

TAILOR-MADE DESTINATIONS

# **KALALAMA LOOP** 3-day trek to Kalalama Camp



# Day 1 Arrive Entebbe

Arrive Entebbe. Overnight in a centrally-located hotel.

NB. We can arrange your international flights and accommodation in Entebbe for you. Please note that these are not included in the published climb rates.

# Day 2 Transfer Entebbe to Kasese. Overnight at local hotel.

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Transfer from Entebbe to Kasese by road or air (*to be quoted for separately*). On arrival, you will be met at the airstrip by the local climb team and transferred to the Sandton Hotel for dinner and overnight.

# Accommodation in Kasese

There are a range of hotels and guesthouses available to suit different budgets in and around Kasese and in nearby Fort Motel, from very basic lodges (the Trekkers Hostel) to comfortable hotels (Hotel Sandton). Please contact us for alternative options.







#### Day 3 To Samalira Camp. Approx. 5 to 7 hours

Your trek departs from the Trekkers Hostel in Kilembe at approx. 10am. Meet with your climb team at 9am for a final kit check and briefing, before setting off on foot from the Hostel.

Today's walk is 8.6 km, expected time 5 to 7 hours. The start height is 1,667 metres, climbing to 3,171 metres. Leaving the Trekkers Hostel at approx. 10am, you walk 2.2km to the UWA rangers post at 1,727m, where you will be briefed on the rules of the Rwenzori National Park.

As you leave the rangers post you walk along a path through tall grassland and ferns which gives way to magnificent rainforest. As this is a new route the forest is largely untouched and carries a wide variety of trees and plants. Many species of bird can also be heard and seen in this rich environment, as can Chimpanzees and Colobus monkeys.

Upon entering the forest, the first few kilometres of the trail climb steadily, crossing several small streams and rivers. The trail becomes gradually steeper as you enter the bamboo zone and ascend a high ridge, at the top of which is Samalira Camp, where you will rest for the night. As you near the top of the ridge you break out of the bamboo to fantastic views of the valleys and hills below looking across to Lake George and Queen Elizabeth National Park in the distance. The equator lies just north of Lake George.

Samalira Camp is situated amidst giant heathers, with stunning views over the lowlands below.

# Day 4 To Kalalama Camp. Approx 4-6 hours

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After a hearty breakfast commence walking. The trail becomes steeper as you enter the bamboo zone. During the rainy season this section of the trail can also become exceptionally muddy.

As you near the top of the ridge and exit the bamboo zone you will be greeted by fantastic views of the valleys and hills below. On a clear day, the view extends all the way across to Lake George and Queen Elizabeth National Park.

As you continue to climb, the bamboo forest will gradually give way to forests of giant tree heather and lobelias of a kind that can only be found in the Rwenzori Mountains.

After 6.9km, you will approach Kalalama Camp (3,150m), where you rest tonight.

Overnight at Kalalama Camp.







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#### Day 5 Descend to Kilembe

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Leaving Kalalama Camp, you descend through the bamboo forest and down the ridge to the Rangers Post, arriving early afternoon. After a quick debrief, it is a short walk down to the Trekkers Hostel, where your trek ends.

After lunch and rest at the Trekkers Hostel, you will be collected by your driver for the short transfer to Kasese.

Dinner and overnight at the Sandton Hotel.

#### Day 6 Departure

Your itinerary ends this morning in Kasese. We can arrange for your transfer back to Entebbe/Kampala if required.

If you are continuing with a safari to Queen Elizabeth or gorilla tracking in Bwindi, your driver and guide will come to meet you this morning at your hotel for the start of your safari.

#### Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is **£740 per person**, based on 1-2 travellers. Lower rates apply for groups of 3+.

This price is inclusive of Rwenzori park fees and accommodation in Kasese before and after the climb, but does not include transfers to/from Entebbe. Please see our <u>Rwenzori price guide</u> for basic climb rates independent of accommodation and transfers.

Includes:	Excludes:
• Accommodation as outlined in it	inerary o International flights – please ask us for a
• Meals as outlined in itinerary	quote
• Kasese airstrip transfers	<ul> <li>Transfers between Entebbe/Kampala</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>Rwenzori park fees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Personal expenses and tips</li> </ul>

*NB.* Please note that, depending on the condition of the trails and the weather you experience, your precise hiking route may vary from that outlined above.



