



YOU WANT TO TRAVEL TO AN UNDISCOVERED WILDLIFE DESTINATION?

HOW ABOUT RUBONDO ISLAND?

**CHIMPANZEE
EXPERIENCE**

**FANTASTIC
BIRDING**

**SANDY BEACHES &
SPECTACULAR
SUNRISES**



Rubondo Island

Rubondo Island National Park is the largest Island National Park in the world and is an untouched sub tropical forest, protected by the lake that surrounds it. Surrounded by beaches and rocky coves this primarily forest covered island offers some of the most untouched wilderness in Africa. The pristine forest is the habitat of wild chimpanzee, introduced here in the 60's to benefit from it's remote, protected habitat. The island also features elephant and giraffe, dwarfed by ancient trees in the shadow of which lurk bushbuck and genet. Vervet monkey cavort amid the leaves and toward the lakeshore, the elusive sitatunga antelope hides in papyrus swamp; crocodile lie in wait along the shore and hippo crash through the shallows. The birdlife alone, comprising over 200 species, is enough to get the most discerning birder twitching. The waters around the island are rich with fish including Tilapia and the sizeable Nile Perch. This is virgin paradise; uninhabited for decades.

Activities

Rubondo Island offers superb reward for the adventurous and active where days can be spent exploring the pristine forest and water around the island. On land guided forest walks, a guided "Chimpanzee experience" through the chimp environment, excellent bird viewing or game drives through the dense forest. Out on the water there are world class fishing opportunities and superb boat based game viewing possibilities.

What is included?

3 nights full board accommodation at Asilia Camp, all drinks (except champagne, cellar wines, premium brand spirits), game drives, boating safaris, swamp excursions, nature walks, chimpanzee experience, fishing & fishing permits, and transfers to/from Rubondo airstrip and laundry service, return flight from Mwanza, TANAPA fees, 1 day chimpanzee permit.

Price per person 2,280 USD (children under 18 yrs 1,380 USD)

For Budget travelers we offer a similar tour as a road trip to TANAPA cottages (including guide and cook) prices from 1,290 USD pp fullboard incl. park fees

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History of Rubondo Island



Rubondo Island sits in Lake Victoria, which is really more of an inland sea than a lake. It covers 69,490 sq km (26,830 sq miles), an area the size of Ireland. It is the largest lake in Africa and the second largest in the world.

Rubondo Island became a game reserve in 1965, to provide a sanctuary for animals. Until then there had been about 400 people living on Rubondo, mainly fishermen, who were relocated by the government to neighbouring islands to create the sanctuary. Over a four-year period (1966–1969) Professor Bernhard Grzimek of the Frankfurt Zoological Society released 16 chimpanzees in four cohorts onto Rubondo Island. The chimpanzees were all wild-born and purportedly of West African descent, although there are no records of their specific country of origin for the majority of the released individuals. Rescued from various European Zoos and circuses, the chimpanzees had spent varying periods, from 3.5 months to 9 years, in captivity. The first cohort of chimpanzees arrived in Dar es Salaam aboard the German African Line's steamship Eibe Oldendorff on 17 June 1966.



combine it

with Gorilla trekking in Rwanda (direct flights to Kigali are available)

with the wildlife of the Serengeti/Maasai Mara

with a 3 country tour Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania around the beautiful Lake Victoria, the source of the river Nile