

Concept Note and Planning for the World Aquaculture Safari'25 Farm Tours

Through the work of the EU-funded TRUEFISH project, overseen by the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO), a successful bid was presented for the hosting of **World Aquaculture Safari'25** at Speke Resort Munyonyo from 24 to 27 June 2025. This will be the biggest aquaculture gathering in Africa to date. The event will be supported by 2 identical farm tours for delegates wishing to learn more about aquaculture in Uganda. These will take place on 24 and 28 June 2025 respectively and are both limited to 50 participants on a first come fist serve basis.

Farm Tour Destinations

The tour will visit three facilities in the full-day programme, which will include a lunch stop on the shores of Lake Victoria.

1. Aquaculture Research and Development Centre, Kajjansi

The Aquaculture Research and Development Centre at Kajjansi is a national centre responsible for aquaculture research and development in Uganda and is part of the National Fisheries Resources Research Institute (NaFIRRI). It undertakes and facilitates aquaculture related research and provides scientific advice to assist the Department of Aquaculture Development, Directorate of Fisheries Resources achieve its vision and purpose.

In doing its work, the centre works with universities, other research institutes/organisations, commercial farmers, farmer groups and communities, fish feed producers, fish buyers, government lead agencies, policy makers and other private specialists/experts.



2. De Heus Aqua Feed Factory

The De Heus Aqua Feed Factory in Njeru, Jinja, is a state-of-the-art facility and the first of its kind in Uganda, marking a significant milestone in the country's aquaculture sector. This ultra-modern factory is designed to meet the growing demand for high-quality fish feed across the region.

Construction is now in its final stages, with production expected to commence later this year. Once operational, the plant will have the capacity to produce up to 50,000 metric tonnes of aqua feed annually, positioning it as a key player in the East African aquaculture value chain.

This investment by De Heus, underscores the company's commitment to supporting local fish farmers with reliable, nutritious, and sustainable feed solutions. The factory will not only boost local production but also create employment opportunities and enhance food security by improving fish farming productivity and profitability across East Africa.



3. Lunch at the Sailing Club in Jinja

The Sailing Club in Jinja lies on the beautiful shores of Lake Victoria in close proximity to the Source of the River Nile. The club's restaurant and bar are famous for serving up delicious local and international dishes.

The Club was recently renovate; the gardens have been re-designed, and the club's main restaurant and bar have been modernized.



4. Victoria Treasures Fish Farm

Established in 2020, Victoria Treasures Ltd. tilapia cage culture farm is located in the serene waters of Lake Victoria near Garuga, Entebbe, Uganda. Specializing in sustainable aquaculture, the farm operates under strict environmental and social standards, proudly holding Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) certification. With 140 square & 80 circular modern floating cages and responsible feed practices, the farm contributes to local food security, job creation, and eco-friendly fish production, making it a model for sustainable aquaculture in East Africa.



Transport, Catering and Detailed Itinerary

Two identical tours are being arranged – one on Tuesday 24 June 2025 and one on Saturday 28 June 2025. Transport for the tour will be provided by a bus which will depart from the main parking area at the Speke Munyonyo Resort at precisely <u>07h00</u> on both of the tour days.

The bus will be equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi, a bottle of water will be provided in both the morning and the afternoon, and lunch (choice of grilled chicken or grilled Lake Victoria Tilapia) will be taken at the Sailing Club in Jinja.

Activity	Time
Departure from Speke Resort Munyonyo Parking Area	07h00
Visit to Aquaculture Research and Development Centre, Kajjansi	07h30 - 08h30
Travel to Njeru, Jinja	08h30 - 11h00
Visit De Heus Aqua Feed Factory	11h00 - 12h00
Travel to Sailing Club, Jinja	12h00 - 12h30
Take lunch at Sailing Club, Jinja	12h30 - 13h30
Travel to Garuga, Entebbe	13h30 - 16h00
Visit to Victoria Treasures Fish Farm	16h00 - 17h00
Return to Speke Resort Munyonyo	17h00 - 17h30

Costs

This all-inclusive tour will cost USD 50 per person.

Early booking for the tour is essential as it is limited to 50 persons per trip.

Booking can be done through the WAS website.