



## RWENZORI

### **10 DAYS TREK MT SPEKE AND MARGHERITA**

Mount speke lies in the rwenzori mountain national park in western region of Uganda and it is the 2nd highest mountain in the ranges. Together with mount Stanley and mount Baker, this trek will take you through mount speke and margherita in 8days and 2 will be for transfers.

#### Day 1

Our professional guide will pick you up from Entebbe airport to fort portal where we will break off for lunch and continue to the reserved accommodation to rest for tomorrows start of hiking.

#### Day 2

Wake up early go to Nyabitaba with all our necessary equipments for this trip with also the arranged guides, chefs and porters. The hiking will start and it will be a distance of 7km that can take 6 to 7 hours and an ascent of 1200m depending on our speed. The trail at the beginning goes through homes and fields progressing through high elephant grasses and dense bushes. Then you will go through cliffs and bluffs crossing river mahoma then ascending steeply in to Nyabitaba camp center animals may be spotted such like elephants and some primates like the black and white colobus monkey, reptiles like the three horned chameleon and birds like Rwenzori turaco and we will stay over night at the Nyabitaba camp

#### Day 3

From Nyabitaba you descend to your right follow the trail that drops down through the forest for a half an hour at the Kurt Shafer bridge, just before the conference of the mubuku and Bujuku rivers. The walk is then easy going for a couple of hours passing through the bamboo forests and then gets more difficult in the slippery rocks from the Nyamileju rock shelter, then mount Stanley and speke can be seen. Then finally reach Johnmaate camp after passing through the tiring bog and while here we have more chances of catching nice views of mount Stanley and margherita glaciers. Dinner and over night at the hut

#### Day 4

From Johnmaate camp the trail drops down to cross the Bujuku river and enters lower bigo bog, the home of gaint lobelias, jumping from tussock the bog is finally crossed but rarely without the feet sampling some of the freezing ooze, continuing on to the upper bigo bog you will follow the Bujuku river that sometimes runs underground from lake Bujuku, with views of Mount Baker to the south and mount Stanley to the west. Bujuku hut well located in the shadows of mount Baker and speke, is set in a narrow valley below stolman pass. Dinner and over night at Bujuku camp.

#### Day 5

Bujuku camp 3900m Summit mount speke, Emanuel peak and come back to Bujuku for dinner and over night stay.

#### Day 6

Leaving Bujuku, the trail takes you through more bog while climbing up the steep slopes west of the lake and through the magical groundsel gully as it ascends to scot Eliot pass at 4372m. At the head of the gully a metal ladder takes you over a steep section after which the trail is divided into two. The trail on your right leads up to Elena hut and mount Stanley on steep trail. Over large Boulders. While the trail on your left leads to Scott Eliot pass and down to kitandara lakes. The trail on the left leads those who are not climbing margherita peak. Those climbing up the peak will have their dinner and over night stay at the colly and icy Elena hut.

#### Day 7

For those aiming at reaching margherita peak, continue to the base of Stanley glacier. To reach the summit of margherita, the climb takes about 5 to 8 hours depending on the weather conditions and the pace of climbing this mountain. This tough walk take you through slippery rocks , ice and very exposed areas which are open on many sides. Note that this climb is for only physically fit and technical climbers. Climbing on to the glaciers, cross the Stanley plateau and proceed with the ascent. Acclimatized fog altitude sickness and colly weather. Scrambled up to the summit of margherita the highest peak of the Rwenzori. Given the high altitude and tough conditions even if you don't reach the peak, don't get disappointed prepare for your return through the scot Eliot pass where there are spectacular views of the Bujuku lake, mount speke, Stanley and down the kitandara lakes. After the trail that passes through the Alpine zone of sparse vegetation and rough boulders. Descend passed the kitandara lakes for dinner and over night at kitandara lake camp.

#### Day 8

From kitandara, the trail ascends steeply up to the head wall, spreading out from the base of mount Baker and continuing along the south side of the mountain to fresh fields pass 4280m at this point you can view into the Congo to the west and mount Stanley to the long trail passing the rock shelter of Bujongolo the base camp for the historical expedition by the Duke of Abruzzi in 1906. Over night stay at Gueoman camp.

## Day 9

Then descend to Nyabitaba which will take us 6 to 7 hours but with an early start and it's possible to make it all way down to Nyakalengija. Below Guyeoman, the route descends the cliffs of kichuchu and takes you through the bamboo forest zones down to Nyabitaba for either dinner and over night stay.

## Day 10

We will exit down to the gates o Rwenzori main gate and set off the drive back to Kampala to Entebbe for your flight back with a successful trip in Rwenzori mountains.