

RWENZORIS *2011*

MT. STANLEY & THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

OCTOBER 17 - 28, 2011

The Rwenzori Mountains, also known as the Mountains of the Moon, are situated on the border of Uganda and The Republic of the Congo. These mountains are almost permanently covered in a shroud of mist, creating a mystical reputation. This, combined with the area's long standing closure to foreigners until 2001, make it a unique location on the map. Less than 200 people per year visit the Rwenzori region; even fewer attempt climbs of the area's mountains.

Mt. Stanley - 16,763 - is the highest peak in the range. Recognized as the 4th highest peak in Africa, Mt. Stanley contains the largest glaciers on the Continent and our climb will involve everything from hiking through rain forests, negotiating bogs, and traversing high alpine terrain to moderate rock climbing and glacier travel.

This is a very special area, with little to no crowds. Not only is Rwenzori National Park home to amazing peaks, there are great flora and fauna as well. Giant forms of Lobelia, Heather and Groundsel call this region home, as do Hyrax, Blue Monkey, Chimpanzee, giant forest hogs and many unique bird species such as the Rwenzori Touraco.

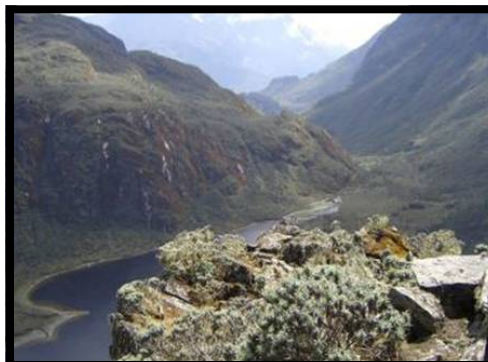
During our expedition, we will enjoy an excellent support staff, local guides and a Western trip leader. This is truly one of the most unique mountain adventures on the globe.



Nearing the Summit of Mt. Stanley



The Mt. Stanley Massif



View from Elena Camp, looking down valley

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MT. STANLEY ITINERARY

Day 1 [OCTOBER 17, 2011]

Arrive Entebbe International Airport, Uganda and drive to city of Kampala. Overnight in Kampala.

Day 2

Drive to Iband and stay at the Bandas.

Day 3 - Nyabitaba Camp (8,700ft)

After registering with the National Park, we hike to the Nyabitaba hut for an overnight stay. Our hike takes us through the lush lowlands, crossing several rivers en route to our camp site. This is a popular area to view monkeys and other wildlife.

Day 4 - John Mate Camp (10,900ft)

We continue hiking, crossing the famous Kurt Shafer Bridge and overnight at the John Mate Hut. During our hike we travel through bamboo forests, enjoy some boulder hopping and cross through unique bog terrain.

Day 5 - Bujuku Camp (12,790ft)

From the John Mate Camp we cross the Bujuku River, continuing through the Bigo Bog to Bujuku Lake. The Southern end of the lake is in an impressive setting with Mount Baker to the south, Mount Stanley to the West and Mount Speke to the North. We will camp near the North end of the Lake.

Day 6 - Elena Camp (14,530ft)

Hike to Elena Hut - our high camp - and prepare for our final ascent of Margherita peak - highest point of Mt. Stanley. Our day's trek involves some great hiking through moss covered forests and rocky terrain. Our plan will be to rest and wake up early for our summit attempt on Mt. Stanley.

Day 7 - Climb Margherita peak (16,763ft) and descent to Kitandara Camp (13,200ft)

Our summit day will involved hiking, glacier travel and even some rock scrambling. We will enjoy fantastic views of the entire Rwenzori Range along the way. After our summit push we bypass the Elena Camp and descend to the Kitandara Camp near a large mountain lake that shares the same name.

Day 8 - Guy Yeoman Camp (11,320ft)

Our hike to the Guy Yeoman Camp takes us across a long high alpine traverse, including more bog terrain.

Day 9 - Nyabitaba Camp (8,700ft)

Our descent takes us back to the Nyabitaba Camp. At this point we will have circumnavigated the mountains, completing the entire circuit around Mt. Stanley.

Day 10

Our final descent will take us back to Ibanda and overnight at the Bandas.

Day 11

Drive to Kampala. Stay at hotel for the night.

Day 12 [OCTOBER 28, 2011]

Drive to Entebbe for departure flight home.

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Crossing a glacier on Mt. Stanley

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LAND COST

COST: \$4,650 USD per person

A four person minimum is required
\$900 deposit reserves your spot on the trip

Land Costs Include:

- Two nights hotel accommodations in Kampala (double occupancy) B&B
- All transportation in Uganda for those on the official schedule
- All group equipment for the climb (tents, cook/kitchen gear, etc.)
- All meals on the mountain (unless indicated on schedule)
- All park fees and climbing permits for participants and staff
- Porters, cook staff and both a local guide and US trip leader

Land Costs Do Not Include

- International round-trip airfare to Uganda
- International visas for Uganda
- Meals off of the mountain
- Meals and hotels outside the regular itinerary
- Excess-luggage charges and airport taxes
- Personal gear
- International vaccinations
- Single-room supplement for hotels
- Medical/Evacuation/Trip insurance
- Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond the control of travel/guide service
- Tips and gratuities

Single room supplement while staying in Hotel: \$70 USD per night; single tent on the mountain: \$20 USD per night.
Prices are valid as of February 2011 and subject to change



Bujuku Lake



Crossing a boardwalk in boggy terrain

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