UGANDA-KENYA

'Lake Turkana'

First, we would like to thank for your interest in our adventure tours. We hope that riding with us, either in Uganda, Morocco, Iceland, Nepal, Wales, Vietnam or elsewhere will fuel your taste for many more adventures.

Riding abilities.
First of all, you don't need to be an off-road *expert* to join our tours. The Uganda-Kenya 'Lake Turkana' tour is a level 3/4 all-road tour (out of 5), and is suitable for those who are experienced with offroad riding and/or joined a (2 days) off-road course (like level 2/3 at Off Road Skills in Wales) or are experienced ADV/MX and/or enduro riders. We do this tour in cooperation with 'Motorcycle Adventure Uganda' who has lots of experience with traveling in Uganda and Kenya.

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Why Lake Turkana?
It is one-of-a-kind scenery, from striking blue-green waters from the lake contrasting with the arid desert surroundings to mountains with savanna landscape.

You will have unforgettable cultural experiences engaging with the local tribes and gaining firsthand experience of their unique traditions and lifestyles.
The region of Lake Turkana holds archaeological treasures, including *Sibiloi* National Park, famed for its hominid fossils, providing insights into early human history.

Given its role as an essential habitat for crocodiles, hippos, and many bird species, Lake Turkana provides a remarkable experience for travellers who value wildlife encounters.

It remains one of the few authentic travel experiences where one can avoid the usual tourist crowds and enjoy a more solitary and unique exploration

Lake Turkana measures about 290 km (180 miles) long and 32 km (20 miles) wide at its broadest point. The lake's total surface area is roughly 6,405 square kilometers (2,473 square miles).

Aside from its record as the world's largest desert lake, it also hosts the world's largest population of Nile crocodiles. Rich in fish, the lake is a lifeline for the local tribes, including the Turkana, El Molo, and Dasanach, whose lives intertwine with the rhythms of this unique ecosystem.

Additionally, the lake is a significant example of how climate change and human activities interact, reminding us the importance of adopting sustainable practices to safeguard this incredible ecosystem. Sadly, the water shortage in such a harsh environment is life-threatening, seriously affecting the survival of people living in and around this area.

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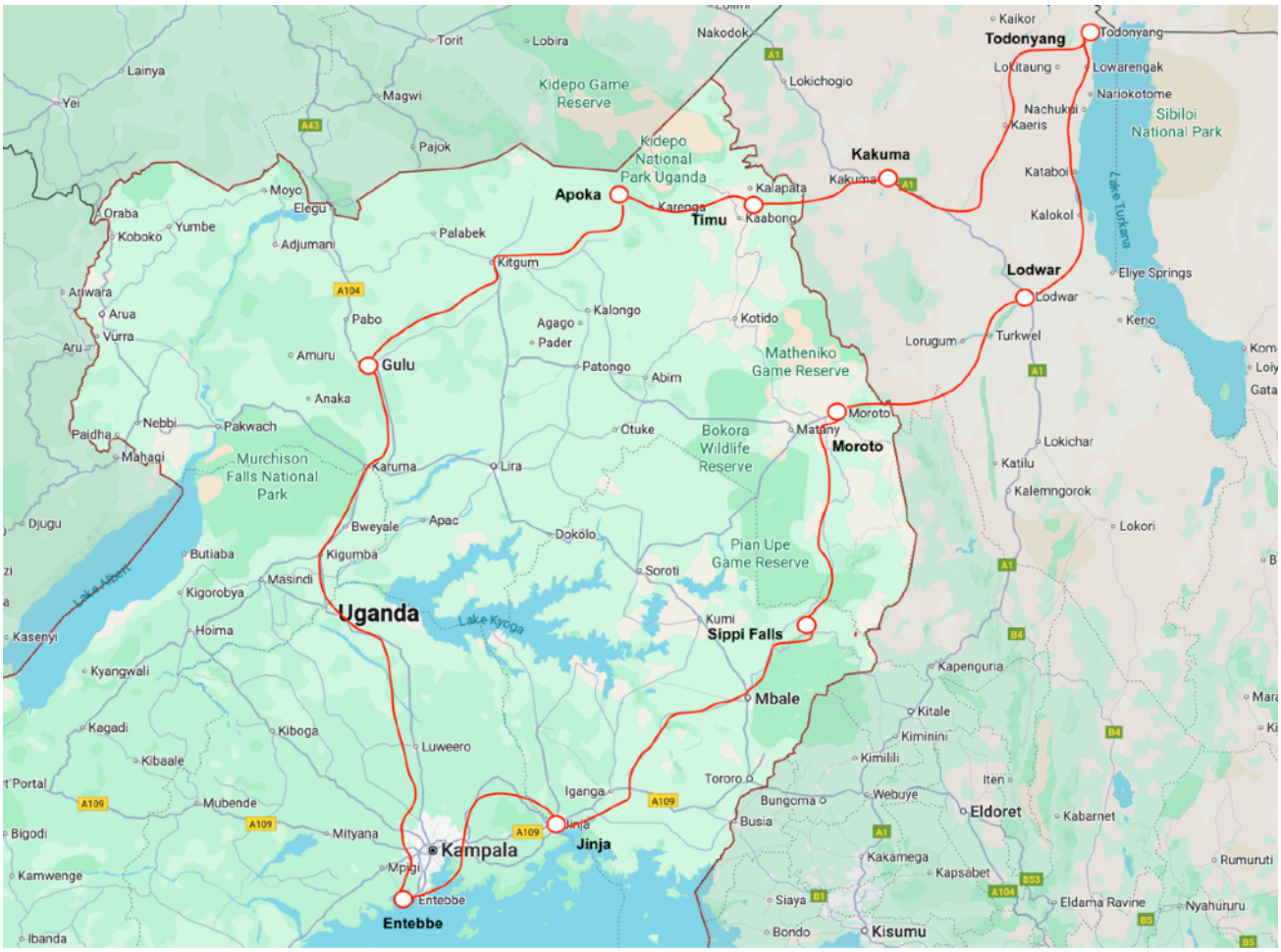
Itinerary:



Day	From	To	Remark
1	Home	Entebbe	Airport transfer-Kaazi Beach resort
2	Kampala	Jinja	Afternoon Nile rafting
3	Jinja	Sippi Falls	Last bit unpaved
4	Sippi Falls	Moroto	Rugged roads
5	Moroto	Moroto	visit Karamajong tribe
6	Moroto	Lodwar (Kenya)	Cross border Kenya
7	Lodwar	Todonyang (Kenya)	Lake Turkana
8	Todonyang (Kenya)	Todonyang (Kenya)	Day-trip
9	Todonyang (Kenya)	Kakuma (Kenya)	Back to Uganda
10	Kakuma (Kenya)	Timu	Sun-downer looking over Uganda
11	Timu	Apoka - Kidepo NP	Get ready to see wild-life!
12	Kidepo NP	Kidepo NP	Game drive Kidepo NP
13	Apoka - Kidepo NP	Gulu	Through war history of Uganda
14	Gulu	Entebbe	Back to where we begun
15	Entebbe	Home	Or transport to Gorilla trekking

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Depending on riders experience level, the weather, and/or a combination the itinerary can be changed.

Price:

Per rider*	€ 4.675
(* based on twin-room)	

Motorcycles:

Yamaha T700:	Included in the price.

Optional:

Gorilla trekking (extra 3 days after the tour)	€ 1500* per person

(including permit € 1100 p.p., trekking-guide, transport, all meals and accommodation. Minimum is 4 persons, otherwise tailor made package)*

The price is including:

- ✓ 15 days holiday, 11 days riding
- ✓ All accommodation (based on twin bed rooms) in hotels, guesthouses , (basic) lodges and (private) tents.
- ✓ All breakfasts and dinners.
- ✓ Motorcycle rent Yamaha T700 including 3rd part insurance.
- ✓ Support vehicle with mechanic (so no luggage on the bike)
- ✓ Experienced (local) guide (and sweeper when > 6 participants)
- ✓ White water rafting on the mighty river Nile.
- ✓ Park + local guide fees
- ✓ Airport pickup and drop-off.

Not included:

- ❖ Flight tickets to and from Entebbe, Uganda
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Gasoline
- ❖ Eastern Africa Tourist Visa (EATV) - a 90 days multi entrance Eastern Africa
- ❖ Medical insurance (including repatriation), travel insurance and cancelation insurance
- ❖ Vaccinations (yellow fever is mandatory)
- ❖ Alcoholic drinks
- ❖ Single room supplement
- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Collision damage waiver motorcycle (see insurance)

Extend your stay?

If you'd like to stay longer and extend your stay to go for example Silverback gorilla trekking (you know the ones from 'Gorilla's in the mist'). Please do contact us because we have to arrange this on before hand (apply for permits long time in advance).

Accommodations.

We make use of local guesthouses and (basic) lodges and will even be camping. In this way local businesses and families earn their income, and sometimes there are no accommodations available. We are truly off the beaten track!

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Insurance(s)
Make sure that your travel insurance covers medical expenses in case of an accident or getting sick and you need to be hospitalised stay longer than expected and/or repatriated back home.

A cancellation insurance is recommended. See our terms & conditions for our cancelations fees on our website.

The motorcycles have only 3rd part insurance. So basically what you damage is what you'll pay. An additional (travel) insurance that includes cover of the self-risk for the rental bike is recommended *[For example: in Sweden ERV has one that covers up to SEK 25 000 / €2500 self-risk]*.

Vaccinations
Yellow fever vaccination is *mandatory* to enter the country (bring certificate!). Please check with your local health authorities what vaccinations are furthermore recommended.

Visa
You can apply online for an East Africa Tourist Visa (EATV) tourist visa. The visa cost $ 100 and you'll need to upload some documents (copies of your passport, yellow fever certificate, etc.).

What gear to bring:
The climate is arid, meaning hot. So bring good *ventilating* gear (no gore-tex!) gear. A rehydration back-pack is highly recommended! (read a must ;). Same for good protection plastic off-road boots that protect your ankle / leg. It can safe your holiday.
Light waterproof gear (jacket/pants) in case it might rain. Thin summer gloves and a base layer that is cooling down.

Please bring a smaller soft-bag to bring your personal items and clothes for in the evening. This will take less space than your big travel suitcase.

In case you have any questions what to bring, please do contact us.

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General info area of traveling

This area is also known as Africa's best kept secret. The route makes its way through the East and North of Uganda and Kenya and has quite some altimeters. For long time the people of this area lived in fear for the armed nomadic *Karamojong* warriors who were out for cattle-raids.
Also in 2011, the Uganda People's Defence Force (UPDF) managed to disarm these warriors. The disarmament made it possible for human right and development organisation to enter the area. Now since this area is safe for travelling it is one of the most authentic parts of East-Africa. And the best and most exciting way to travel this area is off course per motorbike.

Lake Turkana

The desert land in the north of Kenya is still unknown by most. It is a region marked by cultural richness and ecological diversity. Home to various ethnic groups, still holding unique traditions and lifestyles, living in extremely remote areas with little influence on the "modern world."
Due to its lack of infrastructure, the north of Kenya remains one of the most challenging remote places to reach. This region houses several incredible places to visit, such as Lake Turkana, the world's largest desert lake.

Lake Turkana, located in the Great Rift Valley of Kenya, is renowned for its unique beauty and ecological significance. Often called the 'Jade Sea' due to its striking blue-green waters, supports a diverse range of flora and fauna. It's an important habitat for crocodiles, hippos, and several bird species, and its surrounding regions hold invaluable archaeological sites tracing early human history.

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Climate.
The climate in East-Uganda is semi-arid. Some years of droughts are common. Temperatures can reach as high as 40°C/104°F, but average around 29°C/84°F in the afternoon and 17°C/63°F at night. Altitudes range from 999m to 2720m (3278-8924ft), resulting in climatic changes within the park (temperatures drop by about 6.5°C for every 1000m/3.5°F per 1000ft you climb). There is one wet season (differing from two Wet seasons in most of the country) from April to August. Then dry season is from September to March.

September, October & November – It might still rain some days as the wet season transitions into the dry season. It is getting warmer, with average temperatures of about 29°C/84°F in the afternoon and 17°C/63°F in the morning.

Wet season – April to August. April, May, June, July & August -Afternoon showers should be expected. When compared to the Wet seasons of the parks in the south, there isn't a lot of rainfall. The lowest yearly temperatures are experienced, but the daytime still averages around 27°C/81°F, with morning temperatures around 17°C/63°F.

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