

Since 1997 when we launched our first boat in Uganda, we have hosted many anglers from all over the world including Jeremy Wade (River Monsters presenter), John Wilson a UK TV presenter, Zeb Hogan Monster Fish National Geographic TV presenter, both on Lake Victoria and on the Nile river in Murchison Falls National park

We are based in Entebbe, and offer professionally run fishing trips in Uganda on Lake Victoria and the Nile river in Murchison Falls National Park. Nile perch of up to 113 kg have been recorded, the largest fresh water game fish in Africa. The methods employed vary between lake and river and we encourage anglers to bring their own equipment.

Lake trips can be enjoyed by everyone from those with no previous experience to those who are looking for a new destination with trips from half to full day offered, or longer overnight trips for the more serious fisherman.

At Murchison Falls National Park fish are caught on live bait or with casting lures including Nile perch and various species of cat fish. There are also a large variety of smaller species, (used as live bait), obtained by spinning including tiger fish. Fishing is either from the river bank or from a boat at the base of the falls area. This fishing is generally done over a few days and can be very exciting but it does require some experience and also a certain level of fitness due to the terrain.

We encourage the catch and release policy for all our fishing trips.

NILE PERCH FISHING ON THE NILE RIVER AT MURCHISON FALLS

Guides

Fishing at Murchison requires expert assistance, to ensure both client safety in this adventurous destination, and the best opportunity for successful fishing. Some of you may be experienced enough to challenge the Nile with just hiring a boat and skipper but for most it is recommended to have an experienced fishing guide along to ensure the smooth running of the trip (especially if it is a first excursion to the falls). A choice of guides is available (subject to availability) and we recommend one guide per three anglers.

Depending upon group size we can recommend Paul Goldring, Andy Ault, Pete Baldwin, and others who have successfully led trips to the falls over the last few years, and will ensure an unforgettable experience.



Getting there

Murchison Falls National Park is approximately 6 hours drive north west from Entebbe, via Kampala with the majority of the roads before reaching the park being tarred. Within the park there are murrum roads. Our fully inclusive trips include private transport with a driver in 4 x 4 vehicles which are comfortable and spacious, including room for fishing equipment! Alternatively scheduled flights (minimum 3 persons) or charter flights can be used between Entebbe and Murchison Falls National Park, these are at an additional cost which is provided upon request.

Traditional Fishing Season

The fishing at Murchison varies from year to year as to which are the most successful fishing months, but generally it is accepted that the drier months of the year produce better fishing results – December to March and June to October. We catch all year round its just that in these months there is less chance of rain. Thunderstorms occur randomly throughout the year. The beginning of the April Rainy season is to be avoided please enquire about current situation before booking.

Fishing area and conditions

Sport Fishing at Murchison Falls National Park is currently conducted in the area at the base of the falls. The fishing is either from the rocks on the bank of the river or slightly lower down stream in the pools from a boat. Access to the fishing spots is either by boat from a point further down stream or by walking down the gorge to the river from the top of the falls. It's a long steep climb back up (around 45 minutes for a reasonably fit person) and hence most people tend to go fishing equipped for the day to avoid climbing up in the heat of the day.

The temperatures at Murchison are high (sometimes over 40 degrees C) – especially at mid day and anglers should be equipped with sun protection including sun tan lotion, hats and long sleeved shirts. Tsetse flies also abound at certain times and we recommend trousers as well as insect repellent.

Methods of Fishing / Equipment

Fish caught on live bait / casting lures include Nile perch and various species of cat fish. There are also a large variety of smaller species, (used as live bait), obtained by spinning including tiger fish. We recommend a rod between 11feet (3 metres) and 8 feet (2.4 metres) together with a fixed spool or multiplier reel. For the smaller species a 7' spinning rod with 5 kg (10 lb) line is adequate.

Methods of Fishing / Equipment (continued)

Reels - For Nile perch and catfish any reel fixed spool or multiplier with 30-35 lb line(17 Additional guides range in price from USD150 – USD300 per day depending upon requirements and inclusions and are subject to availability.kg) will do. It depends on personal preference and skill with a multiplier. For tiger fish and smaller species any reel you can comfortably cast small spinners is suitable.

Accommodation

There are several facilities available for accommodation in the park – which one we utilise will depend upon budget and requirements. Prices quoted are based on utilizing Paraa lodge or Nile Safari Lodge. We are also able to offer accommodation at Murchison River Lodge which is more mid range and basic accommodation at Red Chilli Rest Camp for client groups that prefer to camp (fit experienced anglers only) a mobile camp, which we will erect at the camp site at the “top of the falls” area above Murchison Falls. Due to the remoteness of the area power is usually by generator in the evenings and early mornings only at the lodges/camps.

Drinks

Drinks are cooled by gas run fridge/freezers at most of the lodges/camps and at times the hot weather affects this process. Cooler boxes are used on the boats to keep drinks as cool as possible through the day. Bottled water is available for drinking and a variety of other drinks are available for sale at the lodge/camps, however IF you have specific requests we suggest you notify us in advance so we can do our best to accommodate you. Whilst they try their best to accommodate guests NOT all drinks available in other parts of the world are available here, there fore if you have strong preference eg branded spirits, we also suggest you bring your own.

What to pack

There are no shops in the National Park - all necessary supplies such as sun tan lotion, cigarettes, spare batteries for electronic equipment and cameras, and mosquito spray must be brought with you. We suggest you bring as much sun protection as possible - hats, sunglasses, creams as it can be very hot. Hiking/safari boots are best for foot wear, especially for shore fishing from the steep, rough rocks. Lightweight and light coloured clothes for fishing are best as they are cooler and the tsetse flies are less attracted to them. Long sleeves and long trousers are best, but avoid blue/black dark colours where ever possible as these colours actually attract the tsetses. A light weight rain jacket and a sweater for the evenings is also recommended. Tsetse flies are attracted more to some people than others - if you happen to be one of

Optional additional excursions

Excursions for game drives, Nile river cruises and chimpanzee trekking can be arranged in conjunction with the fishing. These excursions at Murchison Falls National Park are not included in the pricing quoted, but we would be happy to advise you, should you be interested in further information. Should you wish to combine your fishing with visiting other areas of Uganda eg Mountain Gorilla viewing then we can also assist you with arranging this sector of your safari as an additional service.

PRICES 2012 - DAY TRIPS – SPORTS FISHING MURCHISON FALLS

Included: Use of boat on the Nile with s local skipper/fishing guide services, fuel, drinking water, and use of fishing equipment with USD100 deposit fee per rod paid before departure(except for breakages / damaged equipment which is charged for).

Excluded: National Park Entry Fees of USD35 per day, National Park Fishing Fees of USD50 per day which are payable directly to Uganda Wildlife Authority.

MURCHISON FALLS - FULL DAY FISHING TRIP ON NILE RIVER 2012 PRICES	
No. of persons/boat	Price per person
1 guest, 1 boat	USD500.00
2 guests 1 boat	USD271.00
3 guests, 1 boat	USD193.00

PRICES 2012 – MURCHISON FALLS MULTIPLE DAYS SPORTS FISHING PACKAGE SAFARI

Included: Airport transfers and return transport in 4 x 4 vehicle with driver/guide from Entebbe to MFNP, accommodation, meals, boat use on the Nile river, local fishing guide services and national park entry fees.

Excluded: Drinks, Tips and other items of a personal nature and National Park Fishing Fees of USD50 per day (or \$150 for 4 days) which are payable directly to Uganda Wildlife Authority and fishing equipment hire as detailed below.



Medium Boat



Duro Boat



Duro Boat

International Prices – Murchison Falls Multiple Days Sports Fishing Packages - January to December 2012 per person sharing in USD					
	NUMBER OF DAYS/NIGHTS AT MURCHISON				
No. of guests/ boats	3D / 2N	4D / 3N	5D / 4N	6D / 5N	7D / 6N
1 guest, 1 boat	USD3627	USD4347	USD5138	USD6205	USD7030
2 guests 1 boat	USD2175	USD2710	USD3278	USD3985	USD4570
3 guests, 2 boats	USD1867	USD2420	USD2970	USD3641	USD4241
4 guests, 2 boats	USD1580	USD2083	USD2583	USD3162	USD3700
5 guests, 2 boats	USD1410	USD1880	USD2350	USD2882	USD3382
6 guests, 3 boats	USD1385	USD1875	USD2360	USD2890	USD3390
<i>Whilst it is possible to fish 3 persons on our boats, our recommendation is for 2 persons only for "serious" fishermen and we can accommodate up to three boats ie 6 persons maximum. Larger groups are by special arrangement/quotation</i>					
Single supplement	USD160	USD240	USD360	USD400	USD480

EXTRAS / OPTIONS

Fishing Permit – Uganda Wildlife Authority requires that each angler purchases an official fishing permit for each day of fishing – the prices are dependent upon the total number of days you fish for – between USD 50 per rod per day or USD150 for 4 days per rod..

We ask you to please bring sufficient USD cash (Credit card payments are not accepted) to pay for this directly to UWA at Murchison Falls upon arrival at the National Park.

Fishing Equipment - is not included in the above prices as there is a variety of different types required, depending on the fish species and size anglers seek. Due to challenges of keeping up with breakages and supply of new equipment to Uganda, a limited amount of basic equipment (more suited to first time visitors) is available for hire from us from USD20.00 /day/rod & reel (lost or broken lures charged in addition) depending on type and quantity required.

We strongly recommend that if it all possible anglers bring their own equipment, especially the more seasoned anglers who know their fishing.

LOST / DAMAGED FISHING EQUIPMENT

For both the day trips and overnight fishing safaris we operate our fishing equipment used on the basis that if any of our equipment that is used and is lost, damaged or not returned to us at the end of the fishing period it needs to be paid for at our ruling rates.

Note that our fishing safaris packages above include our local, experienced skippers / fishing guides only. Additional guides range in price from USD150 – USD300 per day depending upon requirements and inclusions and are subject to availability.

NILE PERCH SPORTS FISHING ON LAKE VICTORIA

Guides

Our local guides are the most experienced, and our boats and equipment the best available in the country. Our prices are based upon local Ugandan guides being used for the trips. They are experienced and knowledgeable as well as being able to communicate well in English.

In addition, other international guides are available for leading trips if required. It is recommended that these additional guides be utilised with any large groups and specialist fishing clients.

Traditional Fishing Season

All year round avoiding full moon and the April/May rainy season.

Fish Caught / Methods

Nile Perch. From approximately 10-80kg in weight. Trolling with lures is the main method of fishing used.

Boats Used

An 18 foot sea going ski boat with single foam filled hull, powered by twin Yamaha 85HP outboard engines. The boat has a maximum seating capacity of 6 passengers plus skipper and a maximum of 4 people fishing at any one time (to avoid line tangling etc).

A fibre glass 24 foot long “canoe” powered by a 40 hp Yamaha outboard engine is also available for smaller groups of 2-3 fishermen and usually best for day trips (not overnight).

Equipment & Facilities on board

Our boats are equipped with an overhead sun canopy, rain suits (there can be a certain amount of spray when the lake is rough), mobile phone, life jackets, basic first aid box and fire extinguisher on board for your safety. We also have a cooler box on board for cold drink storage.

All equipment and lures for trolling for perch for up to 4 lines per boat are supplied, but anglers are free to bring their own. Anything damaged or lost will need to be paid for before disembarkation. Lures are between 20-25USD each if lost.

Meeting Point

For our day trips we meet in Entebbe outside UWEC (Zoo), Lugard Avenue, where safe parking is available and it is a short walk to the pier from where we depart/return. Transport is arranged to and from the jetty from local Entebbe and Kampala hotels upon request and for overnight trip groups.





Day Trips - timings

They normally depart around 9.00 am or 1.00pm and return around 12.30pm or 5.00pm with a full day being approximately 8 hours on the water and a half day around 4 hours. Fishing is done around local islands about a 45 minute boat trip from Entebbe. The areas fished will depend upon the weather and how the fish are biting. At certain times of the year the lake can be very rough with large swells and so then we tend to utilise the sheltered bays for fishing. A picnic lunch is provided with a cool box of beers, mineral water and sodas as well as tea and coffee. Anglers are free to bring along additional drinks required.

What to bring on board

We suggest you bring as much sun protection as possible - hats, sunglasses, creams as it can be quite hot out on the lake (average day time temperatures are in the mid to late 20 degrees C). Strops or sandals are a good idea as you may well get wet feet - especially getting on and off the boat! Insect repellent is a good idea. A camera if you'd like to capture "the big fish" on film and a pair of binoculars if you are keen on birdlife. Light daywear such as T shirts and shorts are normally fine but we recommend a rain jacket in case of bad weather and a sweater or light jacket for cooler weather and the evenings.

PRICES - DAY TRIPS - Included: Use of fishing speedboat, fuel, lunch, reasonable quantity of hot and cold drinks, services of local fishing guide/gilly and fishing equipment for trolling for up to 4 persons on board.

International Prices – Lake Victoria – Day trip Sports Fishing - January to December 2012 per person in USD			
FULL DAY TRIP TO LOCAL ISLANDS		HALF DAY TRIP TO LOCAL ISLANDS	
No. of guests/boat	Price per person	No. of persons/boat	Price per person
1 guest, 1 boat	USD457.00	1	USD400.00
2 guests, 1 boat	USD271.00	2	USD243.00
3 guests, 1 boat	USD197.00	3	USD157.00
4 guests, 1 boat	USD171.00	4	USD126.00

PRICES – LAKE VICTORIA – MULTIPLE DAYS SPORTS FISHING PACKAGES - Included: Lake boat transfers and use of speedboat for fishing, fuel, accommodation on Ngamba Island/ Bulago Island, meals, island visitor fees, services of local fishing guide/gilly and fishing equipment for trolling for up to 4 persons on board. Larger groups by individual quotation.

International Prices – Lake Victoria, Multiple Days Sports Fishing Packages - January to December 2012 per person sharing in USD			
No of persons/boat	2 Days /1 night	3 Days / 2 Nights	4 Days / 3 Nights
1 guest, 1 boat	USD2050	USD3000	USD3970
2 guests, 1 boat	USD1308	USD2045	USD2805
3 guests, 1 boat	USD1100	USD1786	USD2492
4 guests, 1 boat	USD965	USD1612	USD2280

Quotations for additional nights in Entebbe at various hotel / guest house options are also available – please enquire further