



3 DAYS SEMULIKI NATIONAL PARK TOUR

Overview

Semuliki National Park is found in Bundibugyo District in western Uganda, on the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo. The park supports an extension of the Ituri forest, a Central African lowland rainforest which stretches from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The forest harbors many species from central Africa which cannot be found in other parts of Uganda. In the park, the forest meets East African savanna grasslands rich with big game.

This 3 day tour offers a trek to the iconic Sempaya Hotsprings, tracking the elusive Chimps in the ituri forest, a boat ride on Lake Albert to spot some aquatic life and a game drive through the savanna to observe some game.

Itinerary details

Day 1: Travel to Semuliki Sempaya Hot Springs Trail Trek.

Your pick-up is set at 7.30am. Drive to western Uganda reaching Fort Portal by mid-day, stopover for a meal and thereafter continue to Semuliki National Park. Check in at the park offices where you are to meet the park guides and set out to trek the Sempaya Hot Springs trail. Watch out for monkeys and birds along the trek. The springs eject boiling geysers 2 meters into the air. The pool boils at 103oC and to experiment the hotness of the water you will place eggs or bananas in the boiling water and indeed within 10 minutes, they will be ready to eat. After returning from the Hot Springs trek that will last at least 2 hours (including time at the springs), transfer to your accommodation for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Options: Luxury, Mid-range

Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Chimpanzee tracking in Semuliki Forest, afternoon game drive/boat ride

Have early breakfast by 6.30am and transfer to the ranger station in Toro-Semuliki wildlife reserve, meet the rangers for briefing before setting out for the trek in Semuliki Forest to track a group of Chimps undergoing habituation. You are also chanced to observe plenty of wildlife unique to the park. This is an extension of the Ituri forest of the Congo and thus contains many central African birds, plants and animal species which are not found in any other park of Uganda. After the forest, the vegetation cover is continued by the East African savanna grasslands. Finding the chimps is not guaranteed because they move widely, from the forest to the savanna as they search for food. The rangers monitor their movements and will do their best. The trek also offers wonderful views of the Semuliki escarpment and the lush rift valley landscape. Return to the lodge for lunch and relaxation.

In the afternoon you shall transfer to Lake Albert for a boat ride, enjoy the ride while observing some wildlife including birds and hippos. The Shoebill is a commonly searched on Lake Albert though quite elusive.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Morning Game Drive

Have a quick cup of tea and head out for the game drive in the Toro-Semuliki wildlife reserve to see some animals including antelopes, buffaloes, elephants among others. Return for breakfast, check out and leave for Kampala. You shall stopover in Fort Portal for lunch.

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