10-Day African Village & Cultural Exchange Tour

Hosted by Bunyonyi Safaris Resort | Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda

Ideal for: School Groups (Ages 12–18) | Group Size: 10–30 students

# Tour Highlights

* • Live like a local in a beautiful Ugandan lakeside village
* • Cultural immersion with the Batwa tribe, Uganda’s original forest dwellers
* • Visit and interact with students at Bufuka Primary School
* • Football and rugby matches with different local schools
* • Learn traditional dancing, farming, and crafts
* • Tree planting with school children
* • Guided hikes to caves, iron smiths, and homesteads
* • Visit a local homestead to learn about indigenous history and culture
* • Island explorations on MV Bunyonyi, Lake Bunyonyi’s scenic passenger boat
* • Hike to scenic hilltops for views of volcanoes and sunset
* • Optional gorilla tracking or forest birding in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
* • BBQ dinner, leisure time, and cultural talent show

# Sample Itinerary (10 Days)

## Day 1: Arrival in Uganda

* • Pick-up from Entebbe/Kampala or Kigali
* • Overnight en route or at Bunyonyi Safaris Resort (depending on arrival time)

## Day 2: Welcome to Bunyonyi

* • Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi
* • Scenic ride across the lake on MV Bunyonyi
* • Resort welcome, safety briefing, orientation
* • Evening traditional dance performance by local youth

## Day 3: Meet the Community

* • Visit Bufuka Primary School – attend class, storytelling, song exchange
* • Afternoon football match with local students
* • Tree planting with school children

## Day 4: Batwa Cultural Encounter

* • Visit the Batwa tribe – learn hunting dances, storytelling, and music
* • Participate in a Batwa craft-making session
* • Visit a local homestead to learn about the history and culture of the surrounding tribes

## Day 5: Iron Smiths Experience

* • Morning hike to traditional iron smiths – see blacksmithing in action
* • Learn how metal tools are made using ancestral techniques
* • Afternoon football or rugby match with a different local school on the sports pitch

## Day 6: Caves & Culture

* • Guided hike to local caves with historical legends and natural beauty
* • Learn about the cultural and spiritual significance of these sites
* • Afternoon football or rugby match with another local school

## Day 7: Leisure & Scenic Hike

* • Morning free for leisure, reading, games, or relaxation
* • Afternoon hike to the neighborhood hilltops for panoramic views of the volcanoes and sunset
* • Return to resort for evening rest and reflection

## Day 8: Bwindi Forest Adventure

* • Early morning transfer to Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
* • Optional gorilla tracking for those who have booked permits
* • Forest birding walk for the rest of the group with experienced guides
* • Return to Bunyonyi Safaris Resort in the evening

## Day 9: Farewell Party

* • Spend the day at leisure – swimming, board games, relaxation
* • BBQ dinner and farewell campfire with youth cultural performances
* • Certificate of participation

## Day 10: Departure

* • Transfer to airport or onward destination

# Package Price Estimate

USD $790 per student

(Based on 15–30 students. One free teacher per 10 students. Gorilla permits not included in base price)

## Includes:

* • Airport pickups and all ground transport
* • MV Bunyonyi lake transport
* • 9 nights full-board accommodation
* • Entry fees, all guided activities except gorilla permits
* • Bottled water, safety supervision
* • Use of Bunyonyi Safaris sports pitch and coordination of school matches
* • Cultural performances, school and Batwa visits
* • Contributions to local schools and community initiatives

## Excludes:

* • International airfare
* • Visas and travel insurance
* • Gorilla tracking permit (available on request)
* • Personal expenses and snacks

# Accommodation

Students stay at Bunyonyi Safaris Resort in dorm-style or twin rooms with mosquito nets, hot showers, and stunning lake views. All activities are based within safe travel distances. Teachers are accommodated in private ensuite rooms.