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Introduction

The KaiNav Conservation Foundation is a registered non-profit environmental research and education organization. We focus on biodiversity conservation, natural resource management and environmental education.

The Uganda Conservation Expedition is an environmental education based, tourism package, committed to providing expedition members with a once in a life-time conservation and wildlife experience. The program is structured as an eight-day, action-packed wildlife expedition to the Kibale National Park in Western Uganda. Boasting hundreds of square kilometres of pristine evergreen tropical rainforest, Kibale National Park features one of the most diverse primate populations on earth! This pearl of East Africa is considered one of the worlds most endangered eco systems and is home to some of the worlds most endangered species.

Expedition summary

The Uganda Conservation Expedition has been developed and designed in collaboration with our conservation partner, The Kibale Chimpanzee Project. This unique package provides expedition members with a hands-on wildlife and environmental experience. Expedition members have an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to African wildlife conservation while enjoying a beneficial journey through nature. According to an article published by Skift and Peak DMC in 2014, there has been a marked shift from traditional vacations, resulting in an intense global increase in the demand for travel experiences. The expectation is that travel experiences are authentic and engaging, being more attuned to local culture and natural environments inspiring consumers toward a path of self-discovery.

The Uganda Conservation Expedition has been designed as an adventure or active travel package that allows for complete, visceral immersion into local cultural and natural

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environments. This package not only fulfils the travellers desire to experience exotic locations and tick off bucket-list destinations, but provides a purposeful vacation. Expedition members make a lasting and meaningful contribution to local wildlife and environmental conservation by simply choosing this expedition as their vacation experience.

During the eight-day expedition, expedition members will be experiencing the rainforests of western Uganda as part of a conservation team. Expedition members will take part in daily nature walks led by a team of wildlife rangers and environmental researchers. Besides spotting and learning about unique rainforest wildlife species, the goal of the nature walks will be to locate, catalogue and remove poaching snares. These snares are traps set by wildlife poachers to illegally hunt animals including chimpanzees and other primate species. Other experiences expedition members can expect during the expedition include:

- Community engagement
- Forest walks with bird and wildlife watching
- Chimpanzee talks
- Chimpanzee tracking
- Wetland walk with wildlife and bird watching
- Traditional cuisine experience
- Surprise activity (dinner in the bush)

KaiNav Conservation Foundation will provide an expedition leader that will facilitate and coordinate expedition logistics in collaboration with the Kibale Chimpanzee Project on a daily basis from arrival in Entebbe, to departure from Entebbe at completion of the expedition. Groups will be limited to 9 expedition members to ensure individual attention and maximum participation.

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Expedition Itinerary

| | Breakfast (7am) | AM Activity | Lunch (12pm) | PM Activity | Dinner (6pm) |
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| Day 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Arrive in Entebbe; Check into hotel in Entebbe | Hotel |
| Day 2 | Hotel | Travel to Kibale (5 hour drive) | dining hall with rangers | Accommodation and camp orientation followed by Forest and Community Walk | Chimp House with Emily & Maggie |
| Day 3 | MUBFS dining hall | Snare patrol | Packed lunch in the field | Snare patrol | Chimp House followed by chimp talk |
| Day 4 | MUBFS dining hall | Snare patrol | Packed lunch in the field | Snare patrol | Chimp House followed by KSRP talk |
| Day 5 | MUBFS dining hall | Kanyanchu chimp tracking (8am) followed by wetland walk at Bigodi | Traditional Ugandan lunch at Bigodi or lunch back at camp | Kasiisi Project tour, lecture, & wildlife club activity | Off-site dinner at crater lake (Ndali or Kyaninga) |

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| Day 6 | MUBFS dining hall | Snare patrol | Packed lunch in the field | Snare patrol | Chimp House |
| Day 7 | Chimp house or MUBFS dining hall (with rangers) | Leave for Entebbe | Packed lunch to eat on the way | Check into Entebbe hotel | Hotel |
| Day 8 | Breakfast at Entebbe hotel | Leave for Entebbe Airport | Depart Entebbe – End of Expedition | N/A | N/A |

For more information on how to book your spot on the Uganda Conservation Expedition, contact us at info@kainavconservation.org

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