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MIGRATION & GREAT APES EXPEDITION 5—20 MARCH 2020

Last Chance Safaris is excited to announce the departure of its 2020 Migration & Great Apes Expedition! Six nights in the pristine forests of Uganda to walk amongst our closest relatives; and six nights in the southern Serengeti of Tanzania to witness the drama of what many call 'The Greatest Show on Earth'.

As one of the last remaining expanses of lowland and montane forests in Africa, Kibale Forest National Park is home to the greatest diversity of primates on the continent. It also has the largest community of habituated wild chimpanzees to be found anywhere. Spending time in the company of these amazing apes is equally rewarding and fascinating. Situated in the heart of the forest, the lodge is visited by several other species of primates and is the perfect springboard from which to explore the biodiversity of the park.

The Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of Uganda is home to about half of all the wild Mountain Gorillas in the world — a mere 900 individuals! Hiking the forest in the company of experienced and dedicated rangers to spend time with these gentle giants is one of the most inspiring and memorable wildlife experiences to be had anywhere on Earth. With unimpeded views of the volcanic mounts of the Virungas, the lodge is the highest in central Africa and five stars doesn't do it justice.

Between January and March every year, the single largest herd of herbivores on the planet, gives birth! The nutritional demands of half a million new calves means that Serengeti's wildebeest are concentrated on the rich grasses of the southern plains. Here prey and predator dance to a rhythm that has remained unchanged for millennia. Nestled in the heart of these birthing grounds is a safari camp that moves with the migration and gets close to the action. Just west of the plains is the picturesque Moru kopjes enclave with its granite domes and ambush sites that the herds must negotiate as they head northwards. Perched atop one of these outcrops is a 1930's styled safari camp that exudes the luxuries of a by-gone era. Experienced local guides make every effort to provide some of the most intense and dramatic wildlife viewing imaginable all from the comfort of specially adapted 4x4 game viewing vehicles.

Join Grant Nel, your specialist guide and tour leader, on this true 'bucket list' expedition. Experience these incredible destinations and animals and be a part of their future conservation.

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Day 1 (5th March)

Depart from home - destination Entebbe, Uganda.

Day 2 (6th March)

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met by a driver who will transfer you to The Boma for an overnight stay that combines the right mix of comfort and hospitality to shake off the cobwebs of a long overseas flight. At breakfast the next morning, meet up with your fellow travellers and Grant Nel, your specialist guide and tour leader for the expedition (Bed & Breakfast).

Day 3-5 (7th-9th March)

After breakfast transfer back to the airport for a scheduled flight to Kasese - gateway to Uganda's main wildlife parks. Here you will be met by your private driver and guide for the two hour transfer to Kibale Forest National Park and Primate Lodge; home for the next three nights. There will be two opportunities to track chimpanzees, including an all day habituation experience. A visit to a community conservation project at Bigodi swamp sheds light on how successful community conservation can be (Fully Inclusive).

Days 6-8 (10th-12th March)

A return transfer to Kasese sets off the next Uganda adventure. A short flight to the village of Kisoro and suddenly you are in the land of volcanoes. The two hour transfer by road up into the volcanic highlands and the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest provides a window into the world of the rural Ugandan. Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge is the epitome of comfort and luxury. Two gorilla treks are planned, thereby maximising the chances of a special encounter with these gentle beasts (Fully Inclusive).



The Boma, Entebbe



Primate Lodge, Kibale



Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge, Bwindi

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Days 9-11 (13th-15th March)

It's an early start to get down the mountain for the flight from Kisoro to Entebbe. A connecting flight takes you across Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, to Tanzania and onto the southern Serengeti area of Ndutu. Kirumuru Under Canvas is the classic safari camp that will be your home for the next three nights – unpretentious comfort and award winning hospitality is their hallmark. The short grass plains of Ndutu provide the nutritional boost needed for the synchronous calving of 500,000 wildebeest. Days will be spent exploring the area seeking out the predators that make the most of this time of plenty (Fully Inclusive).

Days 12-14 (16th-18th March)

Heading west by road, the landscape of Serengeti changes to woodland and granite monoliths. This is the Moru Kopjes; famous for its predator concentrations and those classic 'Lion Rock' images. Serengeti Pioneer Camp is the perfect luxury safari camp to finish the expedition with. Beautifully furnished and with tremendous views from atop its own kopje, it is ideally situated to access the migration as it moves northwards. Game drives are as varied as the landscape, with the chance to take a picnic lunch and stay out all day (Fully Inclusive).

Day 15 (19th March)

After breakfast it is time to start the homeward journey. A flight from Seronera airport takes you onto Arusha. A day room has been booked so that you can be fresh and relaxed for the long flight home. A transfer to Kilimanjaro airport gets you there with plenty of time to check-in for your international flight. "*Safari njema!*" (safe travels).



Kirumuru Under Canvas, Ndutu



Serengeti Pioneer Camp, Moru

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Cost per person sharing — US\$13,240 (Single \$15,050)

Includes:

- All accommodations in en-suite facilities ranging from traditional luxury safari tents to lodge suites.
- All activities unless otherwise specified
- All meals unless otherwise specified
- All refreshments, house wines, beer & soft drinks (excl. The Boma, Entebbe)
- All local and regional transfers, scheduled and charter flights
- All taxes, permits and tourism related fees (excl. visa fees)
- Emergency evacuation insurance
- The services of Grant Nel as specialist naturalist and tour leader

Excludes:

- Visa entry fees
- Travel & medical insurance (highly recommended)
- Gratuities for local guides and lodge staff
- Costs of a personal nature
- Champagne, cellar wines & spirits
- International flights
- (arrive Entebbe International Airport 6 March 2020 — depart Kilimanjaro International Airport 19 March 2020)
- Unforeseen price increases for air travel and government taxes/levies

Notes:

- Gorilla and chimpanzee permits are issued only on receipt of payment, are non-refundable and non-transferrable
- A reasonable level of fitness is required to do gorilla treks, though porters and rangers make every effort to limit the strenuousness.