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### 6-Day Mount Elgon Trek & Pian Upe Wildlife Safari (Uganda)

**Difficulty:** Challenging

**Accommodation:** Apoka Safari Lodge / Wilderness Camps

**Success Rate:** ~80%

This **6-day adventure** combines an **exhilarating trek to Mount Elgon's Wagagai Peak (4,321m)** with an **unforgettable safari in Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve**, one of Uganda's most pristine and lesser-explored parks. You'll experience **high-altitude trekking, stunning landscapes, crater explorations, and a wildlife safari featuring cheetahs, zebras, and giraffes.**

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#### Itinerary

##### Day 1: Arrive in Mbale, Transfer to Mount Elgon

- Arrive in **Mbale**, the starting point for your Mount Elgon trek.
- Meet your trekking guides and rangers for a **briefing session**.
- Transfer to the park entrance and check into your **mountain lodge or campsite**.
- Explore the nearby **Sipi Falls**, famous for scenic waterfalls and abseiling.
- Enjoy a **relaxed evening** in the foothills of Mount Elgon.

**Travel Time:** ~5 hours from Kampala to Mbale.

**Accommodation:** Sipi River Lodge / Rafiki Lodge / Mountain Campsite.

**Meals:** Lunch & dinner.

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##### Day 2: Hike to Mude Camp (3,500m)

- Begin your **trek from Budadiri Gate**, following the **Sasa Trail**, known for its steep and challenging ascent.
- Hike through **tropical rainforests, bamboo zones, and moorlands**.
- Cross the **Jackson Pool and Jackson's Table**, a flat resting area offering breathtaking views.
- Arrive at **Mude Cave Camp (3,500m)** for an overnight stay in **mountain tents**.

**Hiking Time:** ~7-8 hours.

**Scenery:** Rainforests, bamboo zones, and alpine meadows.

**Accommodation:** **Mude Cave Camp (Basic mountain shelters/tents).**

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner.

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### **Day 3: Summit Wagagai Peak (4,321m) & Explore the Crater**

- **Summit Day!** Early morning ascent to **Wagagai Peak (4,321m)**, Mount Elgon's highest point.
- Enjoy **breathtaking views of Uganda & Kenya**, with vast calderas and unique flora.
- Explore **Mount Elgon's Crater, the world's largest volcanic caldera**.
- Descend back to **Mude Camp** for overnight rest.

**Hiking Time:** ~8-10 hours round trip.

**Highlights:** Wagagai Peak, breathtaking crater views.

**Accommodation:** **Mude Cave Camp (Basic mountain shelters/tents).**

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner.

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### **Day 4: Descend & Transfer to Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve**

- Trek down from **Mude Camp to Budadiri**, completing your Mount Elgon trek.
- Have lunch in **Mbale** before transferring to **Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve**.
- Check into **a wilderness safari lodge or tented camp** near the reserve.
- Relax with **stunning sunset views** over Uganda's savannah plains.

**Travel Time:** ~3-4 hours from Mount Elgon to Pian Upe.

**Accommodation:** **Apoka Safari Lodge / Wilderness Camp.**

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner.

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### **Day 5: Game Drive in Pian Upe to See Cheetahs, Zebras & Giraffes**

- Wake up for an **early morning game drive** in **Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve**.
- Spot **cheetahs, zebras, giraffes, elands, oribis, buffaloes, and hyenas**.

- Enjoy **spectacular landscapes** with rolling plains and acacia woodlands.
- Visit **hot springs and rocky outcrops** within the reserve.
- Relax at the lodge or take an optional **guided nature walk**.

**Wildlife to See:** Cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, buffaloes, hyenas, oribis.

**Accommodation:** Apoka Safari Lodge / Wilderness Camp.

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner.

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## Day 6: Return to Kampala

- After breakfast, enjoy a **scenic drive back to Kampala or Entebbe Airport** for your departure.
- Optional **stop at the Source of the Nile in Jinja** for sightseeing or a boat ride.

**Travel Time:** ~7-8 hours back to Kampala.

**Meals:** Breakfast & lunch.

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## Inclusions

- ✓ Mount Elgon National Park permits & entrance fees
  - ✓ Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve game drive & park fees
  - ✓ Professional trekking guides & armed rangers
  - ✓ Camping gear & full board meals
  - ✓ Accommodation in lodges, campsites, or shelters
  - ✓ 4x4 safari vehicle for transfers & game drives
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## Exclusions

- ✗ International/domestic flights
  - ✗ Personal expenses (snacks, souvenirs, drinks)
  - ✗ Travel insurance
  - ✗ Tips for guides & lodge staff
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## Why Choose This Adventure?

- ✓ Unique combination of high-altitude trekking & wildlife safari
- ✓ One of the few places in Uganda where you can see cheetahs!
- ✓ Less crowded than other Ugandan parks – enjoy pure wilderness
- ✓ Perfect for adventure seekers & nature lovers

