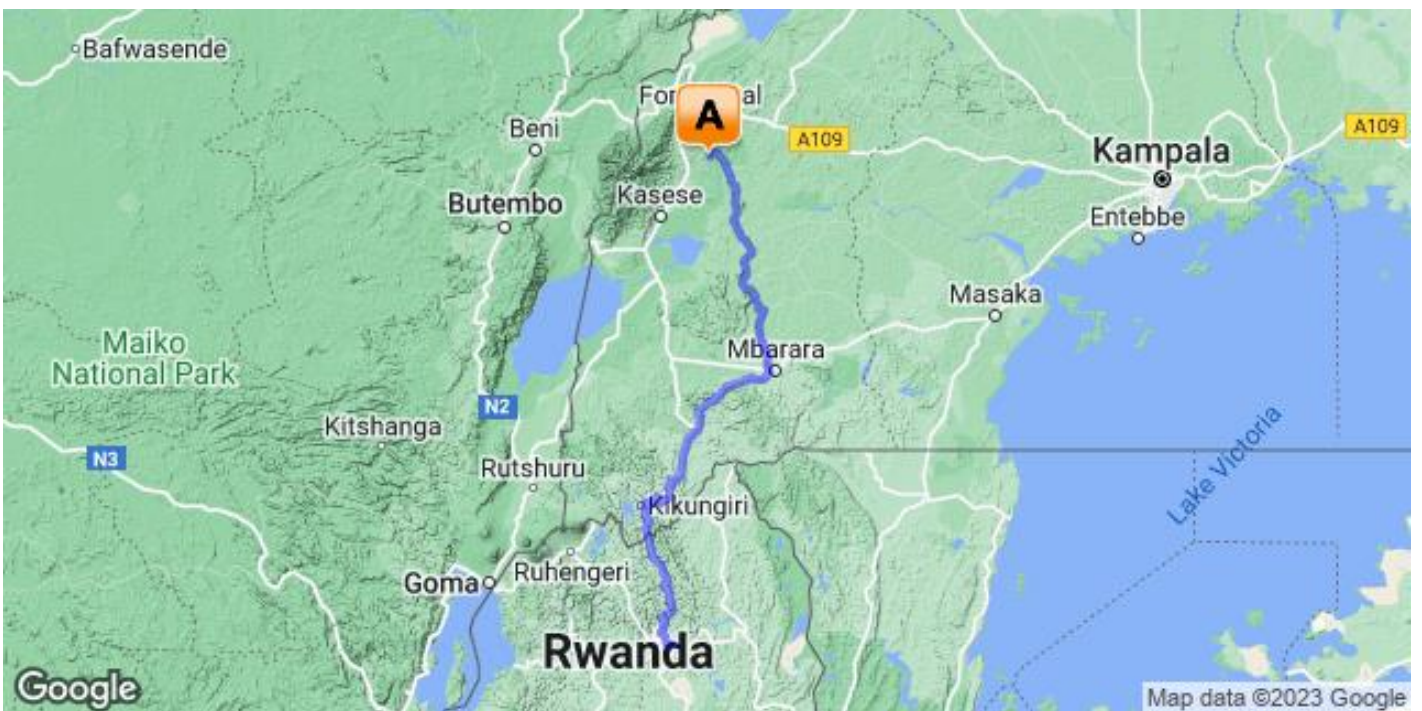


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## Chimpanzee Habituation Experience in Uganda

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This experience in the magnificent Kibale Forest can be included in your full Uganda itinerary. It's not advisable to do this as a stand-alone experience as the travel distances are long.

There are over 4950 Chimpanzees ever recorded to live in Uganda and about 1500 Of these live in the Kibale National Park, which is the only place in Uganda to offer this Chimpanzee Habituation Experience.

A permit is required for each person on the Chimpanzee Habituation Experience, which allows one to spend the whole day with the chimps, as opposed to just an hour if doing the Chimp Tracking experience. A maximum of 4 people per group are permitted to go see these Chimps with the researchers and guides and the best months to partake in the experience are March, April and November.

On the day of your Chimpanzee Habituation Experience, you will head out very early to meet your guide who will lead you into the forest, packed lunch in hand. You'll set off in search of the chimps previous night's abode, to see where they built their nests for the night, and depending on how early you departed, you may be in luck and find them wakening and starting their day! This experience therefore starts very early - around 6am. You'll spend the day with them, watching them interact with each other, play, hunt, feed, patrol and rest. Around 7pm, you'll witness the chimps getting ready to 'turn in' for the night - making their nests for their stay that night, and you'll head back to the headquarters and your accommodation for the night.

Whilst the focus is on the chimpanzee experience, the forest is teeming with other wildlife and birdlife. There are 12 species of primates in the park (Central African Monkey, the Black and White Colobus Monkey, the Blue Monkey, the L'Hoest's Monkey and the Ugandan Red Colobus Monkey), Red and Blue Duikers, Sitatungas, Giant Forest Hogs, Bushbucks, Bush pigs, African Buffalo, Common Warthogs, Otters, African Golden cats, Leopards, Mongooses and over 325 sited bird species.

This experience is sure to exhilarate, however please note that it is a LONG day with lots of walking, hiking and trekking, so is not for the faint-hearted and you are required to be very fit!

