

The Wild Wild North: Rugged Adventures

13 DAYS/ 12 NIGHTS, MID-RANGE

ACCOMMODATION, PRIVATE JOURNEY

Kampala, Jinja, Sipi Falls, Moroto, Kidepo Valley N.P, Murchison Falls N.P, Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary.



Experience rugged and untamed wilderness in North Eastern Uganda. Immerse yourself in Karamojong culture, hike Mount Moroto, ride bikes through communities, and take a safari in the remote Kidepo Valley National Park. Also, take a tour of Kampala, the source of the Nile River, and Murchison Falls National Park.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Meet the Karamojong
- ✓ Experience Ugandan Cultures
- ✓ Hike Mount Moroto
- ✓ Nile River Tours
- ✓ Amazing safari adventures

Starts: Entebbe, Uganda

Ends: Kigali, Rwanda

Fully Escorted by a Redroad Tours guide.

Day 1: Arrive in Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe, a Redroad Tours guide receives you and transfers you to your hotel in Kampala.

Day 2: Kampala City Tour

Take a mid-morning tour of Kampala, including cultural sites such as the Kasubi Tombs and the Gadhafi mosque. Have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, walk to one of Kampala's slums and participate in a food pantry serving food to street children in the slums.

Day 3: Jinja – Source of the Nile tour, Quad Bikes, Lunch with Abide

Set off early morning for a three-hour drive to Jinja. Stop at Namawojolo for “salty chicken on a stick,” a popular delicacy for Ugandan travelers. On arrival in Jinja, take a boat tour to the source of the Nile. The Nile is a haven for numerous birds; enjoy the bird sights and sounds as you learn about the Nile river’s role in Uganda’s history and culture. Stop at the source of the Nile for pictures before continuing to a nearby fishing village. Meet locals on a walking tour of the town and learn about their trade and way of life.

Head out for lunch at a local Ugandan family home rescued and rehabilitated by Abide Family Center in Jinja. The local lunch is an authentic way of meeting locals and experiencing their lifestyle.

After lunch, take a two-hour quad biking drive along the Nile River banks and the surrounding local communities. The tour takes you through the backyard of Uganda that most people never get to see. It’s common to drive past cheering kids, women working their gardens, and young men chatting about football. Head back to your lodge for dinner and a quiet and restful evening.

Day 4: Sipi

Head East to the foothills of Mt. Elgon near the Kenyan Border. It’s a two-hour drive to Sipi Falls, a series of five cascading waterfalls. Check in to your lodge and also have lunch.

After lunch, head out for a tour of Sipi’s coffee plantations that supply some of the world’s famous coffee brands, such as Starbucks. Meet the farmers and learn the art and science of making coffee, including brewing your coffee as well. Return to the lodge for dinner and rest.

Day 5: Moroto

Set off at 9 am, and head North-East to Moroto for a two-day cultural adventure. Moroto is located in the Karamoja region, one of the last frontiers of the true African wilderness. Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch. After lunch, take a mountain bike ride and follow the cattle paths of the Karamojong nomads. Get to cycle through village trails, interact with indigenous communities and learn about the pastoral culture.

Day 6: Moroto adventures

Set off early morning for a half-day hike of Mount Moroto. The hike is quite challenging but offers spectacular views of the Karamoja savannah plains. You also get to meet locals and interact with indigenous communities on the trek. Return to the lodge for lunch.

Late in the evening, head to the Manyatta (a Karamojong community) for a night in the Kraal. Get to experience the typical pastoral life of the Karamojong by bush camping at night with the animals and shepherds in the

Kraal. Share stories and play games with the warriors around the campfire and learn about their nomadic lifestyle.

Day 7: Transfer to Kidepo

Head back to your lodge for breakfast and also freshen up, then begin your five-hour journey to Kidepo Valley National Park. The drive to Kidepo is thrilling in itself as you drive through Uganda's outback with little to no presence of modern features. Only Karamoja's rugged landscape, occasional indigenous communities, and imposing mountains surround you.

Arrive at your lodge in the afternoon. Have lunch and spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 8: To Kidepo, Game drive

Head out early morning at 6 am for a morning game drive in the Narus valley along the Narus River, the life-giving soul of Kidepo Valley National Park. Wildlife activity is mainly found along the river. Prominent sightings are elephants, buffalos, lions, zebras, giraffes, warthogs, and antelopes. Stop for a bush breakfast before continuing with your drive. After three to four hours of game viewing, head back to the lodge and have the rest of the morning at leisure.

Later in the afternoon, head back for another game viewing adventure. Get to look out for animals that you didn't get to see in the morning. Return to the lodge in time for dinner and rest.

Day 9: Kidepo

On your second day in Kidepo, you get to explore a different and more remote part of the park called the Kidepo valley, located in the northern part of the park. The Kidepo valley is home to the elusive Ostriches and Elands. Head out searching for more game and wilderness experiences.

After lunch, spend the afternoon at leisure at the lodge or head out for another game drive.

Day 10: Murchison

Set off early morning for a six-hour drive to Murchison Falls National Park. Stop in Gulu for a short break and then continue to the Northern part of the park. Arrive in time for lunch.

Later in the afternoon, head out for a Game drive. Murchison Falls N.P is prominent for having a healthy volume of wildlife. Common sightings are giraffes, elephants, lions, buffalos, and antelopes. Head back to the lodge in time for dinner.

Day 11: Murchison

Leave the lodge at 6 am for a morning game drive. Head out in search of the more elusive predators such as leopards, lions, and hyenas. Head back to the lodge for breakfast and the rest of the morning at leisure.

In the afternoon, take a three-hour boat safari on the Nile river. Head upstream towards Murchison falls and enjoy sightings of hippos, crocodiles, elephants, and numerous bird species. Return to the lodge for dinner and rest

Day 12. Rhino Tracking and Transfer to Kampala

Set off at 7 am and head to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Ziwa is home to Uganda's only white rhino population. With the help of a ranger, track the rhinos on foot through the bush thickets. Observe the rhinos for an hour and learn about their biology and behavior. Afterward, make your journey to Kampala. Arrive in Kampala in the afternoon and enjoy the evening at the hotel.

Day 13: Kampala tour

Take the morning to do some souvenir shopping. Later in the evening, transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Tour Pricing

Number of travelers	Mid-range
2	\$3,324
4	\$2,682
6	\$2,468

Lodging

Kampala: [Hotel Africana](#)

Jinja: [Jinja Nile Resort](#)

Sipi: [Sipi River Lodge](#)

Moroto: [Karamoja Safari Lodge](#)

Kidepo: [Kidepo Savannah Lodge](#)

Murchison Falls: [Pakuba Safari Lodge](#)

In the unlikely event that Redroad Tours is unable to provide the accommodation(s) listed, for whatever reason, Redroad Tours will substitute similar quality accommodation(s) at no additional cost to the traveler.

Activity Rating

This tour is not suitable for anyone who is physically challenged. Most of the activities on the trip require a moderate level of physical fitness, such as walking, biking, and hiking.

60% - Easy

20% - Moderate (city walking, time spent in the van, bump dirt roads on safari)

20% - Strenuous (Hiking, Mountain Biking)

Pricing for optional activities

- Hot Air Balloon Safari - \$400 per person

What's included?

- Accommodation in double occupancy (two people sharing) with an option to upgrade
- Local transportation in private customized safari vehicles
- Experienced local tour manager
- 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 11 dinners
- All activities as described in the itinerary
- Park entry fees
- All tipping of local guides

Other costs not included

- International Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Visa - \$100 per person
- Meals not included on your itinerary
- Optional activities
- Any personal expenses
- Drinks
- Gratuities for Redroad Tours' guide