







Embark on a breathtaking adventure with Ahnasa, an extraordinary travel company founded by the dynamic mother-daughter duo, Pana and Phera. We are a passionate team of women guiding you through the heart of Africa, weaving together an enchanting tapestry of experiences that will linger in your soul forever.

At Ahnasa, we are not just curators of travel; we are architects of unforgettable moments. Our mission, fueled by the spirit of empowerment, is to craft transformative journeys that resonate with the heartbeat of Africa. We invite you to dance with the rhythm of the continent, savor the vibrant colors of Africa's landscapes, and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of amazing cultures.

As a women's run company, Ahnasa is not just a travel experience; it's a celebration of strength, passion and connection. Let us guide you through the hidden gems and untold stories of Africa, ensuring that every step you take, every sight you behold, and every breath you inhale becomes a part of the intricate mosaic of memories etched in your hearts and minds.

At Ahnasa, we promise more than a journey; it's an exhilarating odyssey that transcends the ordinary. Let the magic of Africa unfold before you as we create moments that will last a lifetime.

Ahnasa - where passion meets adventure, and every heartbeat echoes the romance of the African soul.

The Ahnasa Team

KALPANA

"I am a passionate traveler, love animals, the wild, and the beach, crazy mum to two grown-up children and 8 dogs, and lover of all things red!"

It was a dream come true when Phera and I established Ahnasa Destinations. I now get to show others the beauty that Africa has to offer.

PHERA

"I belong in the wild with my camera, a book, and a nice cold G&T! It's my comfort zone"

Every safari out in the bush is always a new experience. There is always something new, no two safaris are ever the same. The excitement, thrill, peace tranquillity, and every other emotion I feel when I'm out on safari is the feeling I

wish for everyone to experience.

SARA

“I’m an animal lover with a desire to save them all. It’s my dream to become a wildlife conservation photographer.” Nature has always been a huge part of my life and living in a country rich in opportunities to be in nature, I was in heaven. Every chance I got, I would head out of Nairobi and go on a safari in the Mara, go hiking through Hell’s Gate, or boating on Lake Naivasha. The possibilities are endless.

Why Visit Uganda?

Uganda, often referred to as the "Pearl of Africa," is a captivating destination that offers unique and special travel experiences. Uganda’s allure lies in the remarkable diversity of landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and a wealth of wildlife that makes this country a must-visit destination for adventurers and nature enthusiasts alike.
From the lush greenery of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to the vast savannahs of Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's terrain is a tapestry of natural wonders. The country is blessed with fertile valleys, sprawling lakes, and mist-covered mountains, creating a picturesque backdrop that is sure to leave visitors in awe.
The genuine friendliness of the Ugandan people enhances the overall journey, creating lasting memories and fostering a sense of connection with the destination.
In essence, Uganda's distinctiveness lies in its ability to offer a holistic experience. Whether you seek the thrill of tracking the rare mountain gorillas, experiencing the tranquility of the Ssese Islands, or the cultural immersion in its bustling cities, Uganda stands as a multifaceted destination that continues to carve its place in the hearts of those who venture to discover its wonders.

Important Uganda Visa Information as at August 2026

Apply for your Ugandan visas 2-6 weeks before your travel date to avoid any possible issues.

The official website is https://visas.immigration.go.ug.

Some important information to note:
The applicant's passport must have a minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months from the date of entry into Uganda.
Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US$50). Only Visa and Mastercard cards are accepted for visa payments.
The earliest time a person can apply for a tourist visa is 3 months prior to arrival.
The number of days applied for start counting from the day of the visa approval in the system and the person has to enter Uganda within that time or forfeit their visa and payment.
We advise that everyone applies for a 3-month visa as this gives the traveller 90 days from time of visa approval to enter the country. Please be sure that this time period fits into your travel plans to Uganda.

Animals of Uganda

Weather and When to Go

Dry Season (December to February, June to August):
The dry season is generally considered the best time to visit Uganda for wildlife viewing and gorilla trekking. The skies are clear, and the temperatures are moderate.
December to February is a popular time, as it corresponds with the country's shorter dry season. During this time, wildlife congregates around water sources, making it easier to spot during safaris. June to August is the longer dry season, and it's an excellent time for trekking in the national parks, as the trails are drier and more accessible.

Wet Season (March to May, September to November):
The wet seasons bring heavier rainfall, and some roads in more remote areas may become impassable. However, this is also when the landscapes are at their most lush and green. March to May is the long rainy season, and while it may not be the ideal time for trekking and safaris, it can be a good time for birdwatching as migratory birds are present. September to November is the short rainy season, with lighter rains. The vegetation is still green and abundant during this time, making it a good compromise between the wet and dry seasons.

Some of Uganda's Parks and Reserves

Uganda is home to an impressive array of parks and reserves, showcasing its diverse ecosystems and rich biodiversity. The country boasts a total of ten national parks, each offering a unique and captivating experience for wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers. It is a wildlife destination against which few can compete. Here are just a few of the favourite parks and reserves which guarantee an incredible safari experience.

Queen Elizabeth National Park

A remarkable conservation area featuring expansive savannahs, lush forests, and the picturesque Kazinga Channel connecting Lake Edward and Lake George. Renowned for its rich biodiversity, the park is home to the iconic tree-climbing lions, adding an extra layer of intrigue to the safari experience. Against the backdrop of the Rwenzori Mountains, visitors can witness elephants, hippos, and a great variety of bird species, making Queen Elizabeth National Park an enchanting destination for wildlife enthusiasts.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

A UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated for its unique biodiversity and, notably, its population of endangered mountain gorillas. The dense, lush forest serves as a sanctuary for nearly half of the world's remaining mountain gorilla population, offering an extraordinary opportunity for intimate and awe-inspiring gorilla trekking experiences. Beyond gorillas, Bwindi is a haven for diverse plant and animal species, making it a captivating destination for nature enthusiasts seeking a profound connection with the wild.

Kibale National Park

A haven for primate enthusiasts and a biodiversity hotspot. Renowned for its dense tropical rainforest, the park is home to the highest concentration of primates in East Africa, including the impressive population of habituated chimpanzees. Visitors to Kibale National Park can embark on thrilling chimpanzee tracking excursions, immersing themselves in the rich ecosystems that harbor a variety of other wildlife and bird species, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking a captivating jungle adventure.

Murchison's Falls National Park

A spectacular destination known for its powerful waterfall on the Victoria Nile. The falls, where the Nile is forced through a narrow gorge, create a breathtaking display of cascading water and offer visitors a unique vantage point to witness the force of nature. Beyond the falls, the park boasts diverse landscapes, including savannahs and woodlands, making it an ideal setting for game drives to spot elephants, lions, giraffes, and an array of bird species, providing a memorable safari experience in the heart of Uganda.

Rwenzori Mountains National Park

Another UNESCO World Heritage Site and a realm of breathtaking beauty, often referred to as the "Mountains of the Moon." The park is renowned for its towering peaks, glaciers, and pristine alpine meadows, providing a challenging yet rewarding trekking experience. As one of Africa's tallest mountain ranges, the Rwenzori Mountains not only showcase stunning landscapes but also harbor unique flora and fauna, making it a destination that captivates both adventure seekers and nature enthusiasts.

Kidepo Valley National Park

In the remote northeastern corner of Uganda, is a hidden gem celebrated for its untouched wilderness and vast savannah landscapes. Renowned for its rugged beauty and diverse wildlife, including lions, elephants, and buffaloes, the park offers a unique and off-the-beaten-path safari experience. The panoramic views of the Narus Valley and the rugged mountain landscapes make Kidepo National Park a captivating destination for those seeking a more secluded and wild encounter with Africa's natural wonders.

Lake Mburo National Park

A compact yet diverse reserve known for its scenic landscapes and rich biodiversity. The park is characterized by rolling hills, acacia woodlands, and expansive savannahs surrounding the namesake Lake Mburo. Home to an array of wildlife, including zebras, impalas, and hippos, the park provides a tranquil setting for game drives, boat cruises, and nature walks, offering a unique blend of wildlife encounters and picturesque views.

Some of our Favorite Experiences

Walking Safaris

A walking safari offers an intimate and immersive experience in the heart of nature. Traversing the diverse landscapes, from dense forests to open savannahs, allows travelers to appreciate the smaller details often missed during traditional game drives. Guided by knowledgeable local experts, a walking safari offers a chance to witness wildlife up close and truly connect with the environment, creating unforgettable moments and a deeper appreciation for the natural wonders of the region.

Gorilla Trekking
Gorilla trekking is an extraordinary adventure that takes you into the heart of the lush Bwindi Impenetrable Forest or Mgahinga Gorilla National Park. Guided by experienced trackers, the trek provides a rare opportunity to observe and interact with mountain gorillas in their natural habitat, creating a profound and unforgettable wildlife encounter. The challenging yet rewarding journey through dense vegetation unveils not only the magnificence of these endangered creatures but also showcases conservation efforts taking place.

Chimpanzee Trekking
Chimpanzee trekking offers a thrilling adventure as you delve into the diverse habitats of Kibale National Park or Budongo Forest. Guided by expert trackers, the trek provides a unique opportunity to witness the lively and intelligent behaviors of chimpanzees in their natural environment. The experience of chimp trekking is a captivating journey that not only contributes to primate conservation but also leaves visitors with a deeper appreciation for the country's remarkable biodiversity.

Hot air ballon ride
Floating above the rolling plains of the Queen Elizabeth National Park, guests are treated to breathtaking panoramic vistas, with the opportunity to witness the iconic wildlife from a unique perspective. From herds of zebra and elephants to graceful giraffes, the hot air balloon ride provides a serene and awe-inspiring adventure, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Helicopter ride
Take your safari to new heights and explore Uganda’s remote destinations in an unparalleled journey of discovery. Soar through the skies, witnessing extraordinary scenery, the natural wonders, and the abundance of wildlife from an entirely new perspective. Fly across some of the wildest, most spectacular, and most extreme locations- places inaccessible by land and untouched by humans.

Boat Safari
Cruising along the tranquil channels, such as the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park or the Nile River in Murchison Falls National Park, offers unparalleled opportunities to spot hippos, crocodiles, and a myriad of bird species along the shores. The soothing rhythm of the boat and the backdrop of lush landscapes create an idyllic setting, making a boat safari a must for those seeking a peaceful yet captivating encounter with nature.

Off the Beaten Path Experiences

Mount Rwenzori Trekking
A trek up Mount Rwenzori, often referred to as the "Mountains of the Moon," is an awe-inspiring journey through some of Africa's most breathtaking landscapes. As the third-highest mountain on the continent, the Rwenzori Range offers a challenging yet rewarding experience for trekkers. The expedition unveils lush valleys, towering peaks, and glaciers, creating a surreal environment that captivates and provides a unique perspective on Uganda's diverse natural wonders.

Batwa Cultural Experience
Participating in the Batwa cultural experience in Uganda offers a profound journey into the unique heritage of the indigenous Batwa people. Engage in traditional dances, storytelling, and cultural rituals as the Batwa community shares their rich history and preservation of the Batwa's distinctive traditions amid the changing landscape of southwestern Uganda.

Visit Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
Visiting the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary in Uganda provides a rare opportunity to witness the country's efforts in rhino conservation. Located amid lush landscapes, this
sanctuary is the only place in Uganda where you can track rhinos on foot, contributing to the essential task of reintroducing these magnificent creatures to the wild. Guided by experienced rangers, Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary offers a unique and educational experience, allowing visitors to connect with these endangered animals in a safe and natural environment.

Nile Perch Fishing
A Nile perch fishing expedition in Uganda promises an exhilarating adventure on the shores of Lake Victoria. As the largest freshwater lake in Africa, Lake Victoria provides the perfect setting to reel in the colossal Nile perch, offering anglers a thrilling experience against the backdrop of scenic landscapes. Guided by local experts, this off-the-beaten-track activity not only offers a chance to catch the prized fish but also allows visitors to immerse themselves in the tranquility of the lake and the rich fishing culture of the region.

Special Occasions

Proposals
If you've decided to 'put a ring on it' then Uganda has some of the most romantic settings to propose to your 'Someone Special'. Think about somewhere wild, surrounded by exotic animals, in some of the most stunning scenery imaginable. Imagine popping the question on the serene peaks of the lush Mt Elgon or on the banks of the Nile at Murchison's Falls. Guaranteed you'll hear the reply "YES"!

Weddings

It's the biggest and one of the most important days of your life, so why not say those two important words in the most awe-inspiring of settings: the African Plains or in lush forests? Nothing beats the romance of celebrating your special day in the most memorable way possible, with the sights and sounds of the African bush or the gentle sounds of forest wildlife.

Honeymoons
A romantic honeymoon in Africa... stunning landscapes, spectacular wildlife, golden sunsets, the vast Savannah, and the African sky filled with millions of stars. Wildlife whispers in the vast wilderness, candlelight dinners, romantic bubble baths - nothing touches the soul quite like Africa. Intimate, luxury accommodation with all the modern creature comforts, it's enough romance to spark a wildfire! Uganda is one of the best, yet understated honeymoon destinations, offering the perfect romantic breaks for couples. The beginning of your life together deserves the most memorable honeymoon experience.

Family Adventures
Happy kids = Happy families! Why not give the children the adventure of a lifetime and create wonderful family memories together? Uganda is one of the ultimate family adventure destinations where the abundant wildlife and stunning landscapes provide an exciting and educational backdrop for children and adults alike. Families can embark on thrilling safaris, where kids can witness majestic animals up close, sparking a sense of wonder and fostering a connection with nature. Uganda's numerous national parks and reserves offer a variety of activities, from game drives to guided walks, from walking safaris to learning bush skills with safari guides, allowing families to explore and learn together.

Ugandan Culture

Uganda is a culturally diverse and vibrant nation, characterized by the rich tapestry of its people, traditions, and customs. With over 60 distinct ethnic groups, Uganda is home to a diverse array of cultures, each contributing to the nation's unique identity. The major ethnic groups include the Baganda, Banyankole, Basoga, and Acholi, among others, each with its language, customs, and social practices.
The cultural diversity is prominently displayed in traditional music, dance, and art forms, which play a vital role in ceremonies, celebrations, and daily life. Traditional ceremonies, such as introduction ceremonies (kwanjula) and initiation rites, are significant cultural events that showcase the importance of family and community bonds.
The importance of community and extended family is deeply ingrained in Ugandan culture, fostering a sense of unity and interconnectedness. Additionally, hospitality is a cornerstone of Ugandan culture, and visitors often experience warm welcomes and open-hearted generosity.
Despite the modernization and urbanization trends, many Ugandans maintain a strong connection to their cultural roots, evident in the preservation of traditional attire, ceremonies, and rituals. Museums, cultural centers, and local festivals provide opportunities for both residents and visitors to engage with and appreciate Uganda's diverse cultural heritage.

Booking with Ahnasa

At Ahnasa we will exceed your expectations in every way in crafting the perfect travel experience; an experience that will uplift your soul and bring a sense of happiness and peace every time you think about your safari. Our team of incredible ladies work hand in hand to create the perfect extraordinary safari experience, making sure you leave with unforgettable memories of your trip etched in your mind and Africa in your heart.

At the core of Ahnasa's ethos is conservation – to help conserve Africa's extraordinary wildlife, preservation and restoration of the fragile environment, and empowerment and enrichment of local communities. This we do through responsible tourism. As well as raising funds through our guests' travels, we work and collaborate with companies sharing the same ethos of conservation. We support various conservation initiatives personally vetting various projects and organisations to ensure that our donations, or our guest's direct donations to them are used in an impactful way. We also have a number of projects which guests can donate to.

The Ahnasa team is available for constant support, from your initial inquiry to your safe return home. With team members in Kenya and the USA, we are available most any time of the day or night.

We love what we do, and it's the reason we do it! Our passion for travel and unique experiences has led us to explore the many extraordinary destinations across Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zanzibar. With more than a decade of knowledge and with our extensive experience in travel, we will create the perfect dream-filled safari with intimate moments in some of Africa's most breathtaking destinations. When you plan a trip with Ahnasa, we carefully and lovingly design a personalised safari, especially for you, ensuring a unique dream adventure that will touch your soul.