

experience quest



KENYA AND UGANDA EXPLORER SAFARI, BEACHES AND MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

The word "Africa" conjures up images of 4x4 safari trips to see the Big Five, endless savannah, mountains so high they seem to touch the sky, crystal clear coast, craters, the Great Rift Valley, and the River Nile to name but a few. Yet, without having spent time with the people of Africa, one has not seen the real living Africa.

Simon Tierney, Africa Operations Manager

- ❖ Be part of the highly regarded WaterRelief project in Kenya
- ❖ Unwind on the picturesque beaches and crystal clear waters of Lamu Island on Africa's east coast
- ❖ Spot the 'Big 5' in one of Kenya's premier Safari parks; a real twitcher's paradise
- ❖ Walk among the foothills of the Rwenzori, the 'Mountains of the Moon'
- ❖ Trek into the hills to sit with silverback gorillas

Dates: This trip runs throughout the year; please contact the office for more details about the two-week mini expedition.

Cost: £3,000 – Includes all costs on the ground (except evening drinks, souvenirs and a few lunches) and a £250 donation to our charity Quest4Change. International flights and insurance are separate.

To find out more or make a booking, contact us on 01273 777206 or email info@experiencequest.com

YOUR QUEST

For those of you that have had children come away with Quest, this is your opportunity to experience it first-hand! Gain a direct understanding of how a sustainable project works and be proud to see how your child's impact has lasted into the future. You might even be inspired to get involved with a hard day's graft yourself. It's also time for you put on your safari shoes, shorts and camouflage top – bring out the David Attenborough in yourself as the wildlife on this trip is second to none! Add in a slice of real luxury at the end of each day and a cool gin and tonic. Not forgetting the sense of achievement as you complete your four day trek in the Rwenzori foothills, one of Africa's best kept secrets, or being awed by the presence of the mountain gorilla.

This is a trip like no other: an expedition into real, living Africa.

Further Information

Food and drink Included in the cost of the trip are meals in some fantastic restaurants, sampling some of the best food Africa has to offer. While we will cover drinks during meals, we may ask you to chip in if it turns out to be a particularly thirsty night. There will also be just one or two occasions in towns when the group will be free to explore; as such we will leave lunches to your own discretion.

Accommodation We have carefully picked some truly characterful hotels for when we are in towns and cities – all the comforts you would normally expect without the cold style of a high-rise hotel block. There are some parts of this trip where conditions are quite basic, for example, the only accommodation options near to the sand dam project is a basic guest house, but we will always use the best available to us.

Weather There are two rainy seasons which interrupts Kenya and Uganda's otherwise unbroken sunny weather. The short rains occur from late October through November and the long rains from late March through to early June. Rain usually falls in the late afternoon. Dry periods occur during the rainy seasons and sunny spells are often experienced even on rainy days.

Leaders The opportunity to lead these shorter expeditions is a real privilege for our leaders, so as a result you will be accompanied only by our best and most experienced staff. We have always said that it's our leaders who bring trips to life – and you will not be disappointed here.

Preparation Once you have booked onto the trip, we will be with you every step of the way in the build up for departure, helping to sort out flights, insurance, providing recommendations on kit, anything you should need.

Traveling alone Not a problem. Our price is based on two people sharing, and if you are joining this trip on your own, you will be sharing a room or tent with someone of the same sex. If you would prefer to have your own room and tent, you can pay our single supplement of £200.

What to do next If you would like to find out more, just give us a call and we can fill you in with some more information. To book a place on this trip, get in touch and we will send you a booking form together with a copy of our terms and conditions. Any questions just give us a call on 01273 777206.

Giving back

While in Kenya you will be visiting the Mtito Andei Self Help Groups. You can help by assisting in reforestation projects and the construction of sand dams. Many Kenyans are faced with multiple challenges in their daily lives; in particular the shortage of water and food exacerbated by deforestation. We approach these problems with the construction of small sand dams and terracing of the adjoining land, followed by the planting of trees. These measures result in improved soil and water conservation, which in turn enables increased food production, supporting farmers to provide food for themselves and their communities.

Itinerary

Days 1-4: **Departure from London to Lamu, Kenya**

Departing from London, an overnight flight takes us via Nairobi to the wonderful island of Lamu in Kenya. Ease into a slower pace of life and acclimatize at this luxury beach getaway. A private dhow trip through the mangroves till we cast anchor, a few hours snorkeling and fishing before returning to our own private house to sample the amazing tiger prawns and lobster cooked by one of the finest chiefs on the island. Whether you wish to spend your days meandering through Lamu old town taking in the history or relaxing on the beach, this island paradise has it all.

Days 4-5: **Safari**

2 days of spectacular guided 4x4 safaris, staying in luxury eco camps, spotting the 'Big 5' and sleeping with the soundtrack of Africa under incredible starry skies. A safari here is guaranteed to stir something within you.

Days 5-7: **Kenya WaterRelief Project**

A short drive will take you to our ground-breaking WaterRelief project. Here you will experience firsthand what the hard work put into the construction of sand dams has achieved and the difference it has made to the local people. With a third successive year of poor rains, the importance of this project cannot be underestimated.

Days 7- 8: **Nairobi**

Grab some bargains in Nairobi's bustling markets and get up close and personal with the beautiful animals at the giraffe sanctuary. Finish your evening enjoying a sumptuous dinner at the world famous Carnivore restaurant.

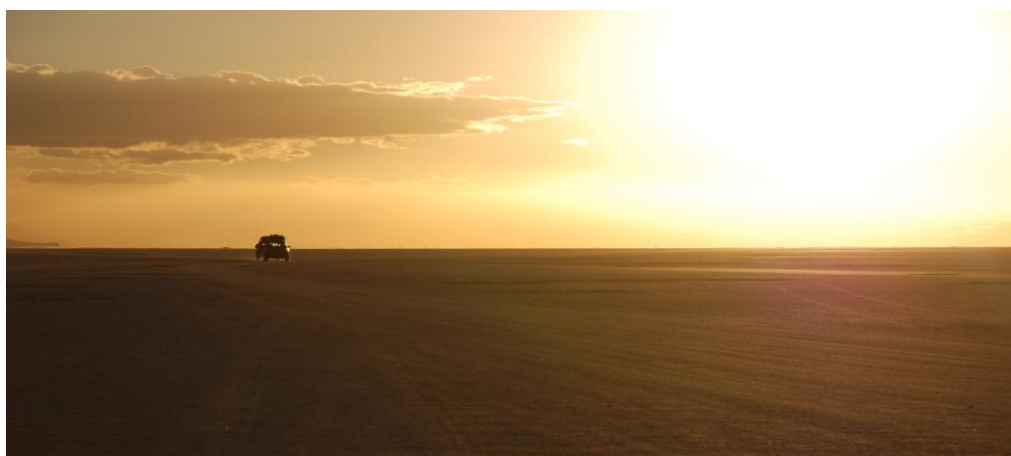
Days 8-10: **Entebbe**

A 4x4 trip across to Fort Portal and the stunning Crater Lakes, raise your adrenaline levels trekking to see Chimpanzees and some day walks deep into the Ugandan jungle.

Day 10-13: **Gorilla Trekking**

The highlight of the trip and a true opportunity of a lifetime. With serious pressure from deforestation and poaching the mountain gorillas are some of the most endangered primates on the planet and may not be with us much longer. Day 1 takes us into the Bwindi Impenetrable Park, through rolling hills known as 'little Switzerland' to our overnight stop. Day 2 starts with a quick briefing before we set off in search of the gorillas. The excursion can take between 4-8 hours and the walk can be steep and slippery. You will get 1 hour to quietly observe these magnificent creatures. After another overnight in the lodge we transfer to Entebbe via Lake Mburo before your flight home.

Day 14: **Entebbe and flight home.**



Experience Quest, 15a Cambridge Grove, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3ED

Tel. 01273 777206 Fax. 01273 204928

info@experiencequest.com

www.experiencequest.com