

## “Birding in Uganda”

**7 days, nature relax-active**

### Day 1: Kibale National Park



- From Kampala, drive through green hills of Uganda to Kibale National Park approximately 5-6 hours with birding en route
- The Park hosts 335 species of birds with the greatest variety & concentration of primates in East Africa
- Bird species: **red-winged francolin, red-chested flufftail, white-naped pigeon, green-breasted pitta, joyful greenbul, grey-winged robin, Abyssinian ground thrush and many others**
- Night at Fort Portal

### Day 2: Kibale National Park



- Leave hotel at 7am
- **Follow a forest trail radiating out from the visitor center of the Park**
- Optional: Chimpanzee trekking in the Park or night trekking to spot the nocturnal primates and other species
- Bird species: **grey-throated flycatcher, white bellied crested flycatcher, masked & black-capped apalis, Uganda woodland warbler, chestnut-winged starling, orange-tufted and tiny sunbirds**
- Night at Fort Portal

### Day 3: Semliki Valley Wildlife Reserve



- Leave Kibale heading north to Semliki Valley Wildlife Reserve.
- Picnic lunch along the way
- The reserve is home **to 35% of Uganda’s bird species**, some of which cannot be found else where in East Africa like **horn bills** and **lyre tailed honey guide**
- Bird species: **African pygmy goose, red-necked falcon, Abyssinian ground hornbill, blue-breasted bee-eater, black-billed barbet, piapiac, leaflove and black-chinned quail-finch**
- Night at the Reserve

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#### Day 4: Budongo Forest Reserve



- Leave for Budongo Forest Reserve, the largest natural forest area in East Africa
- **Best site in Uganda for a number of sought-after birds** such as **Nahan's francolin, Cassin's spinetail, ituri batis and chestnut-capped flycatcher** with superb trails and a wide track known as "**The Royal Mile**"
- The Royal Mile is considered as the country's premier forest birding locality and the best place in Uganda to see **chocolate-backed, blue-breasted and African dwarf kingfishers**

#### Day 5: Murchison Falls National Park



- After an early morning breakfast, **drive to the Royal Mile and spend the whole day birding here**
- In the evening, transfer to Murchison Falls National Park, have a game drive entering the park with dense woodland and open grassland savannah, papyrus swamps, moist woodland and grassy under storey, borrasus palm forest, lakeshores and riverbanks.
- Bird species: **Egyptian plover, secretary bird, silver bird, Denham's bustard, rock platincoles, wire-tailed swallow, swallow-tailed bee-eater and many more.**
- Night at the Park

#### Day 6: Murchison Falls National Park



- **Go for a boat trip to the foot of Murchison Falls** or down river to the delta where the Nile empties into Lake Albert. The banks of the Nile are home to huge Nile crocodiles, big pods of hippos and other wildlife that may come down to drink from the river
- Bird species: **secretary bird, black chested snake eagle, tawny and marshal eagles, carmine and swallow tailed bee-eaters**
- **Night at the Park**

#### Day 7: Murchison Falls National Park - Kampala



- Early game **drive to the top of Murchison Falls where you can have a close look in to the gorge where the Nile squeezes in to a 7-metre gorge dropping 40 meters with spectacular rainbows**
- Lunch en route
- Drive to Entebbe according to the time of the flight