

## 5 DAYS KIDEPO BEST WILDERNESS SAFARI



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Destinations:** Entebbe, Kidepo Valley National Park.

**Activities:** Game drives, nature walk, community visit, hot springs walk

### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN UGANDA**

Upon arrival at Entebbe airport, you will be welcomed by your safari guide. Depending on your time of arrival, you may have an optional city tour of Entebbe town. Entebbe was the colonialists' administrative center and has many buildings that date over half a century ago. The name Entebbe means "the chair" in Luganda, which is the local language of the area. You may also choose to visit Entebbe botanical gardens or Uganda Wildlife Education centre (Entebbe Zoo).

#### **Accommodation**

**Budget:** Acacia Beach Hotel (<http://acaciabeachentebbe.com/>)

**Mid Range:** Lake Heights Hotel (<http://lakeheightshotel.com/LakeHeights/Index.aspx>)

**Luxury:** Hotel No. 5 (<https://www.wildfrontiers.com/hotel-no-5/>)

**Meal plan:** B,

## DAY 2: DRIVE TO KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (9 – 10 hrs)

Today you will start the long drive from Entebbe to Kidepo Valley National park. Gazetted as a national park in 1962, it has a profusion of big game and hosts over 77 mammal species as well as around 475 bird species. Kidepo is Uganda's most isolated national park, but the few who make the long journey north through the wild frontier region of Karamoja would agree that it is also the most magnificent. Kidepo ranks among Africa's finest wildernesses with a picturesque savannah landscape extending far beyond the gazetted area, towards horizons outlined by distant mountain ranges. Depending on your time of arrival, you may have a short game drive in the park.

### Accommodation

**Budget:** Savannah Kidepo Lodge (<http://www.naturelodges.biz/kidepo-savannah-lodge/>)

**Mid Range:** Nga'Moru Camp (<https://www.ngamorukidepo.com/>)

**Luxury:** Apoka Lodge (<https://www.wildplacesafrica.com/our-lodges-camps/apoka/>)

**Meal plan:** B, L, D

## DAY 3: ALL DAY GAME DRIVE TO THE HOTSPRINGS

After breakfast you will embark on an extensive all day game drive in Kidepo valley national park. You will carry a parked lunch and with the company of a ranger guide, start your search for the animals and birds of Kidepo. The park ranger will help you spot the lions that may be sitting on the valley's various rocks. Other wildlife includes elephants, leopard, bush duiker, jackal, bushbuck, bush pig, ostrich, buffalo and much more, in the wild Narus Valley. The game drive will traverse open plains that extend past Kanangorok Hot Springs towards mountains across the Sudanese border. This is the part of the park where ostriches are most commonly seen. At the hot springs you will take a brief walk to observe and photograph.

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#### **DAY 4: MORNING NATURE WALK, EVENING COMMUNITY VISIT**

Kidepo valley national park offers a range of nature walks depending on your strength or preference. Shorter guided walks of around two hours can be taken through the Narus Valley extending over a 5km radius from Apoka Tourism Centre. The walk to Lomej Mountains can be last four hours, the hike starts at 7am. Guests can also wander along the splendid Kidepo River Valley between banks of attractive borassus palm forest. Namamkweny Valley can be reached in one hour from Apoka. In the afternoon you will take a visit to a willing community of Karimojong. Discover the unique culture of this remote tribe with the Lorukul Cultural Group, located just outside Kidepo Valley National Park. Their main livelihood is herding livestock, and the social and cultural importance will be explained as you walk with the guides to the traditional Karamojong manyattas (homesteads), granaries and cattle enclosures. Learn how the villagers make their distinctive beads, sample the local cuisine, and even learn the tribe's folklore and beliefs.

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#### **DAY 5: RETURN TO ENTEBBE AND DEPARTURE**

Early in the morning you will depart from Kidepo valley and drive for the whole day to Entebbe or your next tour destination in Uganda. You will be dropped at the airport of any other preferred place as you conclude the tour.

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**Meal plan:** B, L,

*\*\*\*End Of Services\*\*\**

**Validity 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021**

**Cost Includes:**

- Accommodation in the mentioned lodges
- An experienced English speaking Safari Guide
- Transportation in 4\*4 safari Vehicle.
- Transportation to and fro the areas indicated.
- Fuel and meals as indicated on respective days.
- Game drive fees and all activities indicated in the itinerary.
- All Entrance Fees and relevant government Tax.
- Mineral Water on the entire Safari.
- Administration fees.

**Cost Excludes:**

- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- International, regional and local Airfares.
- Airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature such drinks, telephone calls ETC
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.