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*This Year... Come See
The Breathtaking View of Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda.*



Known as the "Place of many little birds") Lake Bunyonyi lies in south western Uganda between Kisoro and Kabale close to the border with Rwanda.

Length: 25 km

Width: 7 km

Depth: Between 44 m and 900 m

What to do:

Prepare to enjoy the beautiful scenery and if you choose to you can swim in the lake as this is a popular activity. Dugout canoe excursions are a favorite activity as well. The Bird life is prolific with over 200 species in counting. Fish on the other hand are extremely scarce. The bi-weekly Rutindo market on Monday and Friday is a colorful affair attracting flotillas of canoes on the lake with basket loads of vegetables and other goods.



OFFICIAL NEW RATES FOR GORILLA TRACKING PERMITS IN UGANDA

The Uganda Wildlife Authority has officially confirmed its new rates for 2014-2015. Starting 1st January 2014 the fee of gorilla permits will increase from US\$500 to US\$600 per permit. Please note that any gorilla permits secured before 2014 are still sold at US\$500, regardless of the tracking date.

Promotional rates for gorilla permits are offered during the months of April, May and November 2014 at US\$400 per permit.

The prices for gorilla tracking permits in Parc National des Volcanoes (Rwanda) remain at US\$750 per permit.

Also starting 1st January, It will no longer be possible to purchase permits for a particular gorilla family in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, as we were able to do in the past. Instead, gorilla permits are issued per gorilla tracking sector, which is similar to the system in Rwanda. The aim of Uganda Wildlife Authority is to assign gorilla groups/families on the day of tracking.

Northern Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

1. Habinyanja Gorilla Family
2. Rushegura Gorilla Family
3. Mubare gorilla family
4. Bitukura group Family:
5. Kyaguriro Gorilla Tracking family
6. Oruzogo Gorilla Tracking family

Here is a list of Hotels that you can choose to stay in while tracking Gorillas in the Northern Sector.

1. Mahogany Springs, (Luxury)
2. Gorilla Forest Camp, (Luxury)
3. Buhoma Lodge, (Luxury)
4. Silverback Lodge, (Premium)
5. Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge, (Luxury)
6. Engagi Lodge, (Premium)
7. Lake Kitandara Camp, (Premium)
8. Gorilla Resort, (Premium)
9. Buhoma Community Rest Camp, (Budget)

Southern Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

1. Mishaya Gorilla Tracking Family
2. Kahungye Gorilla Family
3. Kahungye Gorilla Family
4. Nshongi Gorilla Family
5. Busingye Gorilla Tracking Family -This family is the newest gorilla tracking family and is still under observation.
6. Bweza Gorilla Tracking Family- This is a new gorilla tracking family so far.

And when tracking Gorillas in the Southern sector, you may choose to stay at one of these accommodations.

1. Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge, (Luxury)
2. Gorilla Safari Camp, (Luxury)
3. Nkuringo Gorilla Camp, (Premium/Budget)
4. Lake Mutanda Resort, (Premium)
5. Chameleon Hill Lodge, (Luxury)
6. Kisoro Travelers Rest, (Budget)

EAST AFRICA LAUNCHES TOURIST VISA IN UK

East African countries Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya jointly launched the border-cross tourist visa which will be effective from 1 January 2014. The official launch was celebrated at the World Travel Market in the UK on 5th November 2013.

In the past, tourists traveling between the neighboring East African country had to obtain a separate visa for each nation. However, thanks to the introduction of the joint tourist visa, visitors will now be able to cross

countries and combine countries on a single trip with only one visa.

The Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda joint visa will cost \$100. The aim is to simplify travel arrangements as well as creating a new brand for the whole region, opening up opportunities for joint marketing campaigns. Uganda Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities Minister Maria Mutagamba said: "We are proud to invite our future tourists to experience a more accessible eastern Africa region. Visitors to our region will benefit from the new, more convenient multi-nation visa and will see the improvements in security, immigration systems, infrastructure and capacity building that this system brings."

Benefit from the East Africa Tourist Visa and enjoy Rwanda's rolling hills and rare mountain gorillas, Uganda's waterfalls and majestic lions and Kenya's sandy beaches! Contact Churchill Safaris for a tailor-made East African safari package!



NEW!!!

CHURCHILL SAFARIS TO OPEN UP A CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTER WITH ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Are you planning for a fantastic trip to Uganda and looking for the perfect breaking point on the long and dusty road between Murchison Falls to Kibale which takes approximately eleven hours?

Do you need the right accommodation as you enjoy the entertaining activities that the African rich culture has to offer?

The New Hoima Cultural and Recreational Center will give you just that; from comfort to fascination. All you have to do is Book it!

Opening April 2014.

Watch out for more details in our next Newsletter.

Global Travel Budgets On the Rise: Visa's Latest Travel Barometer Confirms Industry Growth

Visa announced the results of its latest iteration of its Global Travel Intentions Study series - a look into the behavioral trends of today's traveler. Responses from the 12,631 travelers from the 25 countries surveyed are split by region and include destination choice, spending habits, budgets, transport preferences and future intentions, all of which reveal a thriving and rapidly evolving travel landscape.

One of the most interesting findings is that budgets are no longer the top concern when choosing a holiday destination. The pull of attractions, scenery and rich cultural experiences

are now stronger reasons for travel.

As if that wasn't good news enough for the Travel and Tourism industry, the Study also showed that global travel budgets are set to increase. While global average budgets for travelers will increase by at least five percent, travelers from Asian markets are expected to increase their budgets by an average of 46 percent.

In developing economies particularly, tourism provides a gateway to economic progress and electronic payments have played an important role by allowing countries to capture greater tourist spending and providing travelers with a form of exchange that is secure and convenient.

By identifying changes and developments that allow for a better understanding of the Travel and Tourism environment, the Study is part of Visa's commitment to increase the collective level of information that the industry can use to make intelligent decisions - to benefit both the traveler and the industry at large. Cross-border understanding and co-ordination have never been more important for the Travel and Tourism industry, and Visa is committed to using the results of the Global Travel Intentions Study 2013 to help private and public partners understand and meet global demand, promoting growth across the industry.

Source: Visa

ITB BERLIN, 2014

This March, be part of Churchill Safaris as we participate in this year's ITB Berlin Travel Trade show from 5th-9th 2014.

Churchill Safaris will be on Stand Hall 21A and our Booth Number is 116. Make an appointment with us to discuss how we can work together in 2014/2015 and Managing Director, Ether Birungi Kyambadde will be pleased to meet with you. Or, make a stop at our Booth and get more information about your next safari trip to Uganda and Rwanda and lots more travel information to Africa.

Make an appointment with us:

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QUOTE:

WHEN THE ELDERLY ONES IN THE HOUSE TRAVEL, THE YOUNGER ONES GROW IN EXPERIENCE

GROUP TOURS

1. **February 23rd- 4th March 2014**
2. **April 19th-2nd May 2014**
3. **July 16th - 19th 2014**

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