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Jane Goodall Institute  
Australia

# UGANDA

*SAVING GREAT APES*



# 14

## DAYS



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Dr Jane Goodall believes that in order to save the great apes and other incredible species of Uganda, communities should be inspired and empowered to live in balance with wildlife and the natural environment. Protecting animals also means protecting human communities and the ecosystems they both rely on. The Jane Goodall Institute Australia (JGIA) and RAW Africa Eco-Tours offer you a life-enriching travel experience in Uganda to see firsthand the dedicated work of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI).

This unique trip will immerse you in places rich in conservation and cultural values and provide you with unforgettable wildlife encounters. Through connecting with incredible animals and visiting JGI's inspiring projects, your resolve to make the world a better place will be strengthened. You'll also develop new friendships with like-minded people.

### Support JGIA in Uganda.

#### -Purchase a sewing machine!

Since 2008 JGI has supported the empowerment of women in western Uganda. The purchase of a sewing machine will help young women to develop sustainable livelihoods through skills training such as tailoring. This reduces pressure on chimpanzee habitat and provides a reliable income.



### The Jane Goodall Institute

Founded in 1977 by renowned primatologist Dr Jane Goodall, JGI is a global nonprofit organisation that empowers people to make a difference for all living things. In Uganda, a primary focus for JGIA is the Girls Empowerment Program. The program aims to increase girls access to education, reproductive health and life skills. This in turn increases opportunities for income generation that does not impact chimpanzees and their habitat. Proceeds from this tour will assist JGIA to expand the program to include skills training in tailoring which will increase opportunities for sustainable income generation.

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### Chimpanzees and us

There are many beautiful images of Dr Jane Goodall and the chimpanzee groups Dr Goodall dedicated her life to.

The Jane Goodall Institute does not endorse handling, interacting or having close proximity to chimpanzees or other wildlife. The images used are historical and cannot be cut or shown outside the original context..

At RAW Africa Eco-Tours we support and follow this policy. We always keep in mind that chimpanzees are wild animals, and any experiences with chimpanzees on our journeys, are conducted with respect and under strict welfare guidelines.

### Key

**B:** Breakfast

**L:** Lunch

**D:** Dinner

### Day 1: Arrive Entebbe

**D**  
On arrival, we'll meet you at Entebbe International Airport and transfer you to your accommodation. There will be time to get used to your surroundings, meet your fellow travellers and get ready for your conservation safari.

### Day 2: Optional -Ngambe Chimpanzee Island

#### **B L D**

Ngambe Chimpanzee Island is a ground-breaking initiative of the Jane Goodall Institute and is now managed by the Chimpanzee Trust. After a short boat ride on Lake Victoria you will step onto this remarkable Island Sanctuary to learn more about the work involved in rebuilding the lives of these great apes. (This is an optional excursion US \$95). For those of you not visiting Ngamba Island, we will take a tour through Africa's oldest botanical gardens, Entebbe Botanical Gardens.



After lunch we will head to the Ugandan Wildlife Education Centre for an afternoon tour of the chimpanzee facilities to understand more about the role UWEC plays in caring for rescued chimpanzees in partnership with JGI.

### Day 3: Murchison Falls National Park

#### BLD

Today we will head north towards Murchison Falls National Park and the spectacular River Nile. The park was established in 1952 and is the largest in Uganda. There are around 75 species of mammal in the park and over 450 species of birds! The park is bisected by the river Nile and this tonight we will stay at our accommodation located on the banks of this mighty river.

### Day 4: Murchison Falls National Park

#### BLD

After an early breakfast we will set out on our first game drive through the rolling plains of Murchison Falls National Park. After lunch we will take a relaxing boat cruise along the great river Nile to the foot of the falls. This is where the Nile thunders through the narrow seven-metre gap to the river below, and onto Lake Albert. Spend the night outside the park at Boomu Women's Group community guest house. Enjoy a traditional dinner and learn more about the work of JGI partnerships with local communities.

### Day 5: Boomu Women's Group

#### BLD

Boomu Women's Guest House is a local development initiative supported by JGI in an effort to provide alternative incomes to communities living alongside chimpanzee populations. The Guest House is run by Edna and the women of the surrounding area. This morning Edna will take us on a stroll through the local village to give you a better understanding of life in rural Uganda. We will experience a traditional cooking class before heading to Hoima for the night.

### Day 6: JGI Uganda Projects

#### BLD

One of the greatest legacies of the Jane Goodall Institute's commitment to people and wildlife has been conservation education programs. The Roots & Shoots Education Project in Hoima is aimed at supporting the youth of Uganda and enabling them to take an active role in conservation. Visit local projects including schools, to see the "Root & Shoots" program firsthand as well as a water spring, bee keeping and community nursery programs. Each project is aimed at helping communities live alongside wildlife.



## TRIP EXTENSION

Start your great ape journey volunteering at Entebbe Zoo or Ngamba Chimpanzee Sanctuary



## TRIP DETAILS

**Tour Dates 2024:**  
18 Feb to 2 Mar

**Price:** AU \$5895 pp Twin share.  
Single supplement AU \$335

### Inclusions

- Gorilla Trekking Permit*
- Chimpanzee Trekking Permit*

All transfers, transport, activities, accommodation, water with activities, meals (as per itinerary), all tips except your RAW Africa tour leader.

### Accommodation

9 nights guest house, 1 night permanent tented camp, 1 night traditional guest house, 2 nights eco lodge.

**Group Size** Maximum 8.

### Day 7: JGI Girls Empowerment Program

**BLD**  
Today we will visit a program close to the heart of JGI- Peer to Peer Education Program. The school drop out rate in Uganda is one of the highest in Africa. By educating and empowering girls, we create confident women and sustainable livelihoods that do not rely on the fragile environment around them. This in turn protects local chimpanzee populations and their habitats.

### Day 8: Kasiisi Project - Fort Portal

**BLD**  
Today we will travel south to Fort Portal and the Kasiisi Education Project. The Kasiisi Project's area of operation is located around Kibale Forest, the first research site for chimpanzees in Uganda. We will stay at the Kasiisi Project guest house, which is located next to one of the programs schools.

### Day 9: Queen Elizabeth National Park

**BLD**  
After breakfast we will have a tour of the Kasiisi Project site and meet some of the local school children involved in programs to support the Kibale Forest. Continue south to Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP). This is the second largest park in Uganda and is home to a diverse array of wildlife including lion, leopard, elephant and various bird species. We will stay overnight at our lodge overlooking the beautiful expanses of the park.

### Day 10: Chimpanzee Trek & Kazinga Channel

**BLD**  
The Kalinzu forest, which borders Queen Elizabeth National Park, is home to several families of Chimpanzees. This will be one of the highlights of your Ugandan journey. Once you witness these amazing primates you will understand what inspired Dr Jane Goodall to dedicate her entire life to fighting for their survival. After our morning trek we will head into the park for lunch and a relaxing cruise on the Kazinga Channel which runs between Lake George and Lake Edward. Come face to face with elephant, hippo and buffalo!



### Day 11: Kisoro

#### BLD

Kisoro is located in the south western part of Uganda. Surrounded by towering extinct volcanoes and crater lakes, we will make our way to Kisoro through the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Ishasha is famous for its tree climbing lions who perch themselves in the huge fig trees in order to keep a look out for prey or to enjoy the cool breezes on a hot summer day. Tonight we will stay at Travellers Rest Guest House. The guest house was made famous by another eminent primatologist, Dian Fossey who based herself at Travellers Rest while undertaking her gorilla research in DR Congo.

### Day 12: Mountain Gorilla Trek

#### BLD

The trek to see the Mountain Gorillas will surely be a trip highlight. To spend an unforgettable day with some of the last mountain gorillas on earth will live in your memory forever. Uganda's Forest is not only famous for its spectacular Gorilla families, but also for its bird life and other forest primates.

*The Gorilla Trek will take place on day 12 or 13 of the safari and is dependent upon permit availability.*

### Day 13: Mabungo Village

#### BLD

Mabungo Village is nestled into the foothills of magnificent Mt Muhavura, on the outskirts of Kisoro. We will spend the morning visiting the village to experience traditional Ugandan life - music, dancing and food. This is one of those uplifting experiences that will stay with you for many years to come. In the afternoon we will take a short drive to Lake Mutanda where we will set out in a traditional canoe to spend the afternoon on this peaceful lake. Lake Mutanda is famous for its otters and water birds. You can either sit back and relax or grab a paddle and lend a hand.

### Day 14: Good bye Uganda

#### B

This morning we will depart Kisoro and head to Kigali, Rwanda. We will drop you at the airport for flights after 3pm or a central Kigali location, if you wish to stay and explore the beautiful capital of Rwanda. If you wish to extend your JGIA adventure, why not explore our options to visit the JGI programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo, or Rwanda.



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