

# A 10 DAY QUEST FOR AFRICAN GOLDEN CAT AND OTHER MAMMALS THROUGH KIBALE, SEMULIK AND BWINDI NATIONAL PARKS

## **Kibale National Park:**

**African Golden Cat:** Kibale National Park has proved to be a rather reliable place to look for this elusive Golden Cat after a good number of successful visual sighting and more on camera traps. And this is the reason we suggest spending several nights in Kibale to focus on the cat, though there is also a chance in Bwindi- Ruhija though there are fewer records there.

Kibale National Park is a tropical rainforest known for its high concentration of primates and habituated Chimpanzees. Other primate species in this rainforest are Olive Baboons, (Uganda) Grey -cheeked Mangabey, Red-tailed Monkey, localized Ashy-red Colobus Monkey, Guereza Colobus, Vervet Monkey L'Hoest's Monkey, Blue Monkey, Side striped Jackals, Serval Cat, African Civet, African Palm Civet, Large-spotted genet and many species of Bats and rodents.

Bigodi wetland sanctuary at the edge of Kibale National park is a reliable place to see nocturnal primates such as Eastern Potto, Demidoff's Galago, Thomas's Galago. Other species to find here include African Giant Shrew, Lord Derby's anomalure, Marsh Mongoose and many more mammals.

## **Semuliki National Park**

Semuliki national park lies in the Albertine Rift valley, north-west of the Ruwenzori Mountain, Semuliki forest represents an eastern extension of the great Ituri forest of the North-eastern DRC and its flora and fauna show strong affinities with the Congo basin forests, this therefore makes it the best place in Uganda with high chances of encountering most of the West African species that cannot easily be accessed from other places. We shall start at dawn after an early breakfast and set off with our packed

Mammal species include; Semuliki Red Colobus, Uganda crested Mangabey, De-Brazza's Monkey, Velvet, Red-tailed and L'Hoest's Monkey, Olive Baboon and Guezera Colobus, Dent's Mona Monkey and Johnston's Mangabey.

## **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.**

Bwindi Impenetrable forest lies in the south western Uganda on the edge of the rift valley; its mist covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests which dates back over 25,000 years. Bwindi forest is exceptionally rich in forest species restricted to the Albertine rift covering Uganda, Rwanda and Congo such as Mountain Gorillas, Yellow-backed Duikers, Black fronted duikers, Chimpanzees. This is another spot for the African Golden Cat, many birds and Bats that are endemic to this region.

Trekking uphill to see the families of Gorillas nestled in a casual flocking play is a fascinating once in life time experience. You will have an opportunity to enjoy close views of adults feeding and grooming, resting as young stars swing from vines in a delightfully gentle display.

Day- 1 arrival at Entebbe international Airport and transfer to Airport guest house.

Day 2- Mabamba swamp later transfer to Kibale National Park, Stay at Guereza Canopy Lodge

Day 3- Searching for Golden Cat and other Mammals Stay at Guereza Canopy Lodge

Day 4- Searching for Golden Cat and other mammals stay at Guereza Canopy Lodge

Day 5 – Searching for African Golden Cat and other mammals stay at Gueraza Canopy Lodge

Day 6- Searching for Golden Cat and other mammals, Stay at Guereza Canopy Lodge

Day 7- Primate Walk in the nearby Semuliki National park, Stay at Guereza canopy Lodge

Day 8– transfer to Bwindi, evening search for golden Cat and other mammals stay at Trekker’s

Day 9 – Primate Walk/ Optional Gorilla Tracking

Day -10- Drive to Lake Mburo / Night drive, Stay at Acadia Cottages.

Day 11- Drive to Entebbe and departure .