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## GENERAL UPDATES

**Uganda Airlines** will launch non-stop flights between Entebbe International Airport and London Gatwick, marking the carrier's first direct service to Europe. The new route is set to commence on 18 May 2025 and will operate four times weekly.

## FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Destination:	<b>Karibu Entebbe, Uganda</b>
Participants:	Linmarie Jacobs, Audrey Radebe
Suits which type of traveller:	Perfect for all types of travellers seeking great value for money. Conveniently located near the airport, it's a kid-friendly spot that caters for families, solo adventurers, and couples alike.
Recommended activities:	<p>Mbamba Swamp – Shoebill Experience</p> <p>This is a must-do, especially during the peak seasons in April–May and November, which coincide with the shoebill's mating season. Expect a bit of a crowd, with over 20 boats often out during these times. The experience includes a 10-minute drive to Lake Victoria, followed by a quick speedboat ride and a transfer into traditional canoes. You'll be poled through narrow swamp channels where you can spot the elusive shoebill, along with a wide variety of birdlife.</p> <p>Total duration: 3 hours</p> <p>Lake Victoria Sunset Cruise</p> <p>Unwind with a serene cruise across the lake as the sun sets – a perfect way to end the day.</p>
Cuisine:	The food is fresh, flavourful, and generously portioned. The owner has introduced several healthy options using locally sourced ingredients, creating a dining experience that's both wholesome and satisfying.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The abundance of birdlife is simply breath-taking. The staff's warmth and hospitality truly stood out, making us feel right at home.

Caveats:	While the accommodation is not at a 5-star luxury level, it offers clean, comfortable, and basic facilities – ideal for travellers prioritising experience and value over high-end amenities.
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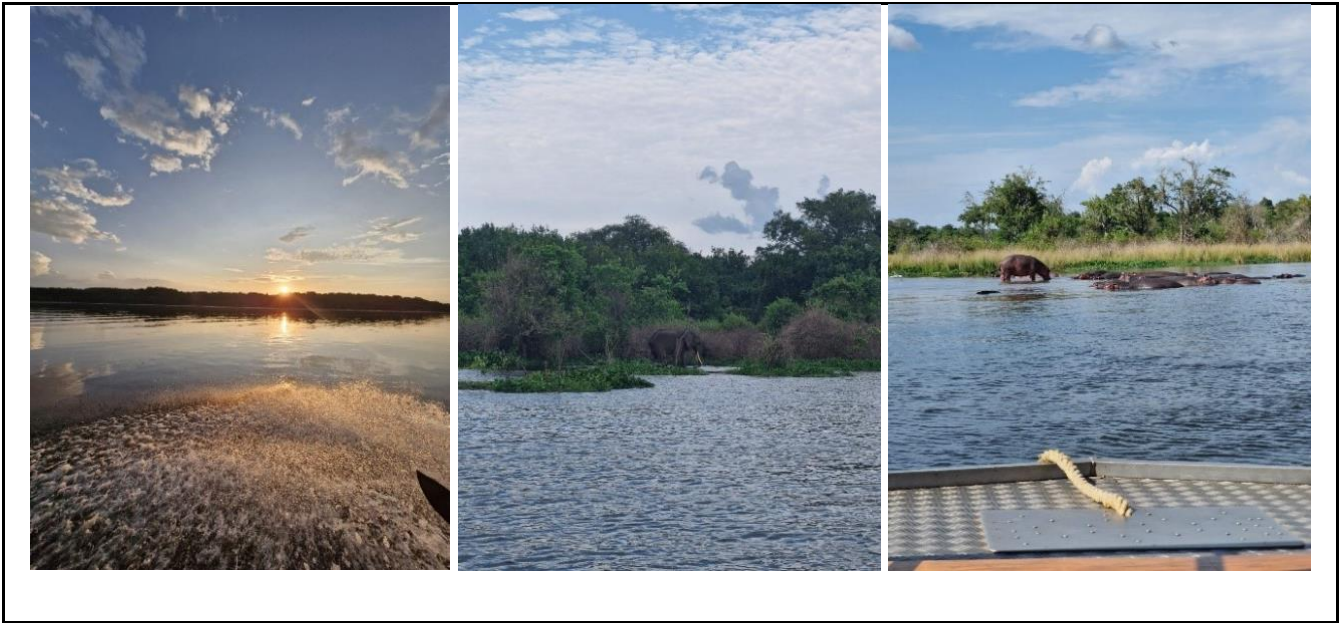
Destination:	<b>Nile Safari Lodge, Uganda</b>
Participants:	Linmarie Jacobs, Audrey Radebe
Suits which type of traveller:	Suitable for all types of travellers, including families and small groups. However, it's particularly well-suited to high-end guests looking for a touch of luxury and comfort in a scenic, nature-rich setting.
Recommended activities:	<p><b>Ziwa Rhino Walk</b></p> <p>This unforgettable walking safari is a perfect stop en route to Murchison Falls National Park or Nile Safari Lodge. From Entebbe, it's about a 1.5-hour drive to the Rhino Sanctuary. Upon arrival, you'll meet your guide and set off on a 30-minute guided walk to observe the rhinos in their natural habitat. The experience also includes an insightful conservation talk covering the history and ongoing protection efforts of Uganda's rhino population.</p>
Cuisine:	Expect fine dining with a Ugandan twist – each dish is crafted using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The culinary experience is a highlight, combining quality and creativity.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The food was truly outstanding – beautifully presented and full of flavour. The overall experience blends nature, comfort, and meaningful encounters with wildlife.
Caveats:	A visible oil drill near the lodge can detract from the natural scenery, though it's expected to be removed by 2026. For the Murchison Falls River Cruise, consider booking a private boat rather than the scheduled cruise, which can be

overcrowded. The lodge features a unique triangular architectural design – some may find it charmingly different, while others may see it as unconventional.



Destination:	<b>Anyadwe House, Uganda</b>
Participants:	Linmarie Jacobs, Audrey Radebe
Suits which type of traveller:	This mid-range property offers excellent value for money and a warm, homely atmosphere – comfortable, beautifully designed, and ideal for all types of travellers. Especially well-suited for small groups and multi-generational families.
Recommended activities:	<p>Murchison Falls &amp; Private Sundowner Cruise Enjoy a scenic river cruise directly from the property's private jetty. You'll board a small private boat and cruise along the Nile with drinks and snacks included. Duration: Approx. 2.5 hours</p> <p>The cruise offers spectacular views and a chance to get up close to Murchison Falls – an unforgettable highlight.</p>
Cuisine:	Expect classic, comforting dishes made with fresh local ingredients, blending familiar flavours with a regional touch.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The sole-use option created a truly intimate and exclusive experience. Every room offers stunning views of the Nile River. The sunset cruise was a standout, offering an up-close view of the Falls. The area is a birdwatcher's paradise, with a wealth of birdlife visible from the river. Staff were exceptionally friendly and attentive, adding to the overall warmth of the stay.
Caveats:	While the property can be booked on an FIT (individual) basis, the communal spaces are shared. For guests who prefer privacy or are uncomfortable sharing, this may feel a bit limiting due to the cosy nature of the layout.





Destination:	<b>Primate Lodge – Kibale, Uganda</b>
Participants:	Linmarie Jacobs, Audrey Radebe
Suits which type of traveller:	Suited to all types of travellers, though particularly recommended for luxury- and experience-seeking travellers looking for immersive nature and wildlife encounters with a touch of comfort.
Recommended activities:	<p><b>Chimpanzee Trekking &amp; Forest Hikes</b> This is a more challenging trek compared to other regions, as the chimps here are less habituated making for a raw, authentic experience for adventurous travellers.</p> <p><b>Bigodi Swamp Walk</b> A 1.5-hour guided walk through a biodiverse wetland. The trail winds through swampy, forested terrain and offers exceptional birdwatching and frequent sightings of primates. The terrain is uneven, making it more suited to active travellers.</p> <p><b>Nocturnal Walks</b> Experience the forest come alive after dark—ideal for spotting night-dwelling species and enjoying the unique atmosphere of the park at night.</p> <p><b>Crater Lake Exploration</b> Scenic excursions to nearby crater lakes offer dramatic landscapes and peaceful moments in nature.</p> <p>All activities are within or adjacent to Kibale National Park.</p>
Cuisine:	A delightful blend of Western-inspired dishes with local Ugandan flavours, using fresh regional ingredients and served with elegance.

Highlights during visit/stay:	The guided excursions within Kibale National Park were truly immersive – deeply engaging and unlike anything we’d experienced before. The lodge is ideally located just 5 minutes from the park, and you can even walk there directly. The natural setting adds to the experience – surrounded by lush forest and rich biodiversity.
Caveats:	While the lodge’s proximity to the park is a major advantage, natural odours from the forest can occasionally drift over the property, which some may find unpleasant. The terrain for many excursions is uneven and physically demanding, best suited for active travellers comfortable with off-the-beaten-path experiences.

