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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Source of the Nile & Wildwaters

“The legendary Source of the Nile, suites suspended over roaring rapids, a balloon over the Victoria Nile, and island star dining”

10

DAYS

Private

GUIDE

Luxury

STAYS

FROM

\$8,750

PER PERSON

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Overview

A highly sophisticated slow-paced itinerary focusing entirely on luxury fine dining, roaring river rapids, and high-end island wellness. This itinerary targets the legendary town of Jinja — the historic geographical source of the Nile River — and culminates in an ultra-exclusive multi-night stay on a private rainforested island surrounded by the thundering waters of the Nile. The crowning jewel is Lemala Wildwaters Lodge, where canvas-and-thatch suites are built on wooden decks suspended right over the roaring Kalagala Rapids. Operated entirely via private guided luxury 4x4 road vehicle — no small flight logistics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The true Source of the Nile by private speed boat — visiting the John Speke monument crowd-free at the exact point where the great river begins
- Bonfire dinner on an open deck over the thundering Kalagala Rapids — spray, firelight, and the sounds of the Nile at night
- Champagne brunch on an elevated wooden viewing deck beside a crashing rapid immediately after the balloon lands
- Full-day open-air river spa on your suite deck — African oils and the sound of the rapids as your soundtrack
- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge: canvas-and-thatch suites built on wooden decks suspended directly over the roaring Kalagala Rapids
- Hot-air balloon over the Victoria Nile basin at dawn — hippos and crocodiles visible in the channels below
- Jet-boat safari through the white-water channels of the Nile with shoebill stork, hippos, and crocodiles alongside
- Exclusive Busoga Kingdom cultural encounter: UNESCO bark-cloth craft and private folk xylophone music performance

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The Itinerary

01

ENTEBBE

Day 1 | Arrival in Entebbe — Urban Transition

VIP tarmac handling at Entebbe International Airport. Private transfer to The Latitude 0° Hotel in Kampala — a boutique property set in lush gardens. Early arrivals explore the Entebbe Botanical Gardens and the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre. Elegant welcome dinner on a private rooftop terrace overlooking the city.

- The Latitude 0° Hotel »
- Dinner

02

JINJA · SOURCE OF THE NILE

Day 2 | Smooth Chauffeur Drive to the Source of the Nile

Extended luxury 4x4 Land Cruiser for a comfortable 2.5-hour drive east through the lush Mabira Rainforest to Jinja — the adventure capital of East Africa. Scenic journey through towering trees with monkeys and exotic birds. Check-in at The Nile Porch or a premium river estate perched on the banks of the Nile with stunning river views. First sight of the mighty Nile River beginning its 6,650-kilometre journey to the Mediterranean Sea. Gourmet dinner at the lodge.

- Nile Safari Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

JINJA · SOURCE OF THE NILE

Day 3 | The True Source of the Nile — Private Speed Boat Sundowner

Private luxury speed boat to navigate the waters where Lake Victoria meets the Nile River — the historic Source of the Nile discovered by British explorer John Hanning Speke in 1858. Visiting the John Speke monument completely free of crowds at the exact point where the great river begins its journey north. Guide explains the history of the exploration and the Nile's importance to communities along its banks. Premium spirits and tailored canapés on board as the sun sets over the quiet river channels.

- Nile Safari Lodge »
 - Breakfast, Dinner
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DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

04

KALAGALA FALLS · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 4 | Transfer to Lemala Wildwaters Lodge — Kalagala Rapids Deck Dinner

Drive down-river to the private launch pad at Kangulumira. Private luxury speed boat transfer across the rapids to check into Lemala Wildwaters Lodge — nestled on a completely private thick rainforested island. Canvas-and-thatch suites built on wooden decks suspended right over roaring water. The day culminates in a magnificent bonfire dinner on an open wooden deck suspended right over the thundering Kalagala Rapids with a roaring central fire pit — the spray of the water and sounds of the river creating a truly magical atmosphere.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

05

KALAGALA FALLS · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 5 | Floating Over the Nile — Rapids Viewing Deck Champagne Brunch

Rising before dawn for a private hot-air balloon flight drifting silently over the winding channels, lush sugarcane plantations, and dense riverine forests of the Victoria Nile basin. Breathtaking aerial views of the river snaking through the landscape with hippos and crocodiles below and elephants along the banks. After landing: a lavish champagne brunch set up on an elevated wooden viewing deck right beside a crashing rapid.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

KALAGALA FALLS · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 6 | Jet-Boating & Private Island Forest Safari

An exhilarating private jet-boat safari navigating safely through the white-water channels of the Nile — the power of the rapids surging around you while spotting the rare shoebill stork, hippos, and crocodiles. Afternoon: a relaxed walk across the island's thick forest paths with a private naturalist discovering the unique island ecosystem with towering trees, exotic birds, and dense rainforest vegetation.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

07

KALAGALA FALLS · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 7 | Open-Air River Spa — Suite Deck Wellness Day

A full dedicated day of private wellness and massage on your suite's private deck listening to the powerful rhythm of the Nile. Traditional African oils and techniques customised by your private therapist. The absolute tranquillity of the island with no distractions other than the thundering rapids and the calls of the forest. Gourmet dinner on your private deck.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

KALAGALA FALLS · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 8 | Wilderness Star-Deck Dining — Live String Performance

Relaxed afternoon birdwatching or reading from your private plunge pool overlooking the river rapids. The day culminates in a final dramatic island bonfire dinner around a stone fire pit on the main pool deck with an exclusive live performance of traditional string instruments and local choral arrangements — dining under the stars surrounded by the sounds of the Nile and the music of local performers.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

KALAGALA FALLS · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 9 | Exclusive Busoga Cultural Heritage — Bark-Cloth & Xylophone Music

A carefully curated cultural day interacting privately with community elders of the indigenous Busoga heritage. The 500-year history of the Busoga Kingdom — one of Uganda's oldest traditional kingdoms — and its deep connection to the Nile. Traditional bark-cloth clothing fabrication: a UNESCO-recognised craft. Local organic agriculture. Private performance of historic folk xylophone music and oral storytelling. Farewell multi-course dinner at Lemala Wildwaters paired with vintage wines.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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ENTEBBE

Day 10 | Return to Entebbe & Complementary Spa Day

Relaxed luxury breakfast watching the river rapids. Private speed boat back to the Kangulumira launch pad. Smooth 3-hour chauffeur transfer along a smooth highway directly to Entebbe. Complementary spa session at your city hotel. Private Entebbe tour if missed on Day 1. International departure the following day.

- The Latitude 0° Hotel »
- Breakfast

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$9,500

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price per person based on two guests sharing. All road transfers, speed boat transfers, balloon, accommodation, and meals included.

International flights to Entebbe not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$8,750
Wetter trails, lower gorilla permit demand		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$10,650
Prime dry season for gorilla trekking		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$9,500
Short rains, good trekking conditions return		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP meet and greet at Entebbe International Airport
- » All private charter flights within Uganda
- » Luxury lodge and boutique hotel accommodation
- » All meals as specified
- » All private guided game drives, treks, and activities
- » All park and concession fees
- » Gorilla trekking permit where applicable
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide and expert tracker throughout
- » Private speed boat to Source of the Nile (John Speke monument)
- » Speed boat transfer to Lemala Wildwaters private island
- » Bonfire dinner on the Kalagala Rapids deck
- » Hot-air balloon over Victoria Nile basin

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Uganda
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping
- Premium alcohol beyond inclusions
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities
- Uganda visa fees (USD 50 on arrival for most nationalities)

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