April 24 to May 4, 2020

Uganda

Primate and Wildlife Safari

Eduardo Fernandez-Duque
Professor of Anthropology
Dear Yale Traveler

I warmly invite you to join me and uncover the mysteries of Uganda, a nation unparalleled in natural beauty. Here we will visit some of the country’s most treasured (and world-renowned) national parks – Kibale, Queen Elizabeth, and Bwindi.

We’ll have the awe-inspiring privilege of viewing mountain gorillas in their densely-packed forest home. On game drives, jungle treks, swamp walks, and boating down the Kazina Channel, we’ll also have the pleasure of viewing other wonderous wildlife too such as hippo, leopard, elephant, topi, waterbuck, and many more. Africa’s own "Great Lakes" system is found in Uganda. That water has produced a country of verdant landscapes and thick forests, while the dark, rich soils support all manner of life.

My research interests are centered in understanding the evolution of primate behavior; the goal of my studies of monogamy and infant care in owl monkeys and titi monkeys of South America is to shed some light into our understanding of the evolution of human behavior. I have not yet had a chance to visit Uganda, but I was very lucky to be trained by some of the first primatologists exploring Kibale National Park and studying gorillas, so I couldn’t be more excited about accompanying you. My wife, Dr. Claudia Valeggia, plans to join me and is a human evolutionary biologist, interested in understanding the interplay among biological, social and cultural variables that shape reproductive and growth patterns in human populations.

We hope you will reserve your space today on this epic journey to Uganda. Please contact Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu. Or register online at www.yaleedtravel.org/uganda20.

All the best from Yale,

Eduardo Fernandez-Duque
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Highlights

Trek through the enchanting Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in search for the magnificent mountain gorilla.

Drive through the rolling hills of Uganda’s cultivated countryside.

Marvel at the wide variety of wildlife in Queen Elizabeth National Park on game drives.

Visit the Batwa community to gain an insight into the 4,000-year-old culture of the Batwa pygmies who live on the outskirts of Bwindi.
Yale Study Leader

Eduardo Fernandez-Duque

Professor Eduardo Fernandez-Duque was born in Argentina where he obtained his first degree in biology and zoology.

When he came to the U.S. in 1990, he focused his studies and research on topics related to animal behavior, primatology, and biological anthropology (PhD, UC Davis, Postdoctoral fellowships at Smithsonian Institution, Harvard University and Zoological Society of San Diego).

Professor Fernandez-Duque's research questions are focused on why some primates live in monogamous groups and why some male primates are such good fathers. For almost twenty years he has been exploring these questions focusing on some of the incredible monkeys that Yale Educational Travelers will have a chance to observe together.

His field research in Argentina and in Ecuador, past travels through most Latin American countries, and his participation in conservation courses in Namibia and Venezuela have given Eduardo an understanding of the challenges faced by these primate populations.

Together with his colleague and wife, Professor Claudia Valeggia (Anthropology, Yale), in 1999 they established Fundación ECO in Formosa, their small contribution to addressing these important issues.
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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (tentative)
Join the group at a 4:00 pm Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with the professor in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S.
Friday, April 24
Depart the U.S. for Nairobi.

NAIROBI/ENTEBBE
Saturday, April 25
Upon arrival to Entebbe, transfer to your hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. Protea Hotel (Meals Aloft, Welcome Dinner)

ENTEBBE/KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK
Sunday, April 26
Early this morning, fly to Kasese, gateway to the enchantment of Kibale Forest National Park. Your visit includes forest and swamp walks led by excellent local guides. You may see Crowned Crane (Uganda's national bird) nesting and feeding sites, or find families of chimpanzees chattering and swinging through the ancient forest canopy. Primate Lodge (B,L,D)

KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK
Monday, April 27
Continue exploring the park on game drives and find a variety of wildlife. Primate Lodge (B,L,D)

KIBALE/QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK
Tuesday, April 28
Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park and experience the excitement of wildlife viewing in Uganda’s second largest national park. Enjoy a game drive in search for wildlife, including hippo, lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, Uganda kob, topi, bushbuck, waterbuck, warthog, hyena, and civet. Elephant Plains Lodge (B,L,D)

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK
Wednesday, April 29
Spend the day exploring the park. Along with wildlife drives, take a boat trip on the Kazinga Channel and Lake Edward to view some of the largest concentration of hippo in the world, as well as Nile crocodile, African rock python, monitor lizard, and a plethora of colorful birds. Elephant Plains Lodge (B,L,D)

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK/BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK
Thursday, April 30
Enjoy a game drive to the Ishasha sector of the park en route to Bwindi. This area is the home of the elusive tree climbing lions for which you will search. Then head to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, a true African “jungle,” so called because of the dense undergrowth, vines, and other vegetation. At least 120 mammal and 346 bird species make their home here, in one of the richest ecosystems in Africa, along with approximately half the world’s population of mountain gorillas – the most endangered ape. Mahogany Springs Lodge (B,L,D)

Bwindi National Park
Kibale National Park
Entebbe
Queen Elizabeth National Park

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK
Friday, May 1
Prepare for a trek to view the mountain gorillas. The trek can take from one to six hours and climb with altitudes up to 7,000 feet. Your guide and porters will take you along river trails with delightful waterfalls, up steep slopes, and into forest clearings in search of these gentle giants. Approximately 98% of the gorilla treks are successful, but there is no guarantee that you will see the gorillas. Mahogany Springs Lodge (B,L,D)

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK
Saturday, May 2
You may opt to go on another mountain gorilla trek, or visit the 4,000-year-old culture of the Batwa pygmies. Mahogany Springs Lodge (B,L,D)

BWINDI/ENTEBBE
Sunday, May 3
Bid farewell to the beautiful forest as you fly to Entebbe and transfer to your dayroom at the Protea Hotel. Tonight, transfer to the airport for your flights home. (B,L)

U.S.
Monday, May 4
Arrive in the U.S. (Meals Aloft)
OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO MURCHISON FALLS

May 3–7, 2020

Continue your Ugandan adventure with an extension on the banks of the Albert Nile. This is where part of the academy-award winning film, *The African Queen*, was shot. Cruise up the Nile to view glorious Murchison Falls in the company of hippo, gigantic crocodile, and a plethora of exotic birdlife. Murchison Falls National Park is one of the most spectacular and largest in Uganda. Other animals regularly seen include elephant, giraffe, lion, buffalo, and many antelope species, including the dainty oribi.

Extension Cost:
Base cost is $3,995 per person. Single supplement is $695. Inquire for more details.

What is Included:
- Lectures and discussions with Professor Eduardo Fernandez-Duque.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- One permit to trek for the mountain gorillas in Uganda. A second permit will cost $600 per person currently, plus $60 for tipping.
- One permit to see chimpanzees in Kibale.
- All meals while on safari in Uganda.
- Wildlife viewing in specially-designed 4-wheel drive safari vehicles, with open roof viewing hatches for wildlife viewing and photography. A window seat is guaranteed. Chimpanzee and gorilla trekking will be made on foot.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and all applicable hotel and lodge taxes.
- Gratuities for porters and trackers during gorilla and chimpanzee trekking.
- Gratuities to driver, specialist guide, and other conveyance attendants.
- National Park and Reserves entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags.
- Emergency medical evacuation services.

What is Not Included:
- Round trip air transportation between New York and Entebbe including departure taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change).
- Optional Batwa visit ($120 per person currently.)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Visas are currently required for Uganda.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

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Protea Hotel Entebbe is a luxurious resort hotel set on the glistening shores of Lake Victoria.

Primate Lodge is in the heart of Kibale Forest National Park, the comfortable tented camps offer a great base to view the range of wildlife. The tents are on raised wooden platforms with a private verandah offering views over the forest.

Elephant Plains is a luxury lodge located on the most spectacular viewpoint in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Perched high, the lodge offers stunning views stretching for miles over the huge open grasslands to Lake George.

Mahogany Springs Lodge is located on the northern side of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, offering privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting.

Baker’s Lodge is an eco-friendly lodge located on the South bank of the Nile River which runs through the magnificent Murchison Falls National Park.

Program Cost

The base cost this program is: $8,995 (based on double occupancy)

Single Supplement: $1,495 (limited availability)

Deposit Amount: $1,750 per person for the main trip (inclusive of $600 for one gorilla permit in Uganda and $150 for one chimpanzee permit in Kibale), and $800 for the extension

Additional Permits (non-refundable):
Gorilla: $600 per person, plus $60 tips
Chimp Trek: $150 per person, plus $30 tips
Batwa Visit: $120 per person

Estimated Roundtrip, Economy, Airfare from New York, and estimated international taxes: $2,490 (Subject to change)

Note: Itinerary subject to change.

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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,750 per person to YET. Final payment is due January 20, 2020.

Payment Options
- pay by check made out to “Classic Escapes”

Please charge the deposit of $1,750 per person to:
- □ amex □ visa □ mastercard □ discover card

Terms and Conditions

RATES
Rates are based on the minimum of 15 guests on the main program and 10 guests on the extension outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes and YET to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
A deposit of $1,750 per person for the main trip (inclusive of $600 for one gorilla permit in Uganda and $150 for one chimpanzee permit in Kibale) and $800 for the post-tour extension to Murchison Falls, payable to Classic Escapes, of which $500 is nonrefundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Final payment, must be received 95 days prior to departure (January 20, 2020). Mail to: The Yale Alumni Association, Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Or call: (203) 432-1952.

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CANCELLATION
All cancellations must be sent in writing to Yale Educational Travel. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:
- Up to January 20, 2020, $250 handling fee, plus $750 non-refundable, and full fee for each additional permit purchased.
- January 21 to February 9, 2020 deposit is forfeited, plus full fee for each permit purchased.
- February 10 to February 19, 2020, 75% of tour fee is forfeited, plus full fee for each permit purchased.
- After February 19, 2020, no refund is possible.
These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

Complete Terms and Conditions will be sent after registration and are available at: www.yaleedtravel.org/faqs
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**Find** chimpanzees in Kibale Forest National Park – an extraordinary diverse tropical rainforest.

**Explore** the rushing rivers, and dense jungles, teeming with wildlife.

**Relax** in spacious and modern lodges within the parks.