

Bob and Ann Walton in Uganda

With Uganda Bird Guides

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General Tour Information

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2. Cost for 6 people @ USD 2775 per person sharing: total USD 16 650.
A reminder that this figure includes all costs except drinks, tips, visa, airfare, personal expenses like laundry, shopping, etc. Includes transport, meals, accommodation, park entry fees, gorilla permits, bird guides, boat cruises and nature walks as specified in itinerary. Additional single supplements will be paid by the singles as required.
A deposit of USD 500 per person may be wired to Johnnies Bank to cover permits,etc.
Balance should be paid in USD to Johnnie on arrival; don't bother with travelers cheques or credit cards; useful to have Uganda Shillings for tips, drinks, and personal shopping items. Ex rate is now about 1990 USh to 1 USD. When you change money ask for lots of 1000 Uganda shilling and 5000 USh notes as all too often people say they don't have change and you will need these small denominations for tips! Use Bureau de Change at the airport. **(Note: Exchanging Travelers Checks took almost an hour and cost an additional 8%!!!)**
3. Accommodation in Bandas is basic and rustic, but it is adequate and often used by tourists. Most places do provide nets but for peace of mind you should bring along your own mosquito net (and some string to put it up) as well as a light weight sleeping bag, and a towel. Bathroom facilities are communal in the community-run bandas. In some (Kibale for example) there are no showers - only a basin with hot water provided when you need it. Loos are pit latrine style. Lodges are very comfortable and quite luxurious in comparison! **(Note: At each place we stayed had hot water for showers or bathing.)**
4. Laundry: available at lodges and there will usually be someone who will offer to do laundry for you at the bandas for a small fee. Plan to arrange this where you have a stay of more than 1 night.
5. Health: malaria is present all over Uganda but more of a risk in the National Parks areas. The recommendation is that you take malaria prophylaxis as well as precautions to prevent bites. Cover up after dark, use insect repellent and sleep under a net at all times. Apart from malaria, situation is as per normal as for anywhere in Africa and it is clearly understood that you travel at your own risk. You should arrange your own travel insurance, and take along basic medication items. **(Note: We never used our nets, some used repellent.)**
6. Meals: expect basic meals such as fruit and eggs for breakfast, and fish, chicken, chips and beans for dinner; if you have specific dietary requirements you will need to make your own arrangements. Useful to bring along items like energy snack bars as these are not freely available. Beer, sodas, mineral water available. **(Note: All meals were good, packed lunches adequate, some places had only warm drinks.)**
7. Clothing: be prepared for hot weather as well as cool and you'll definitely have rain, so bring a rain-proof jacket, a light sweater, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent. Plastic bags to protect optics, books etc in case of rain when you're out walking are useful; Wellies are recommended; Long sleeved shirt for the evenings; gorilla and chimp trekking and most other walking is best done in long pants because of thick undergrowth.
8. Bird recordings: As Johnnie may have told you, he and Alfred have good recording equipment and tapes, but it's always useful to have backup.

DATE	WD	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATIONS	ACTIVITY/LOCATIONS	HIGHLIGHT
2	W	Entebee	Sophies Motel	Botanical Gardens; Entebee area	Orange Weaver
3	T	Entebee	Sophies Motel	Mabira Forest	Forest Robi; Af.Shrike-Flycatcher; Black-thrtd Apalis White-spotted Flufftail
4	F	Entebee	Sophies Motel	Mabamba Swamp	Shoebill, Weyne's Weaver
5	S	Murchisson Falls	Red Chilli Rest Camp	Kanyiyo Pabid;Top of Falls	Puvel's Illadopsis, Brown-eared Woodpecker Hunting Bat Hawks at bat caves
6	S	Murchisson Falls	Red Chilli Rest Camp	North Game Dr;	Big game mammals including lion
7	M	Budongo Frst	Forest College Guest House	Rift Valley; Busingo Forest	Red-winged Gray Warbler; Chestnut Wattle-eye White-thighed Hornbill
8	T	Budongo Frst	Forest College Guest House	Forest Colege area; Royal Mile	Black-shouldered Nighjar, Brown Twinspot; Dwarf and Chocolate Kingfishers
9	W	Kibale Forest	Sebitoli bandas	Upper Kibale Forest	White-winged Scrub-Warbler; Cassin's Flycatcher; Black Bee-eater; B&W Shrike-Flycatcher
10	T	Kibale Forest	Sebitoli bandas	Chimps; Bigodi Swamp	Chimps; Superb Sunbird; Papyrus Gonolek
11	F	Queen Eliz NP	Mweya Lodge	Game Drive	Tiny Sunbird; Elliott's Woodpecker; Spot-necked Otters
12	S	QE NP	Mweya Lodge	Jacna Lodge; Game Drive; Kasinga Channel Cruise	Shining-blue Kingfisher; White-tailed Lark; Massive # of waterfowl, hippos, crocodiles
13	S	Buhoma	Bwindi View Bandas	Chambura Gorge	Red-chested Flufftail; close roosting Bat Hawk Gray-crowned Crane
14	M	Buhoma	Bwindi View Bandas	Gorilla Tracking	Gorillas; Black Cuckoo-shrike (Yellow Shouldered)
15	T	Ruhija	ITFC Guest House	Bwindi hike;The Neck	Bwindi Forest Specialties; Duskt Twinspot; Sharpe's Starling
16	W	Ruhija	ITFC Guest House	Mabwindi Swamp Hike	Ruwenzori Apalis, Batis, Hill-Babbler; Strange Weaver Grauer's Green Broadbill, G. Scrub-Warbler Lagden's Bushshrike; Dusky Crimsonwing
17	T	L.Mburo	Uganda Wildlife Authority Tents	Bwindi/Kibale Road; L. Mburo	Archer's Robin-Chat; Grauer's Warbler; Abyssinian Crimsonwing; Doherty's Bushshrike
18	F	L.Mburo	Uganda Wildlife Authority Tents	Park Walk (am) ;L. Mburo Cruise (pm)	Red-faced Barbet; African Finfoot
19	S	Jinja	Gately on Nile	Savanna Drive; Source of Nile	Brown-chested Plover; Bush Pig; Rufou Rufous-bellied Heron, Citatunga
20	S	Mt Elgon	Volcanoes Lodge	L. Bsina Boat tour, Sipi Falls	Fox's Weaver, Zebra Waxbill
21	M	Mt Elgon	Volcanoes Lodge	Kapchorwa Mt. Hike, Savanna Drive	Hartlaub's Turaco, White-browed Crombec; Purple- throated Cuckoo-shrike; Fox Kestrel; Purple Indigobird
22	T	Jinja	Triangle Hotel	Tirinyi Road Marshes	Marsh Widowbird, Spended Glossy-starling
23	W	Jinja	Triangle Hotel	Tilda Rice Farms	Hérons;Waders; Black-bellied Firefinch
24	T	Kampala	Shanghi Motel	Mabira Forest	Longbills; Black-bellied Seedcracker, Cassin's Spinetail

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Little Grebe/Dabchick											x												
Long-tailed Cormorant	x		x		x	x													x		x	x	x
White-breast(Great) Cormorant											x	x						x			x	x	x
"African/Ruf"[Orien Darter					x	x												x					
Great White/Rosy Pelican	x									x	x	x							x		x	x	
Pink-backed Pelican	x		x		x	x				x	x	x							x		x	x	x
Fulvous Whis-Duck/Tr.-D																		x					
White-faced Whis-Duck/Tr.-D			x			x															x	x	
Egyptian Goose										x	x											x	
Spur-winged Goose			x							x	x							x				x	
(African) Comb Duck											x											x	
African Pygmy-goose			x																x				
Yellow-billed Duck			x						x										x				
Hottentot Teal																			x			x	
Little Egret	x		x		x					x	x							x	x			x	
Yell-bill(Intermed) Egret/Heron											x								x			x	x
Grey Heron										x	x	x							x			x	x
Black-headed Heron	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x		x	x					x		x	x	x	x
Goliath Heron			x		x	x				x	x												
Purple Heron			x																x			x	x
African(Great) Egret											x	x											
(Common)Cattle Egret	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x						x	x	x	x	x	x
Squacco Heron			x								x								x	x		x	x
Madagascar Pond- Heron																							x
Rufous-bellied Heron																			x				
Striate/Gr-back/Man Heron	x	x								x	x							x	x		x	x	
Black-crowned Night-Heron										x	x							x					
Little Bittern											x									x		x	x
Shoebill			x																				
--- Hamerkop/Ham'hd	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x						x	x	x		x	x
Glossy Ibis											x	x											x
Hadada/--- Ibis/Hadada	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Sacred Ibis										x	x	x						x	x				x
African Spoonbill											x											x	x
Yellow-billed Stork		x								x	x							x		x		x	x
African Openbill	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x		x							x	x		x	x
Woolly-necked Stork																		x					
Saddle-billed Stork			x			x				x	x												x
Marabou Stork	x	x	x	x		x				x	x	x							x	x		x	x
--- Osprey						x														x			
Bat Hawk					x							x											
Black-shouldered Kite	x				x	x				x								x	x		x	x	x

<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
<i>Phalacrocorax (carbo) lucidus</i>
<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
<i>Anas undulata</i>
<i>Anas hottentota</i>
<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
<i>Egretta (i.brachyrhynch</i>
<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
<i>Ardea goliath</i>
<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
<i>Egretta (a.melanorhynch</i>
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
<i>Ardeola idea</i>
<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>
<i>Butorides striatus</i>
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
<i>Balaeniceps rex</i>
<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
<i>Platalea alba</i>
<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
<i>Ephippiorhyn- senegalensis</i>
<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
<i>Pandionidae haliaetus</i>
<i>Macheirhamphu alcinus</i>
<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>

Western Black-head Oriole	x				x		x												
African Black-head Oriole			x										x	x					
Black-tail/Percival Oriole						x			x	x	x						x		
Grey Cuckoo-shrike											x						x		
Petit's Cuckoo-shrike					x				x	x									
Black Cuckoo-shrike									x					x					
Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike					x														
Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike	x																	x	
Grey-backed Fiscal	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x
Mackinnon's/M.Gr Shrike									x	x	x		x					x	
Common/Fiscal Fiscal/Shrike	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x		x	x	x
White-rumped Shrike																		x	
---/Northern Brubru					x														
Northern Puffback				x	x														
Pink-footed Puffback						x					x								
Marsh Tchagra																	x	x	
Black-crowned Tchagra			x	x	x				x										
Brown-crowned Tchagra			x	x				x		x	x								
Luehder's Bushshrike								x				x							
Tropical/Eth. Boubou									x	x									
Black-headed Gonolek	x		x	x	x			x	x					x			x	x	
Papyrus Gonolek							x			x						x			
Sooty Boubou												x							
Mountain Sooty Boubou																			
Grey-green Bushshrike						x				x									
Sulfur Bushshrike			x	x														x	
Doherty's Bushshrike																			
Lagden's Bushshrike																			
Grey-headed Bushshrike			x	x															
African Shrike-flycatch.	x							x											
Black-&white Shrike-flycatch.						x	x	x											
Ruwenzori Batis/Puffback																			
Chinspot Batis																			
Black-headed Batis/Puffback																			
Brown-throat/Common Wattle-eye				x	x	x	x				x								x
Chestnut Wattle-eye					x	x													
Jameson's Wattle-eye																			x
Rufous/Fraser's Flycatchr-Thrusl	x																		
Red-tailed Ant-Thrush/Thr.																			
White-tailed Ant-Thrush																			
Abyssinian(Olive) Thrush																			
African Thrush	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x					x	x		x
Red-throated Alethe																			
Stuhlmann's Starling																			
Narrow-tailed Starling						x													

<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>
<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
<i>Oriolus percivali</i>
<i>Coracina caesia</i>
<i>Campephaga petiti</i>
<i>Campephaga flava</i>
<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>
<i>Campephaga quisqualis</i>
<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>
<i>Lanius mackinnoni</i>
<i>Lanius collaris</i>
<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
<i>Nilaus afer</i>
<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>
<i>Dryoscopus angolensis</i>
<i>Tchagra minuta</i>
<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
<i>Tchagra australis</i>
<i>Laniarius luehderi</i>
<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>
<i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i>
<i>Laniarius mufumbiri</i>
<i>Laniarius leucorhynchus</i>
<i>Laniarius poensis</i>
<i>Telophorus bocagei</i>
<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
<i>Telophorus dohertyi</i>
<i>Malaconotus lagdeni</i>
<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>
<i>Bias musicus</i>
<i>Batis diops</i>
<i>Batis molitor</i>
<i>Batis minor</i>
<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>
<i>Platysteira castanea</i>
<i>Platysteira jamesoni</i>
<i>Neocossyphus fraseri</i>
<i>Neocossyphus rufus</i>
<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>
<i>Turdus (ol.)abyssinicus</i>
<i>Turdus pelios</i>
<i>Alethe poliophrys</i>
<i>Poeoptera stuhlmanni</i>
<i>Poeoptera lugubris</i>

Sooty Chat/Ant-chat		x		x		x		x		x		x		x		x			
Mocking/--- Cliff-Chat/Chat																			
(Common)Bank Swallow																			
Banded Martin																			
(Red-throat)Rock Martin																			
Eurasian(Barn) Swallow																			
Angola Swallow																			
(African)Wire-tail Swallow																			
Lesser Striped-Swallow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rufous-chested Swallow																			
Mosque Swallow																			
Red-rumped Swallow																			
White-headed Sawwing																			
Black/Blk.R.-w. Sawwing																			
Dark-cap(Comm/Gard) Bulbul	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kakamega(Shelley's) Greenbul																			
Little/L.Green Greenbul/Bulbul	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Grey/L.Grey Greenbul/Bulbul																			
Ansorge's Greenbul																			
Plain/Cam./C.Sombre Greenbul	x																		
Slender-billed Greenbul																			
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	x																		
Eastern/Kilimanjaro Greenbul																			
Honeyguide Greenbul/Bulbul																			
Yellow-throated Greenbul																			
Joyful Greenbul																			
Cabanis' Greenbul																			
Toro Olive-Greenbul																			
Yellow-streaked Bulbul/Greenbul																			
White-throated Greenbul	x																		
Common Bristlebill	x																		
Yellow-spotted/West Nicator																			
Red-tailed Greenbul	x																		
African Yellow White-eye	x	x																	
Red-faced Cisticola	x																		
Singing Cisticola																			
Whistling Cisticola																			
Trilling Cisticola																			
Chubb's Cisticola																			
Hunter's Cisticola																			
Rattling Cisticola																			
Winding/Black backed Cisticola	x	x	x	x	x														
Carruthers's Cisticola																			
Stout Cisticola																			
Croaking Cisticola																			
Tabora Cisticola																			
Siffling/Short-wing Cisticola																			

<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>
<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
<i>Riparia riparia</i>
<i>Riparia cincta</i>
<i>Hirundo (ful.)pusilla</i>
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>
<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>
<i>Hirundo (daurica) rufula</i>
<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps</i>
<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
<i>Pycnonotus (barbat.)tricolor</i>
<i>Andropadus (masu.)kakamegae</i>
<i>Andropadus virens</i>
<i>Andropadus gracilis</i>
<i>Andropadus ansorgei</i>
<i>Andropadus curvirostris</i>
<i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i>
<i>Andropadus latirostris</i>
<i>Andropadus nigriceps</i>
<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>
<i>Chlorocichla flavicollis</i>
<i>Chlorocichla laetissima</i>
<i>Phyllastrephu cabanisi</i>
<i>Phyllastrephu hypochloris</i>
<i>Phyllastrephu flavostriatus</i>
<i>Phyllastrephu albigularis</i>
<i>Bleda syndactyla</i>
<i>Nicator chloris</i>
<i>Criniger calurus</i>
<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>
<i>Cisticola erythropus</i>
<i>Cisticola cantans</i>
<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>
<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>
<i>Cisticola chubbii</i>
<i>Cisticola hunteri</i>
<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
<i>Cisticola carruthersi</i>
<i>Cisticola robustus</i>
<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
<i>Cisticola angusticauda</i>
<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>

Ruwenzori(African) Hill-Babbler/f														x	x				
Dusky Babbler																			x
Black-lored/Sharp's Babbler/Pied-B																			x
Brown/Sudan Babbler																			x
Arrow-marked Babbler																			x
White-winged Black-Tit/Tit																			x
White-bellied Tit																			x
Dusky Tit																			x
Stripe-breasted Tit																			x
African Penduline-Tit																			x
White-tailed Lark																			x
Rufous-naped Lark																			x
Flappet Lark																			x
Red-capped Lark																			x
(Shelley)Rufous Sparrow																			x
Grey-headed Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
White-breasted Negrofinch	x	x																	x
Grey-crown(Grey-hd) Negrofinch	x																		x
Green-winged/Melba Pytilia/Finch																			x
Abyssinian Crimson-wing																			x
Dusky Crimson-wing																			x
Black-bellied Seedcracker																			x
Red-headed Bluebill	x																		x
Brown/Monteiro's Twinspot																			x
Dusky Twinspot/Firef.																			x
Red-billed Firefinch	x	x																	x
Black-bellied Firefinch/Waxb.																			x
African/Dark/Blue-b Firefinch																			x
Jameson's Firefinch																			x
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu																			x
Yellow-bellied Waxbill																			x
Fawn-breasted Waxbill																			x
Crimson-rumped Waxbill																			x
Common Waxbill																			x
Black-crowned Waxbill	x																		x
Black-cheeked Waxbill																			x
Zebra/--- Waxbill/Goldbrst																			x
African Silverbill																			x
Bronze Mannikin/Munia	x	x																	x
Black-and-white Mannikin/Munia																			x
Magpie Mannikin/Munia																			x
Green(Village) Indigobird																			x
Purple/Dusky Indigo-bird																			x
Pin-tailed Whydah	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
African Pied Wagtail	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wells'(Cape) Wagtail																			x
Yellow-throated Longclaw	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Illadopsis (abys.atriceps
<i>Turdoides tenebrosus</i>
<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>
<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>
<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>
<i>Melaniparus albiventris</i>
<i>Melaniparus funereus</i>
Melaniparus fasciiventer
<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
<i>Mirafraga albicauda</i>
<i>Mirafraga africana</i>
<i>Mirafraga rufocinnamomea</i>
<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
<i>Passer (moti.shelleyi</i>
<i>Passer griseus</i>
<i>Nigrita fusconota</i>
<i>Nigrita canicapilla</i>
<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Cryptospiza salvadorii
Cryptospiza jacksoni
Pyrenestes ostrinus
<i>Spermophaga ruficapilla</i>
Clytospiza monteiri
Euschistospiza cinereovinacea
<i>Lagonosticta senegalensis</i>
Lagonosticta rara
<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
<i>Estrilda quartinia</i>
<i>Estrilda paludicola</i>
Estrilda rhodopyga
<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
<i>Estrilda nonnula</i>
<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
<i>Amandava subflava</i>
<i>Lonchura cantans</i>
<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
<i>Lonchura (bicolor) poensis</i>
<i>Lonchura fringilloides</i>
<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
<i>Vidua purpurascens</i>
<i>Vidua macroura</i>
<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
<i>Motacilla (capensis) wells</i>
<i>Macronyx croceus</i>

Endorsement

The Uganda Bird Guides provided a very complete and satisfying bird tour for us, exceeding our expectations. Our small group of five received a much better tour than possible from other companies charging 2 or 3 times as much with larger numbers of participants. We saw over 550 species of birds (very few migrants), as well as 38 species of mammals, including gorillas and chimps. Johnnie was very professional in providing transportation, accommodations and food. Every aspect of the trip went smoothly. Johnny and Alfred were exceptional in ensuring that each participant viewed the birds, even though some of us developed temporary blindness; at these times they exercised extraordinary patience. They have extensive knowledge of the Ugandan birds and habitats. With this knowledge and their skillful use of recordings and recording equipment they brought many birds to us that would have remained hidden. (At no time did they play recordings more than necessary). We fully recommend the Uganda Bird Guides for anyone that wants a truly birdy trip.

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