



# THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI COMPANY

with Christopher Kidd

## Uganda Safaris 2011

### Key information



- Dates: 26<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and 14<sup>th</sup> November – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011
- Cost: \$6500 per photographer, \$4000 per non-photographer (excluding gorilla permits)
- Group Size: Min 4 photographers, max 6 photographers
- Duration: 13 days
- Safari Host: Dr. Christopher Kidd

### The Albertine Rift Valley

This is a once in a lifetime safari that brings together two must do activities, trekking the endangered Mountain Gorillas and watching herds of game travel across the rolling savannahs of East Africa. This trip will traverse the western edge of the great Rift Valley, known as the Albertine Rift Valley. Our route will take in Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, Murchison Falls National Park (MFNP), Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP), Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (BINP) and finally Lake Mburo National Park (LMNP). As well as the chance to photograph the endangered Mountain Gorilla you will also get the chance to photograph elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, zebra, antelope, hippopotamus and crocodile as well as a dazzling variety of birds. In 2011 The Photographic Safari Company will be running just two exclusive trips in Uganda catering for a maximum number of six photographers per trip. If you want to join us then get in touch as soon as possible. Book your place and begin preparing for your dream photographic safari in Uganda.



### Safari Highlights

- 13 days of photography in one of the world's top locations, the 'Pearl of Africa'.
- Two treks to meet the world's last remaining Mountain Gorillas face to face.
- Landscapes ranging from afro-montane forests, equatorial savannahs, to papyrus swamps.
- Maximum number of 6 photographers on this safari.



### Price includes

- All entry fees to national parks.
- All transport, transfers, accommodation, and meals for the duration of the safari.
- The services of Chris Kidd, and all guides, rangers and drivers.
- A pre-trip information pack as soon as clients sign-up for a safari
- A complimentary gift pack on arrival in Uganda



### Price excludes

- Return airfares to Entebbe, Uganda.
- Gorilla Permit fees which are \$500 each (this may rise to \$750 in 2011).
- All gratuities and tips for guides, rangers, drivers, and park and hotel staff.
- All drinks, visa fees, laundry services, items of a personal nature.
- All costs of insurance, passports, immunisations.



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### The Photographic Safari Company

The Photographic Safari Company was set up by Dr. Christopher Kidd in 2010 with the singular vision of offering dedicated photographic safaris in Uganda. These specialised photographic safaris enable photographers to maximise their time in Uganda by offering tailor-made itineraries, specifically designed to make the most out of Uganda's beauty. The dedicated safaris offered by The Photographic Safari Company are once in a lifetime experiences for photographers of all skill levels and every safari ensures that you return home with a new range of skills, life changing memories, and an incredible portfolio of Uganda's famous wildlife.

### Dr. Christopher Kidd

Chris is a social anthropologist, photographer and educator. Born and raised in Scotland, his connection to East Africa started in 1998 aged 18 years. After being chased by a hippo on his first full day in Africa Chris was instantly hooked. In the intervening years Chris has managed hotels, taught in schools, set up charities and later carried out research for his doctorate in anthropology. In 2010, Chris decided to unite his passion for wildlife and photography with his love of Uganda in The Photographic Safari Company. Through this company Chris offers you the chance to join dedicated photographic safaris that are informed by his deep knowledge of Uganda and its wildlife ensuring that each guest makes the most of each and every day you spend in Uganda. With his diverse experience in the wildlife, landscapes and peoples of Uganda, alongside his passion for photography, Chris is the ideal host to lead photographers through the spectacle of Uganda.

### What makes dedicated photographic safaris special?

Dedicated photographic safaris sole aim begins and ends with each photographers desire to capture the essence of Africa's wildlife. The Photographic Safari Company works tirelessly so that each photographer is in the best position, at the right moment, every time. And when that moments comes we ensure that there is not someone else standing in front of you! Each photographer will be guaranteed a dedicated row on each game drive or boat launch to ensure you have the optimum access to every photographic opportunity. Dedicated photographic safaris allow photographers to spend as much time as they need to get the shots they desire. Decisions on which locations to visit and how long to stay at each site will be made by the photographers on each safari. With The Photographic Safari Company, if you want to spend the entire day out in the field to get that one shot, we will to everything we can to make sure you do not come back until you get it. Each photographer will get personalised support from Chris both out on game drives in one to one tuition and also back at the lodges through a series of informal workshops. Importantly, each safari will involve as much photographic time as we can cram in.

Our dedicated photographic safaris are not reserved for experienced and skilled photographers. Anyone who wants to travel to Africa and return with a collection of rewarding and memorable photographs will get a great deal from our safaris. The Photographic Safari Company welcomes partners or non-photographers on their safaris. Non-photographers will receive a discount to the cost of their safari.



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## Trip Itinerary



Pre-trip: Arrival in Uganda

Accommodation on the first night will be at The Boma in Entebbe.



Day 1: Travel to Murchison Falls National Park (via Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary)

The first day of the safari will making the journey north to Murchison Falls National Park. On the way we will stop off at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Guests will have the chance to go on a walking safari and get up and close to these magnificent animals. We will stay at the stunning Nile Safari Lodge throughout our time in Murchison.

Day 2+3: Murchison Falls National Park

Days two and three will be spent entirely in Uganda's largest national park where the mighty Nile River flows through a gap of only a few metres. As well as game drives the trip will also take in a private boat launch which will allow you unrivalled views of the falls themselves as well as elephant, giraffe, buffalo, hippo and crocodile.



Day 4: Travel to Fort Portal

Day four sees the safari travel south towards Queen Elizabeth National Park. The drive between Murchison and Queen Elizabeth national parks involves a lot of hours on the road so we will spend a relaxing night at the elegant Kyaninga Lodge near Fort Portal and get a chance to photograph the stunning crater lakes in the area.



Day 5 + 6: QE

Days five and six are spent exclusively in QENP which supports 95 mammal species and a remarkable 612 species of birds. Residents of the park include elephants, cape buffalo, Uganda kob, waterbuck, warthog, giant forest hog, lion, leopard and hyena. The safari will take in a private boat launch along the famous Kazinga Channel and drives to photograph the stunning crater lakes. We will spend our time staying in the fabulous Jacana Safari Lodge.



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## Day 7 + 8: Travel to Ishasha

Day seven and eight sees the safari travel to the southern section of QENP, home to the famous Ishasha Tree Climbing Lions. Ishasha lies 100Km south of the northern sector of QENP and provides a true wilderness experience. Ishasha we will stay at the exclusive Ishasha Wilderness Tented Camp.



## Day 9: Travel to Bwindi

After a morning game drive in Ishasha the trip will move on to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, home to half of the remaining Mountain Gorillas. After each trek we will be relaxing at the breathtaking SilverBack Lodge.

## Day 10 + 11: Bwindi

Days ten and eleven will be spent tracking the Mountain Gorillas. As time spent with the gorillas is restricted to only one hour per visit, each photographer will have two opportunities to visit the gorillas to maximize their chances of getting breathtaking photographs with these majestic animals.



## Day 12: Travel to Lake Mburo

After a relaxing morning and a chance to rest tired legs, the safari will begin to make its way back to Entebbe. However on the way we will spend the last night at Lake Mburo National Park where photographers will be able to enjoy a boat trip as well as game drives. The group will spend the night at the classic Kimbla-Mantana Camp.

## Day 13: Travel to Entebbe

Day thirteen of the trip will return us to Entebbe after a final morning game drive in Lake Mburo. For those not travelling immediately, accommodation will be provided at The Boma.

For more information please get in touch.

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