

PRIVATE UGANDA SAFARI

Uganda's Wildlife Wonders

Experience the thrill of gorilla trekking and diverse wildlife across Uganda's iconic national parks in 11 days.

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Safari Overview

Destinations visited: Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, Murchison Falls, Kibale Forest, Queen Elizabeth National Park, and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

This 11-day private Uganda safari moves with a polished rhythm: rhinos at Ziwa, the Nile at Murchison Falls, chimpanzee forest in Kibale, the wildlife waterways of Queen Elizabeth, and the deep green arrival into Bwindi for mountain gorillas. It is built for travelers who want the headline moments, but also the quieter transitions between them: good lodges, measured drives, and time to feel the country change.

Safari Summary

DAY	ITINERARY
Day 1	Arrive in Entebbe and settle in gently
Days 2-4	Rhinos, Murchison Falls, Nile boat cruise to the falls, and safari mornings
Days 5-6	Kibale forest, chimpanzee tracking, and crater country
Days 7-8	Queen Elizabeth plains, Kazinga Channel, Lake Katwe, and optional lion tracking
Days 9-10	Bwindi forest, gorilla trekking, and Batwa cultural encounter
Day 11	Fly back to Entebbe for departure or a final overnight

Detailed Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Entebbe, Ease into Uganda

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** 45 minutes
- **Meals:** As per arrival time
- **Included Activities:** Airport pickup and private transfer
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Entebbe



Arrive at Entebbe International Airport, where your team meets you and takes over the first details. The transfer is intentionally gentle: a short drive, a quiet check-in, and time to recover from the flight before the safari begins in earnest.

If your arrival time allows, you can add a light introduction to Kampala or a boat trip through Mabamba Swamp in search of the shoebill stork. Nothing is forced on the first day; the aim is to arrive well and start with calm.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (ENTEBBE)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **MID-RANGE** Papyrus Guest House
- **LUXURY** Hotel No. 5

Day 2 - Ziwa Rhinos and the Road to Murchison Falls

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** Approx. 6-8 hrs to Murchison
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Included Activities:** Ziwa rhino tracking, safari game drives, Nile boat cruise to the falls, Top of the Falls
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Murchison Falls area



Leave Kampala or Entebbe after breakfast and travel north toward **Murchison Falls National Park**. Break the journey at Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, where a guided walk brings you close to Uganda's endangered rhinos and one of the country's most important conservation stories.

Continue to Murchison Falls, Uganda's largest national park and one of its great wildlife landscapes. The Victoria Nile cuts through the park, shaping riverbanks, woodland, open plains, and the dramatic falls that give the journey its first big sense of scale.

Before checking in, visit and hike the **Top of the Falls**. The river Nile narrows into a seven-meter rock gorge and drops with astonishing force at forty-three meters below toward Lake Albert. It is a strong, memorable way to stretch your legs after the drive and feel the power of the park before dinner.

Continue to your lodge for dinner, a slower evening, and your first night in the Murchison Falls area along this safari.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (MURCHISON FALLS)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **MID-RANGE** Pakuba Safari Lodge / Bamboo Village Lodge
- **LUXURY** Paraa Safari Lodge

Day 3 - Murchison Safari Morning and Nile Boat Cruise

After an early breakfast, set out for a morning game drive while the plains are still cool. Giraffes are spotted feeding from the acacias, elephants browse near the tracks, and your guide works patiently for lions, leopard, buffalo, antelope, warthog, and the birds that animate the riverine woodland.

Murchison rewards slow looking. Buffalo may be found wallowing in muddy pockets, kob gather across the open grass, and predators are often read through tracks, alarm calls, and the behaviours of the herds before they are seen. This safari experience takes 2-4 hours, before returning to your lodge for hot lunch.

In the afternoon, board a boat on the Victoria Nile and cruise toward the base of Murchison Falls. Hippos surface close to the boat, crocodiles hold the banks, elephants come down to drink, and the sound of the falls grows steadily louder as the river narrows. Return to your lodge for relaxation, dinner and overnight.



Day 4 - A Slower Second Day in Murchison

This day gives Murchison breathing room. Notably the size of the park, your guide or ranger may choose different tracks to spot different wildlife species, or return to the tracks at sunrise for animals you may have missed, or simply enjoy the park in a softer mood as the light comes over the savannah. In the afternoon, you can rest at your lodge, watch the river life, and later add another evening drive safari if you still want more wildlife time before overnight.



Day 5 - From Big Game to Kibale's Primate Forest

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** 6-7 hrs from Murchison Falls area to Kibale Forest region
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Included Activities:** Scenic transfer through tea estates and crater lake region
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Kibale / Fort Portal



After the open country of Murchison Falls safari, the route slopes toward western Uganda and begins to soften into tea estates, crater lakes, small villages, and cooler highlands. The day is a scenic transfer toward **Kibale National Park**, where the safari changes from wildlife big-game plains to chimpanzee tracking in forest.

If timing allows, add a guided walk around Bigodi Wetland. The experience is quiet and rewarding: papyrus edges, local homesteads, monkeys moving through the trees, and the flash of birds such as the Great Blue Turaco. It adds a human and ecological layer before chimpanzee tracking.

For travelers who want a deeper forest day, chimpanzee habituation can sometimes replace the standard tracking experience at an additional fee. Availability is limited and should be requested early, because only a small number of visitors are allowed each day.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (KIBALE FOREST)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **MID-RANGE** Isunga Lodge / Turaco Treetops
- **LUXURY** Ndali Lodge

Day 6 - Chimpanzee Tracking in Kibale Forest and Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** 3 hrs to Queen Elizabeth National Park
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Included Activities:** Chimpanzee tracking, scenic transfer to Kazinga Channel
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Queen Elizabeth / Kazinga area



After an early breakfast, your guide takes you to the Kibale Forest briefing point. The **chimpanzee tracking** walk begins quietly under the canopy, then builds with distant calls, shaking branches, and the energy of chimpanzees moving through the forest. Once found, you spend time watching their social world, intelligence, and quick expressive behaviours. Your guide will interpret nature while you take memorable photographs.

After successful chimpanzee tracking, embark on a scenic transfer toward **Queen Elizabeth National Park** through the western rift landscape, with crater lakes, hills, villages, and long views giving the afternoon drive its own sense of arrival.

Day 7 - Queen Elizabeth National Park Plains and Kazinga Channel Boat Cruise

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** Moderate game-drive sectors in park
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Included Activities:** 2 safari game drives, Kazinga Channel boat cruise
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Queen Elizabeth National Park



Start early on the Kasenyi plains, where crater country opens into classic savannah. Your guide or ranger searches for lions, elephants, buffalo, Uganda kob, antelope, and leopard around the thickets and tracks, reading the morning carefully rather than rushing from sighting to sighting.

In the afternoon, take a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel between Lakes George and Edward. This is one of Uganda's wildlife waterways, with hippos, crocodiles, elephants, buffalo, pelicans, fish eagles, and constant movement along the banks.

If energy and timing allow, add a later game drive to catch the park in a different light and give yourself another chance for wildlife missed in the morning, while also taking in beautiful sunsets with the Rwenzori Mountains.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **MID-RANGE** Eshamwa Lodge / Bush Lodge
- **LUXURY** Elephant Hab Lodge / Buffalo Safari Lodge

Day 8 - Lake Katwe, Salt Stories and Optional Lion Tracking

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** Local activity transfers within safari corridor
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Included Activities:** Lake Katwe salt mining and optional lion tracking
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Queen Elizabeth / Ishasha area



Visit Lake Katwe for a grounded cultural stop beside the salt pans. The landscape is stark, mineral, and quietly beautiful, and local miners share how salt has been gathered here for generations inside the Queen Elizabeth landscape.

After the salt excursion, return to your lodge or continue toward the next overnight area, keeping the afternoon comfortable and unhurried.

For travelers who want a more research-led wildlife experience, lion tracking can be arranged when available. You join a guided conservation activity that uses tracking equipment to help locate and monitor lions while learning about behavior, habitat, and protection work in the park.

Other experiential activities may include mongoose tracking, hippo census work, or bird counts. These are limited, scheduled experiences and should be booked in advance so the day remains smooth and respectful to the wildlife.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (QUEEN ELIZABETH / ISHASHA)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **BUDGET** Enshamwe Lodge
- **MID-RANGE** Elephant hab, Buffalo Safari Lodge
- **LUXURY** Mweya Safari Lodge

Day 9 - Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park for Gorilla Trekking

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** Approx. 4-6 hrs to Bwindi Forest
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Included Activities:** Gorilla trekking permit activity and Batwa cultural encounter
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Bwindi Impenetrable Forest



Travel south through rolling highlands toward **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park**. The road climbs into cooler air, terraced hills, and dense green ridges until the savannah gives way to rainforest. Arrive at the lodge, settle in, and let the evening stay quiet before the gorilla trekking day.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (BWINDI NATIONAL PARK)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **MID-RANGE** Bakiga Lodge / Broadbill Camp
- **LUXURY** Ruhija Gorilla Safari Lodge / Kiho Gorilla Safari Lodge

Day 10 - Mountain Gorilla Trekking Experience

Today is the big day. Prepare yourself for an encounter with Bwindi's gentle giants: the rare mountain gorilla. For most people, this is the absolute highlight of their Uganda safari. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is home to mountain gorillas and chimpanzees,

the only forest in Africa known for this remarkable combination. The forest also hosts five other primate species, 113 mammal species, more than 200 butterflies, and around 360 bird species.

You wake early and continue to the visitor reception centre for a briefing about the park. After the briefing, you are allocated guides before heading into the forest in search of mountain gorillas.

The gorillas you track belong to habituated family groups that can tolerate the presence of humans for a brief period each day. Your trek is an exciting journey along forested slopes, entwined vines, bushes, and bamboo before you eventually reach the gorillas' habitat.

After the trek or on the following available schedule, spend time with Batwa pygmy hosts whose history is deeply tied to the forest. The encounter is best approached with respect: stories, music, forest knowledge, and memory are shared in the landscape that shaped their identity.

The Batwa pygmy experience helps travelers understand more than the wildlife story of Bwindi. It adds the human history of forest life, displacement, adaptation, and cultural continuity alongside the conservation story of the gorillas.

Return to the lodge for a slow evening. After the forest, the best luxury Uganda experience is often simple: warm food, quiet air, and time to let the gorilla encounter settle.



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (BWINDI)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **BUDGET** Buhoma Community Rest Camp
- **MID-RANGE** Broadbill Forest Camp
- **LUXURY** Buhoma Lodge

Day 11 - Domestic Flight from Bwindi to Entebbe and Departure

DAILY SNAPSHOT

- **Drive Time:** Transfer to Kihikihi airstrip and domestic flight to Entebbe
- **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch (depending on flight schedule)
- **Included Activities:** Airstrip transfer and flight logistics support
- **Overnight (Planned Tier):** Departure day / optional Entebbe add-on night

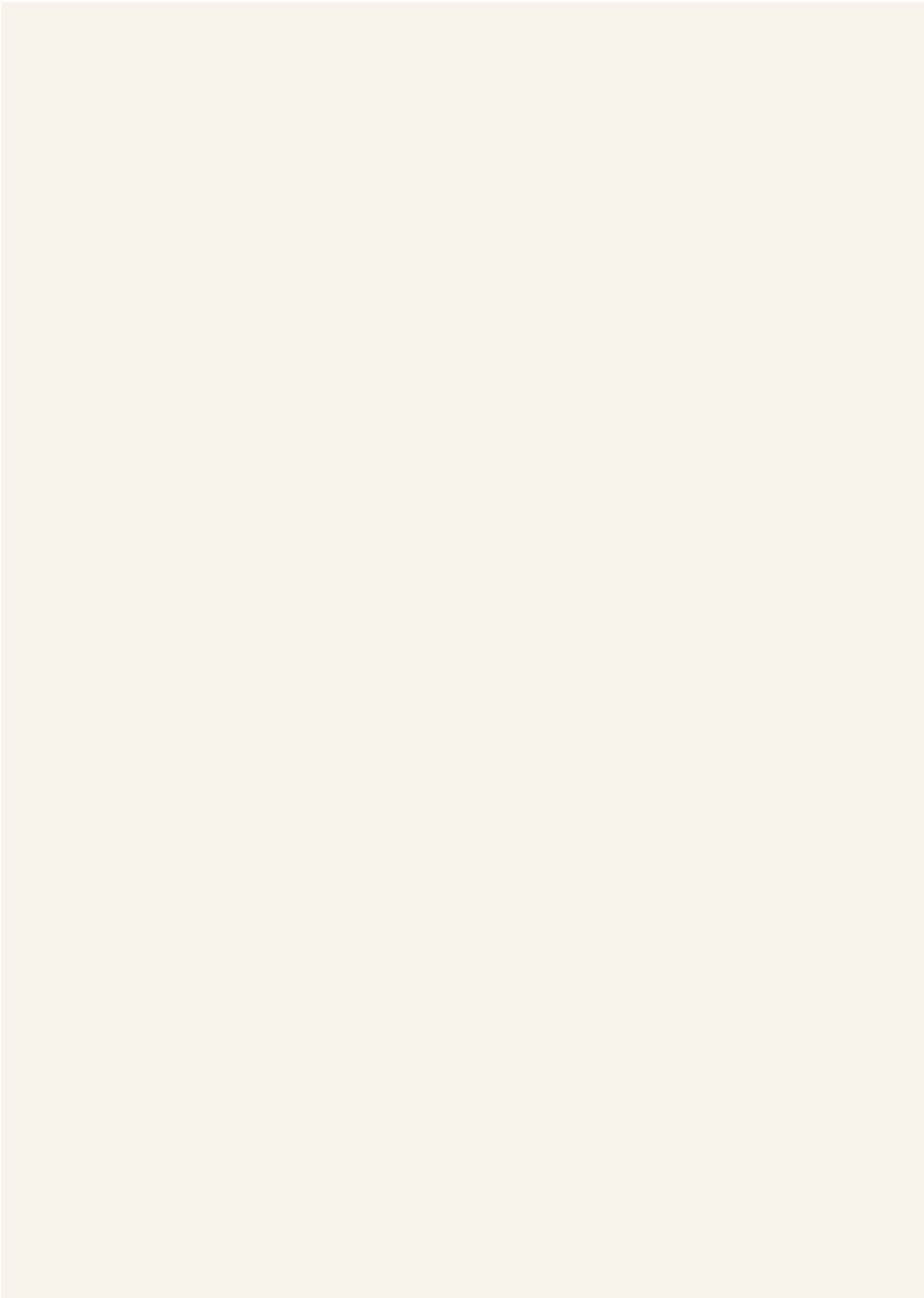
After breakfast, transfer to Kihikihi airstrip for your scheduled domestic flight back to Entebbe. Depending on your onward flight, you may connect directly, rest in Entebbe, or add a final overnight. The Uganda safari ends with time to look back across the rhinos at Ziwa Sanctuary, Murchison Falls' River Nile, chimpanzee tracking, open plains, forest paths, and the small human moments that made the route feel personal.

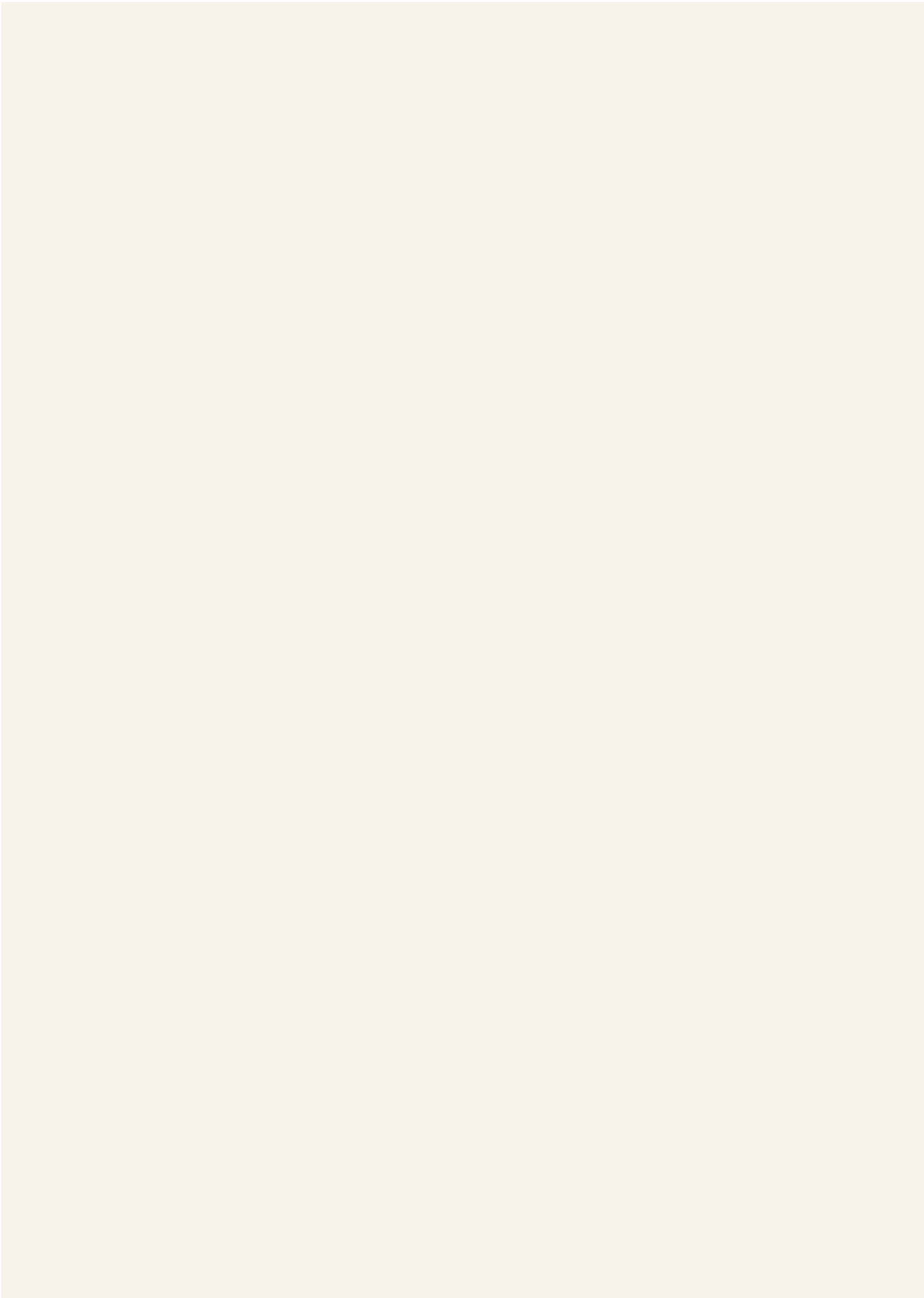


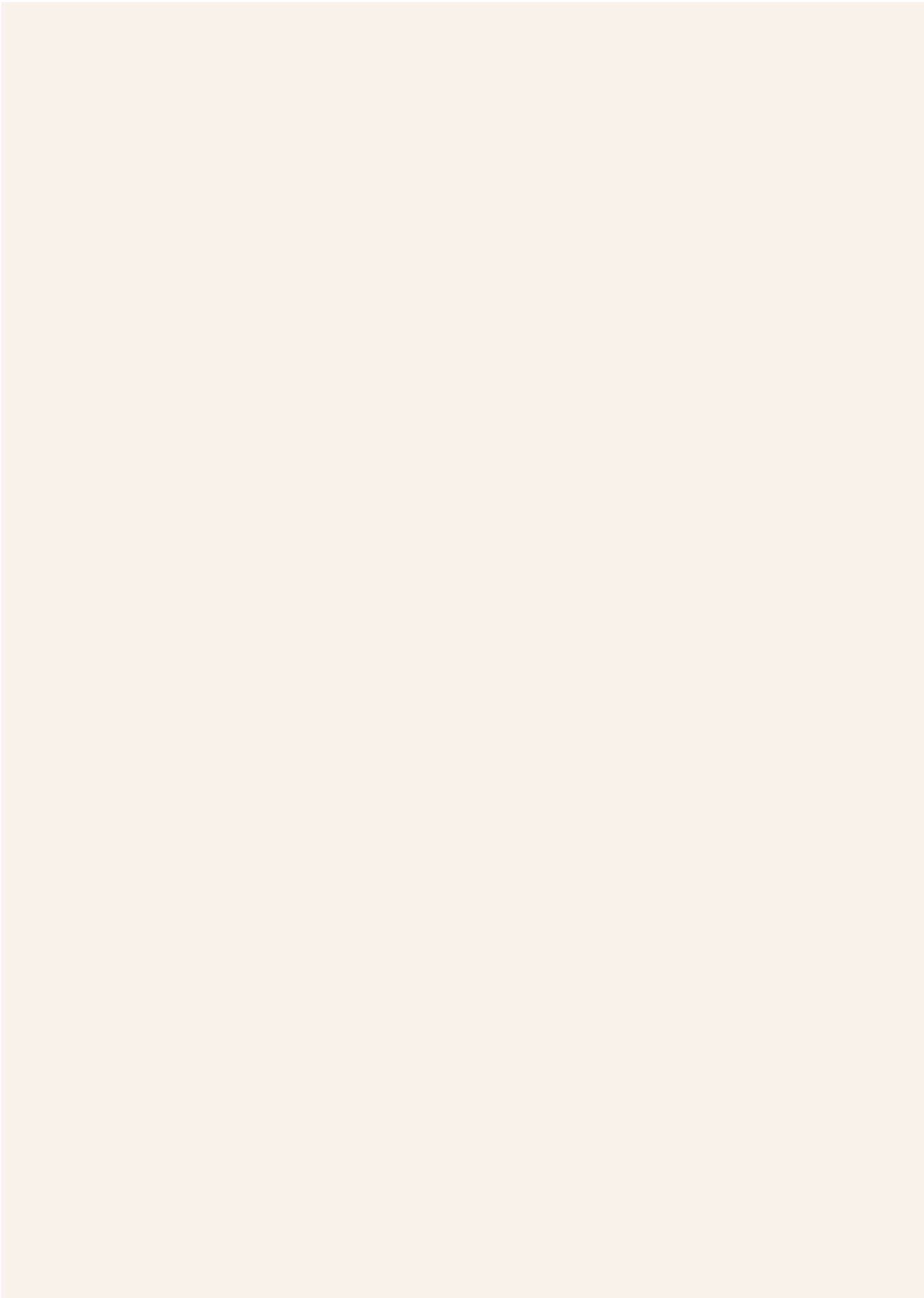
ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (ENTEBBE FINAL NIGHT - OPTIONAL)

Selected according to travel style and availability.

- **BUDGET** Airport Guesthouse
- **MID-RANGE** Papyrus Guest House
- **LUXURY** Protea Hotel Entebbe







SAFARI INQUIRY

Start Planning My Safari

Share your dates, preferred stay style, and pace. A safari specialist will reply personally with route guidance, lodge direction, permit support, and the next clear step.

Package: 11 Days Primates Big Five Safari

Duration: 11 days

Planning: Private safari support

Lead Traveler Name

How you would like us to address you

Best Email Address

Where should we send your safari proposal?

Country of Residence

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Phone / WhatsApp

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Adult Guests

2

Young Travelers

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Safari Style

Luxury Safari



Trip Notes

Preferred travel month, safari interests, pacing, or anything special you would like us to plan around.

You will hear back with a thoughtful trip outline, realistic pacing advice, and clear guidance before any deposit is discussed.

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