



## 8 DAYS MOUNT ELGON & SIPI FALLS SAFARI



## YOUR SAFARI AT A GLANCE

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In Uganda, often described as the [Pearl of Africa](#), one can discover natural wonders not found anywhere else on the planet. Our [Mount Elgon & Sipi Falls](#) safari takes you on an amazing climbing /hiking adventure to explore the surrealistic landscapes of an ancient volcano.

Situated in eastern Uganda and straddling the border with Kenya, [Mount Elgon National Park](#) is an extinct volcano that probably first erupted 20 million years ago. Mt. Elgon is the eighth highest mountain in Africa (the fourth highest in East Africa) and rises from the broadest base of any free-standing mountain in the world. It's peaks form a jagged circle around the caldera, which at 8 km wide is also one of the largest in the world. The tallest peak, [Wagagai](#) (4,321 m) is situated on the Ugandan side of the border, whereas other major peaks surrounding the caldera are [Kiongo](#) (4,303 m), [Mubiyi](#) (4,210 m) and [Jackson's Summit](#) (4,160 m).



The first European to explore the mountains elevations was [Joseph Tomson](#), who travelled there from Kenya in 1883 and called the mountain Mt. Elgon, which is basically the English adaptation of a name that Maasai tribes had given to the mountain and its inhabitants. [Mount Elgon National Park](#) presents the visitor with a set of day trails including visits to the famous Sipi falls or extended hikes to climb the summits of the caldera.

Mt. Elgon and the various peaks surrounding the caldera of the extinct volcano are not a difficult mountain to conquer, aspirant hikers need to be reasonably fit but require no specialised equipment or skill level to reach any of the major peaks. Two of the more popular 3 to 7 day trails taking visitors to the [Wagagai](#) peak are the [Sasa Trail](#) out of Budadiri and the [Piswa Trail](#) out of Kapkwata.

- Day 1** **Arrival in Entebbe.**  
Transfer from the airport to your accommodation.
- Day 2** **Entebbe to Mount Elgon National Park.**  
Scenic drive to Mount Elgon.
- Day 3** **Mount Elgon National Park.**  
Half day hike to the Sipi Falls and cave complex.
- Day 4** **Mount Elgon National Park.**  
Climbing Sasa or Piswa trails to reach Wagagai.
- Day 5** **Mount Elgon National Park.**  
Climbing Sasa or Piswa trails to reach Wagagai.
- Day 6** **Mount Elgon National Park.**  
Climbing Sasa or Piswa trails to reach Wagagai.
- Day 7** **Mount Elgon National Park to Entebbe.**  
Return drive to Entebbe and transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 8** **Departure from Entebbe.**  
Airport transfer and departure from Entebbe.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### ■ Day 1 - Arrival in Entebbe

On day 1 of your safari, your experienced driver/ guide will pick you up at the airport and take you to your accommodation. You will be given a short briefing and answers to any additional questions you might have regarding your upcoming safari.

#### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

Gately Inn Entebbe \*\*\*\* (DBB)  
Karibu Guest House \*\*\* (DBB)  
Airport Guest House \*\*\* (DBB)

BB=Bed & Breakfast • DBB=Dinner, Bed & Breakfast • FB=Full Board

### ■ Day 2 - Entebbe to Mount Elgon National Park

Take a scenic drive to Mount Elgon National Park which takes you past Jinja and the [Source of the Nile](#). Once you reach the park you will be staying in a lodge near the famous Sipi Falls.

#### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

Sipi River Lodge \*\*\* (FB)  
Lacam Lodge \*\*\* (FB)  
Sipi Falls Lodge \*\* (FB)

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### ■ Day 3 - Mount Elgon National Park

Today you embark on a hike to explore the three water falls along the [Sipi River](#) that are 85 m, 75 m and 100 m tall respectively. The hike duration depends a bit on your fitness levels but may last up to 6 hours. Shorter trails are also available. The longer trail past the falls presents you with the opportunity to enjoy the scenic views from Mt. Elgon; the Sipi river forming the three water falls, sights of Kenya across the border, the Bagisu farmlands with their extensive coffee plantations below and the plains of Karamoja on the horizon. This first day outing also allows you to get acclimatized to altitude and ready for the more serious climbing ahead.

#### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

Sipi River Lodge \*\*\* (FB)  
Lacam Lodge \*\*\* (FB)  
Sipi Falls Lodge \*\* (FB)

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### ■ Day 4 - Mount Elgon National Park

This itinerary is based on the understanding that the climb of the highest peak [Wagagai](#) can be completed in 3 days. How much time you may actually need depends on your fitness, the route chosen for the summit and excursions to nearby attractions along the route, such as cave complex, hot springs, water falls, the crater floor as well as other summit climbs around the caldera: Your options are as follows:

The [Sasa Trail](#) is the most easily accessible from Mbale and is the most direct route to the peaks. It also passes through the park's largest area of bamboo forest. However it is also a steep and demanding climb of over 1,600 metres on the first day. 5 days are recommended if you include all excursions. 3 days if you only aim for the Wagagai summit.

The [Piswa Trail](#) is one other route commonly used from the Uganda side and from the north and from Kapkwata. It is longer and less steep than the Sasa River Route with a more gentle climb of 660 metres on the first day. 6 to 7 days are recommended for this trail if you include excursions.

The [Sipi Trail](#) is a comparatively new trail starting from Sipi Falls. It offers the spectacular [Tatum Cave](#) hidden within an extensive forest. This route also includes an excursion option to the [Chebonet Falls](#). 6 to 7 days are recommended for this trail if you include all possible excursions.

#### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

Tents / Camping (FB)

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## ■ Day 5 - Mount Elgon National Park

Climbing Mt. Elgon as per the chosen trail and summit approach.

### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

Tents / Camping (FB)

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## ■ Day 6 - Mount Elgon National Park

Climbing Mt. Elgon as per the chosen trail and summit approach.

### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

Tents / Camping (FB)

BB=Bed & Breakfast • DBB=Dinner, Bed & Breakfast • FB=Full Board

## ■ Day 7 - Mount Elgon National Park to Entebbe

Climbing Mt. Elgon as per the chosen trail and summit approach. Descend from the mountain and return to Entebbe for your return flight the next day. Additional days / nights may be added to the itinerary here based on the trail and summit approach chosen.

### Accommodation Options 3 to 4 stars

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Karibu Guest House \*\*\* (DBB)

Airport Guest House \*\*\* (DBB)

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## ■ Day 8 - Departure from Entebbe

Time to say goodbye. Airport transfer and departure from Entebbe.

## SAFARI PRICE

The price tables here presented are for one of the accommodation options listed in each of the two categories (4 to 5 star and 3 to 4 star standard accommodation during high season as seen in the Detailed Itinerary)

provided for the duration of the safari described in this document. The price options for not listed accommodation are available on request:

## ■ Accommodation Option 3 to 4 stars

### Price Per Person (PP) Sharing in a Double / Twin Room:

Transport Options	4x4 Minibus
2 pax travelling / PP from	US \$ 2,013
3 pax travelling / PP from	US \$ 1,775
4 pax travelling / PP from	US \$ 1,656
5 pax travelling / PP from	US \$ 1,585
6 pax travelling / PP from	US \$ 1,537
7 pax travelling / PP from	US \$ 1,503
Single supplement from	US \$ 234

## SERVICES & FEATURES

### ■ Services & Features Included in Safari Price

- Return transfers using 4x4 safari minibus inclusive of fuel.
- English speaking driver / guide.
- Meals as specified while on safari and mineral water.

### ■ Accommodation Option 3 to 4 stars

#### Accommodation Included in Safari Price

- 2 nights accommodation Karibu Guest House - half board basis.
- 2 nights accommodation Sipi River Lodge - full board basis.
- 3 nights tent accommodation on the mountain - full board basis.

### ■ Services & Features Not Included in Safari Price

- All international flights, all flights not specifically listed in the itinerary.
- Cost of visas.
- Travel, medical and personal insurances.
- Gratuities and personal requirements.

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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### ■ Additional Notes

- This is a proposal only and subject to availability. If components of this itinerary are not available at the time of booking, we shall endeavour to offer suitable alternatives.
- Please note that Gorilla permits of US \$ 600,00 per permit in Uganda and/ or US \$ 750,00 per permit in Rwanda and US \$ 150,00 for Chimpanzee permits in Kibale, Uganda need to be paid together with the deposit. The price for these permits is nonrefundable, however in case of cancellation, we shall endeavour to resell excess tickets through the available official channels.
- The appointed driver/ tour guide will accompany clients throughout the safari, assist them with check-in at accommodation and share his knowledge of flora and fauna.
- A language specific tour guide is available against a surcharge.
- Where applicable for charter or scheduled local flights, the following baggage restrictions apply: 15 kgs on all flights in small, soft-sided bags.
- Abbreviations for the meal plan are as follows:  
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### ■ Payment Terms

Deposit: 25% of the total safari price within 7 days of confirmation.  
Balance: full balance due 45 days (6 weeks) prior to arrival.  
Reservations: made within 45 days or less prior to arrival:  
Immediate full prepayment due.  
Cancellations received within:  
30 days before safari date 20% cancellation fee  
29 to 23 days before safari date 25% cancellation fee  
22 to 15 days before safari date 40% cancellation fee  
14 to 08 days before safari date 55% cancellation fee  
07 to 03 days before safari date 65% cancellation fee  
02 days before safari date 95% cancellation fee  
No Show 100 % cancellation fee

### ■ Changes Without Prior Notice

Tariffs quoted are valid for 2015/16 wherever possible. Not all service providers release or guarantee their rates well in advance and therefore the itinerary price may be subject to changes without prior notice. Factors that can not be anticipated and may influence this cost calculation include, but are not limited to, supplier increases (including gorilla permits and park/conservation fees), government tax increases, fuel price increases, exchange rate fluctuations, itinerary amendments due to circumstances beyond our control, availability restrictions, etc.

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