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MIGRATION & GREAT APES EXPEDITION 28 JULY—9 AUGUST 2018

Last Chance Safaris is excited to announce a spectacular safari opportunity for the summer of 2018! Six nights in the northern Serengeti of Tanzania to witness the drama of what many call 'The Greatest Show on Earth'; and six nights in beautiful Uganda to explore the Nile, and get personal with the highly endangered Mountain Gorilla.

Around July and August every year, driven by a timeless cycle, about 1.3 million Wildebeest and 300,000 Zebra plunge into the croc infested waters of the Mara River in their attempt to reach the best grazing opportunities of the northern Serengeti plains and the Maasai Mara of Kenya. At this time our partners in Tanzania set up bespoke 'Migration Camps' that epitomise the traditions of safari; leaving no stone unturned to provide the best hospitality and service conceivable. 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 open 4x4 game viewing vehicles.

The mighty Nile was the focus of so many extraordinary expeditions in the mid to late 19th century, and its mystery still enchants visitors to this day. Murchison Falls National Park is bisected by the continent's longest river and is home to a wealth of wildlife and jaw dropping scenery. One of Africa's most spectacular waterfalls is the park's signature—11,000ft³/s of water is squeezed through a 23ft gap before tumbling 141ft. Situated on the banks of the Nile under the shade of giant Sausage trees, with a resident symphony of honking hippos, the lodge provides exceptional access to the national park both by water and by vehicle.

The Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of Uganda is home to about half of all the wild Mountain Gorillas in the world — a mere 880 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. Nestled beneath the volcanic mounts of the Ruwenzoris, the lodge is the highest in central Africa and five stars doesn't do it justice.

Join Grant Nel, your specialist guide and tour leader on this true 'bucket list' expedition, and experience these incredible destinations — the memories will last a lifetime.

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Days 1-4

After arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport, meet up with Grant Nel, your specialist guide and tour leader for the expedition. Connect with your flight from here to the bush airstrip in northern Serengeti. From here you will be transferred to Ubuntu Migration Camp—your home for the next three nights. Shadowing the wildebeests' every move, Ubuntu Camp uncovers fascinating and unexplored corners of Serengeti's wilderness, ensuring that first-class game viewing is never far away. July & August are the months known for the dramatic Mara River crossings and Ubuntu is well placed to explore these. A traditional safari camp: small, personal and supremely comfortable with warm, relaxed atmosphere.

Days 4-7

Transfer by light aircraft to your next safari camp—Kimondo Migration Camp situated in the world famous 'Lamai wedge' of the Serengeti. A camp that rekindles the romance of safari, Kimondo is situated just north of the Mara river in an exclusive area giving it great access to dramatic river crossings as well as the open spaces of Lamai. Handcrafted from wood and canvas in an exotic blend of traditional East African safari style with a subtle Moroccan influence, Kimondo Migration Camp has just eight elegant and airy tents, each with a king-sized cast-iron bed, en-suite bathroom and private veranda.



Ubuntu Migration Camp—guest tent



Kimondo Migration Camp—main area

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Days 7-10

A private charter flight across Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, to Uganda's Entebbe International airport connects with a scheduled flight to Bugungu airstrip in Murchison Falls National Park. A short drive later and you arrive at Baker's Lodge on the banks of the mighty Nile River. Opened in 2015, the lodge boasts eight beautifully appointed safari suites on raised decks, from which guests can enjoy the abundance of birdlife along the water's edge. Hippos and elephants are regular visitors to the lodge, and the game drives and boat cruises along the river deliver some spectacular wildlife encounters. A visit and hike to the top of Murchison Falls is a particular highlight.

Days 10-13

Transfer by private charter to Kisoro—gateway to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. A two hour drive takes you up to the elegant Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge. A fitting finale for this safari. Nestled in the shadow of the Ruwenzori 'Mountains of the Moon', this lodge epitomises luxury and hospitality. It also sits on the very doorstep of the gorillas' environment with the Nkuringo family group living in close proximity. Two treks to find different gorilla families are planned, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. On the last day a scheduled flight from Kisoro to Entebbe connects with homeward bound flights.



Baker's Lodge—guest suite



Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge—lounge area

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Cost per person sharing — US\$16,200 (Single on request)

Includes:

- All accommodations in en-suite facilities ranging from traditional luxury safari tents to lodge suites.
- All meals unless otherwise specified
- All refreshments, house wines, beer & soft drinks (excl. Baker's Lodge)
- 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 Kilimanjaro International Airport 28 Jul 2018 — depart Entebbe International Airport 09 August 2018)
- Unforeseen price increases for air travel and government taxes/levies

Notes:

- Gorilla 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.
- Yellow fever vaccination is required for all visitors to Tanzania and Uganda