



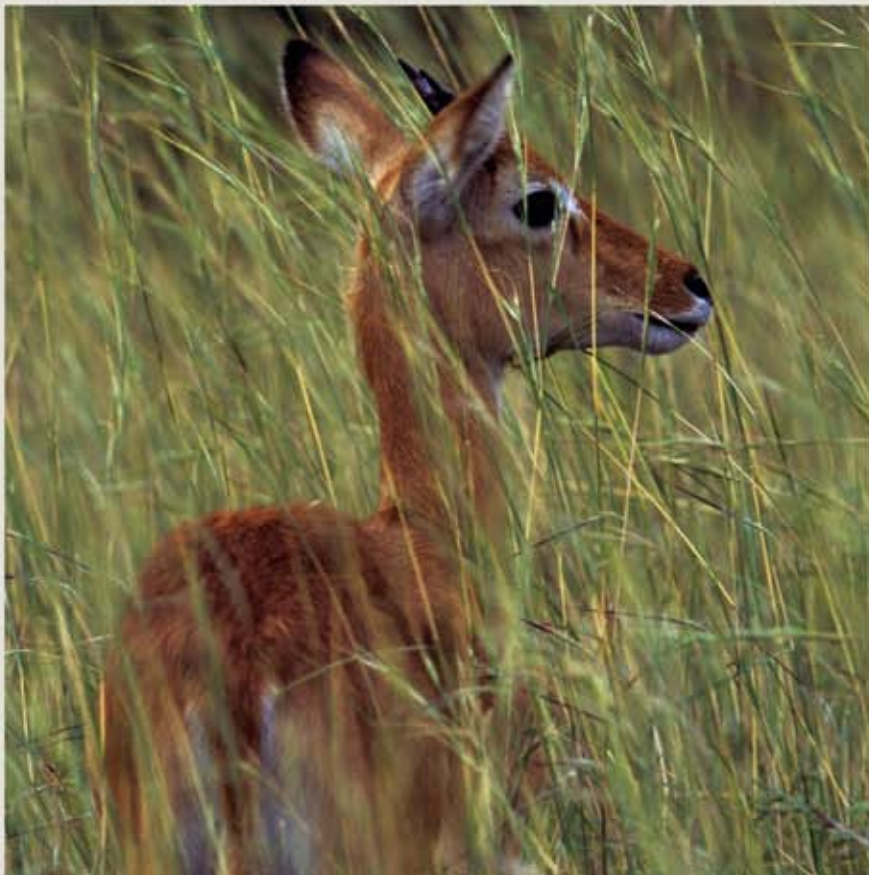
SEMILIKI

Toro-Semliki Game Reserve


WILDPLACES

The Semliki Valley, deep in the heart of Uganda's Western Rift Valley, is a prime conservation area. Boasting both a National Park and a Game Reserve, much of the valley is untouched.

In the Semliki National Park, the forest forms the easternmost tip of the Central African Rainforest and is home to myriad bird species (including at least 30 rare endemics). The Sempaya hotsprings are a key attraction, and from a cultural standpoint, the community of Batwa people (pygmies) living in a small village at Ntandi offer an insight into a traditional way of life.





Nearby, the Toro-Semliki Game Reserve is a classic geographical crossroads: this is where tropical rainforest meets grassy savannah, where wetlands give over to majestic lake Albert, the flat plains are punctuated by deep river valleys, the dramatic rise of the Rift Valley Escarpment and the rolling, textured foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains.



This unique geography is reflected in the diversity of wildlife. Here we see both the forest species of Central Africa (ie: forest buffalo and the smaller forest elephant) and the savanna species of East Africa: lion, elephant, numerous antelope species, warthog, buffalo, etc.

For birds, in addition to many endemic species, the reserve is graced with numerous migrants. The wetlands teem with birdlife, including the elusive shoebill which nests in the shallows of lake Albert.

Several communities of chimpanzees live in the lush river valleys of the reserve, and we are involved in a long-standing research project on chimpanzees. Guests at Semliki Lodge are welcome to accompany the resident researcher into the forest.

Guests at Semliki Safari Lodge have the whole valley to themselves: this award winning lodge is the only lodge in the entire Semliki Valley - with a maximum of 16 guests, this makes for a blissfully private experience.

Eight luxury en-suite tents · library, living room and dining room · swimming pool with thatched lounge · excellent cuisine · trained masseuse.

Open year-round · guided walks and hikes in savanna or forest · game drives · spotlit night drives · chimpanzee research and habituation · visits to batwa (pygmy) village · boating/fishing on lake albert · trip to waterfalls.



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