



NGAMBA ISLAND

Facts





DID YOU KNOW?

1. Chimpanzees are “Apes”, not monkeys. The other apes include gorillas, orang-utans, bonobos (or pygmy chimpanzees) and gibbons.
2. Chimpanzees share 98.7% DNA with humans, which makes them closer to humans than gorillas.
3. There are two species of Chimpanzee:
 - Common Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) – which are found in 21 African countries
 - Bonobo or Pygmy Chimpanzee (*Pan paniscus*) which is found in DR Congo
4. There are four subspecies of Common Chimpanzee:
 - *Pan troglodytes verus* (West Africa)
 - *Pan troglodytes troglodytes* (Central Africa)
 - *Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii* (East Africa)
 - *Pan troglodytes velerosus* (Cameroon)
5. There are thought to be 175,000 chimpanzees remaining in the wild but their numbers are reducing at an alarming rate as their habitats are being destroyed and the “bushmeat” trade increases.
6. There are 17 sanctuaries in Africa caring for orphaned and/or confiscated chimpanzees. In 2000, an association of sanctuaries was formed, called the “Pan African Sanctuary Alliance”, to help conserve chimpanzees and their habitats through education and political lobbying.
7. Chimpanzees are highly social animals and can live in communities of 20–100 individuals. Each community has a dominant male called the “alpha” male. The community lives in a home range that covers approximately 1 sq km per individual in the group.
8. They can live to 50 years of age and they have an elaborate communication system.
9. Chimpanzees use tools to catch termites, to open nuts and for drinking water.
10. Chimpanzees eat mostly fruit, e.g., figs and sometimes insects, eggs and nestlings. Occasionally they will stalk, attack, kill and eat monkeys; red colobus monkeys being their favourite. They feed mostly in the morning and evening and rest during the heat of the day.
11. At the sanctuary, the chimpanzees are fed a variety of foodstuffs including fruit and vegetables, posho and millet porridge. They are fed four times a day.
12. At dusk, wild chimpanzees build nests 6–25 metres above the ground (by pulling over branches to make a soft bed).
13. Female chimpanzees become sexually active in captivity from 8–9 years of age when they start to develop a very large swelling of the ano-genital region.



14. "Menarche", the time when female chimpanzees first menstruate, occurs when they are 7–9 years of age in captivity and 11–12 years of age. From this stage the heats may become fertile.
15. The oestrous cycle is 34–36 days. Females can cycle until 45 years of age.
16. On average, chimpanzees in the wild have their first babies when they are approximately 11–12 years of age.
17. Males become fertile when they are approximately 10 years of age in the wild, earlier in captivity.
18. Mating occurs when the females are in oestrus, which is only 10 days each month. Some females continue to cycle during pregnancy.
19. The gestation period is 225–240 days. Normally labour is only 40 minutes long.
20. A nursing female will start cycling again after 14 months to 4 years. The average time between babies is approximately 3–5 years.
21. For the first six months of life, the offspring is in constant contact with their mother and then for many months after, is within arms reach. For the first four months, the juvenile will suckle three times per hour.
22. Independent travel occurs fulltime at about five years of age when weaning also occurs.
23. Solid food consumption starts from 4–6 months of age and increases as the suckling reduces.
24. The chimpanzees at the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary are not allowed to breed at this stage. Birth control is provided by a contraceptive implant "Implanon"[™] or Norplant, a silicon plastic rod containing a progesterone compound. It is inserted under the skin of the inner aspect of the upper arm. It lasts for three years.
25. Chimpanzees are susceptible to many human diseases like measles, influenza, hepatitis B, ringworm and cold sores. They may also suffer from giardia, amoebic dysentery and hookworms.
26. When orphan chimpanzees are first confiscated, they are quarantined for 3 months, which means they are separated from other chimps and people other than the primary caregiver. They are tested for tuberculosis on three occasions, one month apart, and are vaccinated against tetanus and polio. Once they have undergone their quarantine period, they are then transferred to Ngamba Island and introduced to the other chimpanzees.



Chimp Report

- Chimpanzees are apes, not monkeys, can live to 50 years of age and have an elaborate communication system.
- A young chimpanzee is called a baby or infant. A male chimpanzee is called a blackback and a female an empress.
- A group of chimpanzees is called a troop or group.
- Chimpanzees share 98.7% DNA with humans, which makes them closer to humans than gorillas.
- There are two species: common chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) and bonobo or pygmy chimpanzee (*Pan paniscus*).
- There are thought to be 175,000 chimpanzees remaining in the wild, with their numbers reducing; 17 sanctuaries in Africa care for orphaned and/or confiscated chimpanzees.
- Chimpanzees are highly social animals and can live in communities of 20–100 individuals.
- Each community has a dominant “alpha” male. The community lives in a home range covering approximately 1 sq km per individual in the group.
- Chimpanzees use tools to catch termites, open nuts and drink water.
- Chimpanzees eat mostly fruit, for example figs, and sometimes insects, eggs, nestlings and monkeys, with red colobus monkeys noted as a favourite. At the sanctuary, they are fed four times a day.
- At dusk, wild chimpanzees build nests 6–25 metres above the ground by pulling over branches to make a soft bed.

- Female chimpanzees become sexually active in captivity from 8–9 years of age, when they start to develop a very large swelling of the ano-genital region.
- The oestrous cycle is 34–36 days. Females can cycle until 45 years of age.
- In the wild, chimpanzees have their first babies at approximately 11–12 years of age on average.
- Males become fertile at approximately 10 years of age in the wild, earlier in captivity.
- Mating occurs when females are in oestrus, only 10 days each month. Some females continue to cycle during pregnancy.
- Gestation is 225–240 days. Normally labour is only 40 minutes long.
- Independent travel occurs full time at about five years of age, when weaning also occurs.
- Solid food consumption starts at 4–6 months and increases as suckling reduces.
- Chimpanzees are susceptible to human diseases including measles, influenza, hepatitis B, ringworm, cold sores, giardia, amoebic dysentery and hookworms.



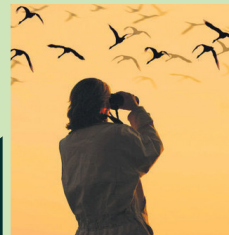
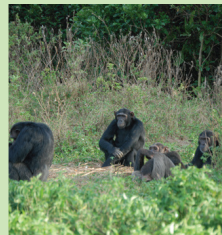
Ngamba Island Bird List

African Citril
Yellow-fronted Canary
Brimstone Canary
Village Indigobird
Pin-tailed Whydah
Bronze Mannikin
Black-and-white Mannikin
Black-crowned Waxbill
Crimson-rumped Waxbill
Common Waxbill
African Firefinch
Red-billed Firefinch
Red-checked Cordon-bleu
Brown Twinspot
Fan-tailed Widowbird
Red-headed Malimbe
Viellot's Black Weaver
Yellow-mantled Weaver
Weyns's Weaver

Orange Weaver
Holub's Golden Weaver
Compact Weaver
Northern Brown-throated Weaver
Yellow-backed Weaver
Slender-billed Weaver
Golden-backed Weaver
Spectacled Weaver
Black-headed/Village Weaver
Grey-headed Sparrow
House Sparrow
Superb Starling
Wattled Starling
Violet-backed Starling
Ruppell's Long-tailed Starling
Splendid Starling
Pied Crow
Fork-tailed drongo

Activities at Ngamba Island

- Chimpanzee viewing
- Private sunset boat cruise with sundowners
- Cultural trail
- Voluntourism
- Honeymoon Island Passion
- Behind the scenes
- Beach time (swimming exempted)
- Family fun
- Media and filming
- Donation box
- Fishing charters
- Community tours
- Research
- Chimpanzee health checks
- Camping
- Birding
- Dining
- Sports
- Community outreach





Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, located 23 KM SW of Entebbe on Lake Victoria, offers a vital refuge for now 53 orphaned and chimpanzees rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. This sanctuary, is part of the larger conservation effort inspired by the pioneering work of Dr. Jane Goodall, it provides a safe, semi-natural environment for these intelligent primates. Visitors can observe the chimpanzees during their feeding times, learning about their rehabilitation and the critical importance of protecting their species. Your visit directly supports the care of the chimpanzees and helps continue the legacy of compassionate conservation championed by Dr. Goodall. It's a truly impactful experience.

YOUR HALF-DAY ITINERARY

12:45 PM

Departure from Entebbe

- **Meet Point:** Gather at Pelican Lodge and Marina Entebbe which is located on Alain Road.
- **Boat Transfer:** Embark on a scenic boat ride across Lake Victoria to Ngamba Island. Enjoy the fresh air and beautiful lake views.
- **Travel time:** Approximately 45-60 minutes depending on boat type and lake conditions.

1:45 PM

Arrival at Ngamba Island & Welcome

- **Island Welcome:** Arrive at Ngamba Island, disembark, and be warmly welcomed by the sanctuary staff.

- **Lunch:** Enjoy the African cuisine at our grass thatched restaurant from 1:50-2:20pm (The menu comprises of a choice of 2 meats, vegetables, salads and 2 starch).
- **Briefing:** Receive a short orientation and introduction to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, its mission, and the fascinating history of the rescued chimpanzees. Learn about the rules for interacting with the chimps and staying safe on the island.

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Chimpanzee Feeding & Viewing Session

- **Highlight Experience:** Proceed to the visitor's platform for the main chimpanzee viewing. This timing is often coordinated with an afternoon feeding session.
- **Witness the Spectacle:** Watch as the chimpanzees emerge from the forest to receive their supplementary food. Observe their individual personalities, social dynamics, and playful interactions as they feed at the shores of L. Victoria.
- **Expert Commentary:** Sanctuary staff will provide insightful commentary, sharing stories about the individual chimpanzees, their rescue, and the importance of chimpanzee conservation.

3:30 PM - 3:40 PM

Island Exploration & Education

- **Guided Walk:** Take a gentle guided walk along a designated trail on the island. Learn more about the island's ecosystem, local flora, and other wildlife.
- **Visitor's Centre/Souvenir Shop:** Browse educational displays and conservation information. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs, the proceeds of which directly support the sanctuary's work.
- **Photography:** Capture the stunning natural beauty of the island and Lake Victoria.

3:40 PM - 3:55 PM

Refreshment Break
(Optional/Self-Purchase)

- Enjoy a quick refreshment (e.g., bottled water, soft drink) available at the island's small kiosk.
- Adopt one of your favorite chimp or Friend a Chimp from \$50+

3:55 PM	Prepare for Departure
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- Gather your belongings and make your way back to the jetty.

4:00 PM	Departure from Ngamba Island and embark on a sunset cruise
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- Board the boat for your return cruise to Entebbe and make a stop over at the equator island.
- **Travel time:** Approximately 45-50 minutes.

6:00 PM	Arrival at Pelican Lodge
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- Disembark at the Entebbe jetty, concluding your memorable trip to Ngamba Island.

QUICK REFERENCE

MEET	Pelican Lodge and Marina Entebbe, Alain Road
DEPART	12:45 PM from Entebbe
MAIN EXPERIENCE	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM chimpanzee feeding & viewing
RETURN	4:00 PM sunset cruise via the equator island
ARRIVE	6:00 PM at Pelican Lodge



8:30 AM	Arrival at Pelican Lodge and Marina - Entebbe
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- Welcome and briefing
- Introduction to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary and its conservation efforts

9:00 AM	Departure for Ngamba Island
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- Boat ride to Ngamba Island
- Enjoy the scenic views of Lake Victoria

10:00 AM	Arrive at Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary
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- Orientation and safety briefing
- Introduction to the sanctuary's facilities and infrastructure

10:30 - 11:20 AM	Chimpanzee Feeding Experience
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- Witness the remarkable feeding session of the chimpanzees
- Learn about their dietary habits and nutritional needs
- Observe the chimpanzees' behaviors and social interactions during feeding time

11:30 AM	Educational Presentation
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- Engaging educational session on chimpanzee behavior, habitat, and conservation
- Gain insights into the challenges facing chimpanzees in the wild and the sanctuary's efforts to protect them



1:00 PM	Lunch
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- Enjoy a delicious lunch while overlooking the beautiful surroundings of Ngamba Island
- Opportunity for networking and interacting with other visitors and sanctuary staff

1:30 PM	Behind the Scenes of the Sanctuary
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- Explore the different areas of the sanctuary, accompanied by knowledgeable guides
- Visit the sleeping quarters, medical facilities, and enrichment areas
- Learn about the daily care and well-being of the chimpanzees

3:30 PM	Departure from Ngamba Island
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- Return boat ride to Entebbe

5:30 PM	Conclusion of the Visit
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- Farewell and departure

FULL DAY EXCURSION RATES

PER PERSON	INTERNATIONALS (USD)	EAST AFRICANS (USD)
1 PAX	\$560	\$537
2 PAX	\$310	\$287
3 PAX	\$227	\$204
4 PAX	\$185	\$162

DISCOVER . PROTECT . INSPIRE

3-DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Hands-on wildlife learning at Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary

AGE RESTRICTION

9-18 YRS

PROGRAM FEE

\$300 / CHILD

(Not less than 10 People)

AN ADVENTURE WITH PURPOSE

Have you ever wondered what it is like to protect wildlife firsthand while having the time of your life? Say hello to the student adventures at Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary!

Specially designed for youths aged 10 to 17, our 3-day holiday programs offer an unforgettable look into the world of conservation. Through changing themes, campers dive into chimpanzee behavior and global ecological issues via practical, real-world activities.

Learning directly from our dedicated caregivers, veterinarians, and educators makes complex science simple and exciting. Every participant leaves the island empowered as a green ambassador, ready to drive change in their community!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Chimpanzee behavior
- Records taking
- Enrichment and observation
- Chimp feeding
- Other wildlife monitoring
- Ngamba Trail
- Late night art
- Waste management
- Birding
- Cultural experiences
- Sunset cruises

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Full-board Meals (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees
- Activities and excursions mentioned in the program
- Accommodation
- Transportation using a canoe.

PLEASE NOTE

Transportation on a speed boat will attract an extra fee of \$150 and extra night is \$50.



Filming at NGAMBA ISLAND CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY

UNIQUE STORIES. REAL IMPACT.

Ngamba Island offers an **unparalleled setting for wildlife filmmakers and documentary crews seeking high-impact conservation stories.** Located on a lush 100-acre island in Lake Victoria, just 45 minutes from Entebbe, the sanctuary is home to over 52 rescued and orphaned chimpanzees.



EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
to intimate chimpanzee behaviours



VETERINARY CARE
and rehabilitation stories



DIVERSE ECOSYSTEM
with monitor lizards, fruit bats & 120+ bird species



FILM-FRIENDLY FACILITIES
eco-lodges, solar charging & dedicated boat logistics

A flagship project of the Chimpanzee Trust and a living testimony of **Dr. Jane Goodall**, Ngamba provides a rare behind-the-scenes look at primate rehabilitation, while your filming directly supports the lifelong care of these endangered Great Apes.

EXPLORE PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiaM9wVVvuU>
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tdrQ0YTieg>
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONZiel4emI0>
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FILMING RATES

\$ 3295

- 3 Pax Access to Ngamba
- Exclusive 24-Hour coverage
- Interviews, boat transfers and full board accommodation in the cottages



UNFORGETTABLE CHIMPANZEE EXPERIENCE

The Water Edge Experience



Do you want to experience the magic of Ngamba Island from a perspective few ever see? Our exclusive **"Water Edge Experience"** brings you to the very perimeter of the sanctuary, where the lush forest meets the shimmering waters of Lake Victoria.



As the chimpanzees emerge from the canopy to explore the shoreline, you will find yourself **just meters away** from our closest living relatives. This isn't just a viewing; it's a **rare moment of connection**. Without the usual barriers, you can witness the intricate social dynamics, the playful splashes, and the soulful expressions of the chimps in a stunning natural light.



Whether you are a **professional photographer** looking for that award-winning close-up or a **nature lover** seeking a profound wildlife encounter, the Water Edge Experience offers an intimate, unobstructed window into the lives of the rescued chimpanzees of Ngamba.

EXPERIENCE NOTES



The experience is charged **\$60 per person** which is separate from the day trip rates.



The activity must be **booked in advance** for the best experience.

ONLY
\$60
PER PERSON

(Separate from the day trip rates)

Sanctuary Residents

Name	Est. DoB	Origin	Arrived	Sex
Afrika	E 2007	Kitomi FR	Jun-18-08	F
Angel	2016	Born on Ngamba	Feb-17-2016	F
Bahati	1990	Kibale	Oct-98	F
Baluku	1998	DRC Border	Oct-99	M
Asega	1998	Arua	Dec-99	M
Baron	2002	Hoima	Jul-28-08	M
Becky	1991	Kampala	Oct-98	F
Billi	E 1998	Arua	Feb-18-01	F
Bwambale	L 1999	Kasese	Aug-31-02	M
Cindy	1993	Masindi	Oct-98	F
Cocoa	5-Jan	South Sudan	Mar-2-2012	F
Connie	1989	Mbarara	Oct-98	F
Eazy	2015	Born on Ngamba	Mar-27-2015	M
Eddie	1989	Kampala	Oct-98	M
Ikuru	1995	Arua	May-99	F
Indi	L 1999	Arua	Dec-08-00	M
Kalema	1996	Kampala	Oct-99	M
Katie	1987	Ebb Arp	Oct-98	F



Name	Est. DoB	Origin	Arrived	Sex
Kaza-hukire	M 1999	Hoima	Aug-13-02	F
Kidogo	1984	Unknown	Oct-98	F
Kikyo	2004	Near RNP	Aug-23-06	M
Kisembo	1999	Arua	Aug-09-00	M
Kyewunyo	Jul-01-02	Born on Ngamba	Jul-01-02	F
Maisko	1984	Ebb Arp	Oct-98	M
Mawa	1996	Arua	Jun-99	M
Medina	2005	South Sudan	Mar-2-2012	F
Megan	1986	Kampala	Oct-98	F
Mika	1992	Kampala	Oct-98	M
Minni	2005	South Sudan	Mar-2-2012	F
Nagoti	1986	Kampala	Oct-98	F
Nakuu	M 2001	Kampala	May-29-2002	F
Nani	M 2001	Tanzania	Jun-18-02	F
Natasha	1990	Arua	Oct-98	F
Ndyakira	1999	Kampla	May-22-02	F

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Nkumwa	1996	Kampala	Feb-97	F
Okech	2001	Arua	Mar-18-02	M
Pasa	1999	Arua	Apr-17-00	F
Peace	1986	Mukono	Oct-98	F
Rambo	L 2004	Arua	2006	M
Robbie	1986	Kyambura	Oct-98	M
Rutoto	2004	Rutoto	Jun-08-06	M
Sally	1991	Kampala	Oct-98	F
Sara	9-Jan	South Sudan	Mar-2-2012	F
Sophie	1986	Maraba	Oct-98	F
Tumbo	1989	Ebb Arp	Oct-98	M
Umugenzi	L 1997	Burundi	Nov-15-00	M
Umutama	L 1996	Burundi	Nov-15-00	M
Yoyo	E 1999	Kasese	Aug-30-00	F

THANK YOU

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