jackson's Hartebeest, Warthogs, Patas monkeys and big herds of Buffalo.



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#### **Day 06**

Game activities (game drives | walking safaris | night drives).

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#### **Day 07**

Game activities (game drives | walking safaris | night drives).

**Overnight Apoka Safari Lodge, full board inclusive of all meals, non-premium brand drinks and 2 game activities per day.**

#### **Day 08**

Transfer to Kidepo Airstrip (10 minutes).

Fly on a scheduled flight from Kidepo Valley National Park to Entebbe Airport (15h00 / 16h30).

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### Safari Cost:

Complimentary prize for maximum of four people sharing two double rooms (all travelling at the same time) with the following inclusions / exclusions:

#### Included:

- Transfer to Hotel in Entebbe
- Accommodation at The Boma (or similar) (1 night) including breakfast
- Road transfer with private driver guide in a Land Cruiser to Semliki Wildlife Reserve, inclusive of water in the vehicle
- Accommodation at Semliki Safari Lodge (3 nights) including airstrip transfers, all meals, non-premium-brand drinks, 2 rate-included game activities per day (game drives in shared open vehicles), laundry
- Park entry fees in Semliki Wildlife Reserve.
- Scheduled flights and airport taxes: Semliki / Entebbe (flights currently operate daily with a minimum of 4 pax)
- Scheduled flights and airport taxes: Entebbe / Kidepo (flights currently operate Wed / Fri / Sun)
- Accommodation at Apoka Safari Lodge (3 nights) including airstrip transfers, all meals, non-premium-brand drinks, 2 rate-included game activities per day (game drives in shared open vehicles), laundry
- Park entry fees in Kidepo Valley National Park
- Scheduled flights and airport taxes: Entebbe / Kidepo (flights currently operate Wed / Fri / Sun)

#### Not included:

- Accommodation not specified
- Meals not specified
- Transfers not specified
- Premium-brand drinks throughout the itinerary and any other drinks not specified
- Any additional accommodation including any which may be needed in order to facilitate any flight connections
- Any additional activities or transfers
- All flights and airport taxes as applicable and specified in the itinerary in italics  
NB: Baggage restriction of 15kgs per person (no more) is applicable on all flights in small, soft-sided bags
- Any other items indicated in the itinerary in italics
- International flights and applicable airport departure taxes
- All passport and visa fees (Visa: US\$ 50 per person for entry into Uganda – easily obtainable at the Airport)
- Items of a personal nature: fax, telephone, etc.
- Gratuities for guide/driver/hotel staff
- Travel/medical insurance
- Trip cancellation, travel delay or baggage insurance
- Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond our control
- All statutory increases beyond our control

Note: The itinerary as above is a suggested itinerary and may need to be amended depending upon amendments in flight schedules and other circumstances.

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**Notes:**

- The auction prize is valid during JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER 2015 only.
- This auction prize is availability dependent
- This auction prize is not extendable in terms of validity dates
- This auction prize is not transferrable in any way: to other properties or service providers or to any other person apart from the allocated prize winner and their three chosen partners. It is also not transferrable or exchangeable for cash or other compensation
- The auction prize is for use by a valid prize winner + three partners (in two double rooms) as allocated / chosen by the official organisers of the Open To Grow Studio 54 Gala on 24 October 2014.
- **In order for this prize to be valid, the main auction prize winner needs to contact us by email ([sales@safariuganda.com](mailto:sales@safariuganda.com)) by no later than 31 October 2014 in order to 'register' her/himself – booking can be made at a later date within applicable validity dates**
- We will advise the prize winners on all aspects of their trip and arrange all extra services for them whilst in Uganda

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