



## *Paraa Safari Lodge*

Established in 1954, Paraa Safari Lodge is located in Murchison Falls National Park. The lodge is located in the northwest corner of Uganda, overlooking one of nature's best-kept secrets, the River Nile. On the journey from its source at Lake Victoria to join Lake Albert, the River Nile is suddenly channelled into a gorge only 6 meters / 20 feet wide, and cascades 43 meters / 141 feet below. The earth literally trembles at Murchison Falls - one of the world's most powerful flows of natural water.

Paraa Safari Lodge offers a unique blend of comfort, relaxation and adventure. Each of the rooms is a haven of style and serenity, complete with balcony and private bathroom.



*Magnificent view of Murchison falls*

The safari décor of the lodge still reflects the bygone era of early explorers, enshrined with a modern touch. The luxurious pool overlooks the winding River Nile below, which was the setting for the classic Hollywood movie "The African Queen".

Enjoy a variety of excursions and activities; from exhilarating safari drives to river safaris, ending at the foot of Murchison Falls or the Nile Delta, where the Victoria Nile empties into Lake Albert and the Blue Nile begins. For the more adventurous, one can trek up to the top of the falls and marvel at the views through the mist. A variety of ecosystems and an impressive 451 species of birds await you at Paraa.



Murchison Falls was the setting and background for Humphrey Bogart in John Huston's well known movie in 1951, *The African Queen*, filmed on the location along the Murchison Nile as well as on Lake Albert. Paraa Safari Lodge has been host to many dignitaries in its lifetime - Britain's Queen Mother and Ernest Hemingway to name but a few.

## Accommodation

### 41 Standard Rooms

In our standard single, double and twin rooms, you will find a simple safari atmosphere with a colonial touch. Most of the rooms are perfectly situated to view the winding River Nile from their balconies. Each room has an en-suite bathroom and a ceiling fan.

### 10 Deluxe Rooms with climate-controlled air conditioning

Our Deluxe rooms have the same furnishings as our standard rooms, but are all air-conditioned. After a long day's safari under the African sun, we invite you back to a cool air-conditioned environment.

### 2 Suites

Our suites are the perfect accommodation for guests who want a little bit more space to relax. Our suites have a living room with sofas where you can use the space to either relax or entertain. Select a beverage from the mini bar to refresh yourself after a long day out in the game park. Additional features include fans and climate-controlled air conditioning, en-suite bathroom, and large balconies showing panoramic views of the Nile.

### 3 Safari Tents

Get closer to the wild while staying in our new lovely tents. These are situated further from the main accommodation building, a haven for those wanting a more individual safari experience! Each tent features an en-suite bathroom, fan and balcony with awesome views across the River Nile, perfect for those wanting a bit more exclusivity and for couples.

### The Queen's Cottage

For those of you seeking the ultimate comfort, the Queen's Cottage offers a different world of experience, charm and exclusivity. It was originally built for the Queen's visit to Uganda before her coronation. The unique architecture compliments the landscaped environment and fantastic views. The grand balcony does not disappoint, boasting spectacular views of lush vegetation and rich wildlife, as well as the famous River Nile. Additional features include: living room and dining area, mini bar, twin bedroom with an en-suite bathroom and master bedroom with king sized bed.

**Note:** The best accommodations for families are our suites or the Queen's Cottage.

## Lodge Amenities

- Massage facilities
- Swimming Pool
- Pool Bar
- Gift Shop
- Business Centre & complimentary Wi-Fi in certain common areas



Our Deluxe Rooms (above) and Queen's Cottage (below)



# Murchisons Falls National Park Activities

## Wildlife

The wildlife biodiversity in Murchison Falls National Park contains the most astonishing number of species- 76 types of mammals and 451 different birds. The Victoria Nile, on its journey from Murchison Falls, attracts a whole host of different wildlife such as crocodiles, hippos and water birds. Other animals include lion, warthogs, buffalo, rare aquatic sitatunga antelope, giant forest hog, Uganda kob, topi, waterbuck, elephant and leopard.

**Mammal species - 76 , Bird species - 451**

## Safari Drives

There are a variety of game tracks within the National Park to explore and search for wildlife. Our knowledgeable driver guides with secure custom-built safari vehicles will ensure that you have a spectacular safari experience.

## Hiking to the top of Murchison Falls

This is a unique and adventurous experience. The hike takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour. You will be taken to the base of the thundering Murchison Falls and hike up along the trails where one can see wildlife such as crocodiles, a variety of birds, butterflies, olive baboons, vervet monkeys, hippos and occasionally the black and white colobus monkeys.

## Water Safari

Taking a water safari to the foot of Murchison Falls is possibly the highlight of any visitor's trip. Not only will you encounter a host of wildlife on your way to the Falls, but the Falls itself will have you mesmerized. The power of the flowing water that cascades through this towering gorge will certainly impress. We also have river safaris to the tranquil Nile Delta for game and bird watching. Sunset cruises on the Nile are also a favourite activity for our guests.

## Bird Watching

This park has 451 species of birds and is a top destination for ornithologists. Its also home to the rare and unique Shoebill Stork.

## Chimp Tracking

A guided nature walk by the nearby Kaniyo Pabidi Forest can be organized and gives you an opportunity to see chimpanzees and other primates such as black and white colobus, red colobus monkeys, olive baboons, as well as plenty of forest birds.

## Fishing

The River Nile plays host to a variety of fish including tilapia, the famous Nile perch, yellow fish (barbel) and catfish amongst others. Some Nile perch caught here have been recorded at more than 100kg / 220 pounds. Come test the waters if you are a keen angler, or even a novice. The lodge can provide limited fishing equipment.

## Nature Walks

The wilds of the Murchison Falls conservation area can be explored on foot as well as by vehicle. A trail from the lodge winds down the River Nile, passing through gullies and low hills. Animals, birds and plants can be closely and adequately observed. A ranger guide is required here! Animals and birds frequently seen during such walks include guinea fowl, African fish eagle, warthogs, baboons, water buck & hippos near the river bank.

## Rabongo Forest Walk

Rabongo Forest Ecotourism centre is surrounded by Savannah grassland and is 1 1/2hour drive from Paraa safari lodge. You will explore the forest on foot, spotting primates like black and white colobus monkeys, red-tailed monkeys, patas monkey, baboons and occasionally chimpanzees, identifying animals, birds, medicinal plants and trees. You can picnic and camp by the Wairingo River. An UWA ranger/ guide should accompany you on this nature walk.

## Bush Breakfast

One of the classic safari highlights, the "out of Murchison Falls bush breakfast" is an experience not to be missed. Guests are awakened by a very early morning cup of coffee at around 6.30am; they then set off on a game drive, which is perfectly timed to offer the very best chance of spotting four of 'The Big Five'. Setting off ahead of the guests, our hospitality team will arrive at the chosen breakfast spot along the Nile Delta in time to set up table, chairs, campfire and 'bush kitchen'. Upon arrival, the guests are typically met with a glass of one of our freshly-pressed and chilled juices. They can then sit down to enjoy an out of Murchison Falls breakfast. After which there is another game drive through either the Commonwealth or Queens Track back to the lodge.

## Suggested activities if you have...

### 1 day

Game drive + Boat ride to the bottom of Murchison Falls.

### 2 days

Morning game drive + Launch trip river cruise on the River Nile to the bottom of Murchison Falls + Drive to the top of Murchison Falls.

### 3 days

Fishing boat trip to the Nile Delta + Bush breakfast + Evening game drive + Launch trip river cruise on the River Nile to the bottom of Murchison Falls + Hike to top of Murchison Falls + Nature walk + cultural presentation.

### 4 days

Morning game drive + Bush breakfast + launch trip on the River Nile to the bottom of Murchison Falls + Drive to the top of Murchison Falls + Nature walks + Hike to the top of the Murchison Falls + Chimpanzee tracking + Fishing boat trip to the Nile Delta + Culture talk.

### 5 days

Early game drive + Bush breakfast + Launch trip on the river Nile to the bottom of Murchison Falls + Drive to the top of Murchison Falls + Nature walks + Hike to the top of the Murchison Falls + Chimpanzee tracking + Fishing boat trip to the Nile Delta + Bird watching safari + Culture talk + Rhino tracking at Ziwa Sanctuary.

### 6 days

Early game drive + Bush breakfast+ A river cruise to view the magnificent Murchison Falls + Drive to the top of Murchison Falls + Nature walks + Hike to the top of the Murchison Falls + Chimpanzee tracking + Fishing boat trip to the Nile Delta + Bird watching safari + Butterfly watching and forest walk in the Budongo forest + Cultural presentation.





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## Getting there

**Driving:** Paraa Safari Lodge is 300 km / 186 miles from Kampala . The drive from Kampala to Paraa Safari Lodge takes about 4.5 hours

**By air:** 1 hour flight from Entebbe International Airport to Pakuba or Bugungu airstrips within the National Park, both within 45 minutes drive to the lodge

Paraa Safari Lodge to Chobe Safari Lodge = 121 km / 75 miles  
 Paraa Safari Lodge to Mweya Safari Lodge = 451 km / 280 miles