

The Warriner School

Uganda Expedition

*Queen Elizabeth National Park, Trekking in the Ruwenzori
Mountains, Community Project and Lake Victoria*



Summer 2009

The trip...



Day 1 – Leave London

Our journey begins in London with our evening flight to Entebbe, which is on the outskirts of Kampala, the capital of Uganda.

Day 2 – Red Chilli Hideaway

Today we will arrive in Entebbe late in the day and be taken to our camp site.

Day 3 – Red Chilli Hideaway

Today we will relax after our journey, meet our guides and familiarise ourselves with the equipment and tent that will become our home for the next couple of weeks.

Days 4, 5 & 6 - Community Project: Kigezi School

In the early morning we will have breakfast and drive to Kigezi School to get started on our community project working with the school. The school is situated in Kabale District in the south west of Uganda. We will camp at the school.



Day 7 – Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Today we have an early start as we leave for the Queen Elizabeth National Park which is in the southern Ishasha sector.

Set majestically in the shadow of the Rwenzori, flanking Lakes Edward and George, the lush savannah of Queen Elizabeth National Park offers prime grazing to buffalo, elephant and various antelope. A checklist of 600-plus bird species testifies to the extraordinary ecological diversity of this park.

In these remote southern Ishasha Plains we may observe the rare tree-climbing lions and enjoy various game drives. These are spectacular as we are treated to a myriad of insect noises and animal calls including the occasional elephant trumpet!

On arrival at the camp site we will put up our tents and then relax for the evening. Tonight we will camp at Ishasha

Day 8 – Game Drive & Katwe Salt Lake

Today we will take an early morning game drive through the southern sector, and if we are lucky we may have the chance of seeing the famous tree climbing lions. Drives here are spectacular as we are treated to a myriad of insect noises and animal calls including the occasional elephant trumpet!

In the afternoon we continue to the north of the Park where we will spend the next three nights. On the way we will stop to see the traditional salt mines that are mined through use of the old traditional methods of evaporation. Tonight we will camp at Mweya camp site.

Day 9 – Game Drive and Boat Cruise

We take an early morning game drive along the Kasenyi area of the Park.

In the afternoon we will take a river cruise along the Kazinga channel. Tonight we camp at the Mweya camp site.

Day 10 – Kyambura Gorge Chimp Trek & Game Cruise

After breakfast we drive to the Kyambura Gorge for an early morning chimp trek. We will drive back to our camp for lunch. In the afternoon we will cruise the Kazinga Channel hoping to spot wildlife. Tonight we camp at the Mweya camp site.



Day 11 – Kasenyi wildlife

We will take an early morning game drive along the Kasenyi for wildlife viewing. Tonight we camp at the Mweya camp site.

Day 12 - Rwenzori Mountains National Park

After an incredibly rewarding experience, we continue to the foothills of the Rwenzori – the highest mountain range in Africa. Rising from the Rift Valley floor to a height of 5,109m, within the National Park are large tracts of evergreen and bamboo forest, while the higher moorland zone is known for its cover of giant heathers.

The next three days will be spent trekking a challenging stretch of the Rwenzori Loop Trail, pausing frequently as we pass through scented forests to admire the stunning scenery set against the amazing backdrop of the towering peaks of Mount Stanley.

From here we start a 5-6 hour trek into the mountains until we reach our accommodation for the night. Tonight we stay at the Nyabitaba Hut where we will also take our evening meal.

Day 13- Trekking: Kurt Shafer Bridge & Namileju

After breakfast we trek to the Kurt Shafer Bridge. You will notice that the first few hours of the trek will be the easiest, changing to a steeper and rockier path as we enter the moorland zone where there are prolific heathers. Lunch will be at Nyamileju where we will find some huts as well as a rock shelter. After that we will continue for a couple more hours, passing through a giant moss forest, before arriving at our accommodation for the night. Tonight we will stay at the John Matte Hut.

Day 14- Bigo Bogs & Lake Bujuku

We start our trekking today through the Bigo Bogs, passing through impressive vegetation along the way, including the spiny purplish lobelia boquaerti and gigantic groundsels. This trek could take up to 5 hours, but this depends on the conditions of the two Bigo Bogs. On the way to the hut we will pass Lake Bujuku which is magnificently located between Mounts Stanley, Speke and Baker. Tonight we will stay at the Bujuku Hut.

Day 15 - Nyabitaba and Masaka

Today we complete our trekking by descending to Nyabitaba and from then on to Masaka. Tonight we will stay at a Hotel in Masaka.

Day 16 – Relax at Lake Victoria

It is now time for some well-deserved relaxation. After breakfast, we will take a ferry ride through Kalangala to Sesse Island on the shores of Lake Victoria. Tonight we will camp at the Mirembe Resort Beach.

Day 17 – Sesse Island Beach: Picnic and Football

We will relax today and have a picnic on the shores of Lake Victoria, where the locals may well challenge us to a game of football. Tonight we will camp at the Mirembe Resort Beach.

Day 18 – Boat ride and Nature Walk

In the morning we will take a boat ride to discover the beauty of the neighbouring islands and view the fantastic scenery. Tonight we will camp at the Mirembe Resort Beach.

Day 19 – Back to Entebbe

In the morning we will leave Sessi Island through Kalangala on our way to Entebbe for our evening flight to London.

Day 20 – Arrive in London

After an incredibly exhilarating experience, we arrive back in the UK.



The Itinerary

While Far Frontiers Expeditions will make every effort to provide the itinerary as presented, this is sometimes not possible and your patience and understanding are requested if the itinerary should change.