

RWANDA & UGANDA

Although perhaps not as well-known for general wildlife viewing, Rwanda and Uganda are renowned for the absolutely unique experience of gorilla trekking and the prolific population of primates – many not found in other African wildlife regions. Both countries have a wide variety of general wildlife with the Queen Elizabeth National Park being famous for its tree-climbing lions at Ishasha.

HIGHLIGHTS

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

The Park is home to the dormant Virunga Volcanoes and a haven for the world's surviving mountain gorilla populations, for what is arguably the most memorable wildlife experience of all.

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK

Home to about half of the world's population of the endangered mountain gorillas, this is one of the few large expanses of forest in East Africa where lowland and montane communities merge.

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

In the southern part of the park is Ishasha where there are tree-climbing lions and one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda.

KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

Kibale is one of the country's enchanting forested parks most noted for its primate population - chimpanzees, monkeys and baboons, with an abundance of birdlife.

LAKE MBURO NATIONAL PARK

Uganda's fourth national park, it is composed primarily of grassland, wetland, and acacia woodland habitats. At the centre of the park lies Lake Mburo with an excellent variety of wildlife.



GORILLA TREKKING IN RWANDA

The Parc National des Volcans in Rwanda offers one of the best locations for gorilla trekking with 10 habituated gorilla groups that you can trek to see. Starting in the cultivated land at the base of the volcanoes, the trek normally lasts a few hours. With just eight visitors allowed per gorilla family (80 gorilla permits are issued per day), it is important to book as early as possible. Once you reach the gorillas you are permitted to stay for one hour to view them. The minimum age for gorilla trekking in Rwanda is 15 years.

INCLUSIONS

- Guides** The services of an English speaking driver/guide on safari/trek
- Transportation** Return transfers from Kigali Airport and to Park
- Excursions** As detailed, including Park fees (excludes Gorilla permit)
- Meals** 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Departs** Daily based on a minimum of 2 passengers

DAY 1 – KIGALI – PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS

On arrival into Kigali this morning, you will be met and transferred via town to your choice of lodge, a drive of approximately three hours. Time permitting a visit to the moving and emotional Gisozi Genocide Memorial can be taken. (D)

DAY 2 – PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS

Depart after an early breakfast to Park Headquarters for the gorilla trekking formalities and briefing. The group (maximum 8 people), travel to the forest edge and commence trekking through the thick forest to see these magnificent creatures. The walking is quite steep but not overly strenuous. After spending a magical hour with the gorillas return to your lodge for lunch. This afternoon drive back to Kigali and overnight at the Kigali Serena Hotel. (BL)

DAY 3 – KIGALI

Departure transfer to the airport and end of safari. (B)

GORILLA TREKKING

The journey, through dense foliage and up steep climbs, is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience of viewing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. You will have an opportunity to be within metres of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Mountain gorillas are extremely rare with only an estimated 850 remaining in the wild. This is an experience you won't easily forget!



GORILLA MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE



This friendly and simple lodge is located approximately 10 minutes from the park offices, at the base of Sabyinyo Volcano, with exceptional views. The 25 individual spacious stone and thatched cottages are comfortable with en-suite shower, sitting area and a fire place. The lodge is set in well maintained gardens, the main area houses a bar and restaurant serving buffet style home cooked food and local entertainment is offered in the evenings.



VIRUNGA LODGE



Virunga Lodge is perched high on a ridge and has stunning views of the Virunga Volcanoes and the twin lakes Bulera and Ruhonda. The organic, 'bush-chic' design reflects the local building style and offers eco-luxury comforts to all guests. Each banda has its own terrace with breathtaking views of the Virunga Volcanoes or twin lakes, while sensitive installations such as low-flush toilets and solar power ensure you enjoy luxurious comforts while maintaining a crucial sensitivity to the environment.



SABYINYO SILVERBACK LODGE



The lodge, situated in the foothills of the mighty Virungas, the chain of 4,570m volcanoes stretching through Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, affords wonderful views of the volcanoes and the surrounding countryside. The stone cottages and the main lodge building have been beautifully constructed and appointed and the lodge is the perfect base from which to explore this unique and fascinating corner of Africa, offering large sitting areas, fireplaces, stylish en-suite bathrooms and a sheltered veranda.

| PER PERSON - 2 NIGHTS | TWIN SINGLE |
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| Jan – Dec 18 | \$1895 \$2490 |

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Jan – Feb & Jun – Oct 18 | \$3030 \$3615 |
| Mar – May & Nov – Dec 18 | \$2320 \$2685 |

| PER PERSON - 2 NIGHTS | TWIN SINGLE |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Jan – Mar & Nov – Dec 18 | \$2995 \$3695 |
| Apr – May 18 | \$2595 \$2965 |
| Jun – Oct 18 | \$3280 \$3995 |

NOTE: Prices excludes Gorilla permit US\$1500 pp per trek and is subject to change. Solo traveller price on request. Seasonal supplements apply. Additional nights may be booked and alternative properties are available on request.

GORILLA TREKKING NOTE: Trekking may be fairly strenuous with treks up to six hours or longer, at high altitudes, not uncommon. Also, mountain gorillas are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed. However viewing success rates are over 95%. Minimum age 15 years.



CLOUDS MOUNTAIN GORILLA LODGE

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



With gorilla permit fees recently doubling in cost in Rwanda, an alternative, and more affordable option, is to fly into Rwanda and then transfer north, the six hours by road, to Uganda. A stay at Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge affords easy access to six gorilla families who live in nearby Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Located in the southern part of the park, Clouds has seven stone cottages with huge bathrooms, a lounge and fireplace and a spacious patio with views over the stunning Virungas.

INCLUSIONS

Guides The services of an English speaking driver/guide on safari/trek
Transportation Return transfers from Kigali Airport and to Park
Excursions As detailed, including Park fees (excludes Gorilla permit)
Accommodation Luxury lodge bordering the National Park
Meals 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners (local drinks included at Clouds)
Departs Daily based on a minimum of 2 passengers

DAY 4 - KIGALI

Departure transfer to the airport and end of safari. (B)

| PER PERSON - 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS | TWIN | SINGLE |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Jan - Feb, Jun - Sep & Dec 18 | \$4640 | \$5740 |
| Mar - May & Oct - Nov 18 | \$3670 | \$4480 |

NOTE: Price excludes Gorilla permit US\$600 pp per trek (US\$450 pp per trek low season) and is subject to change. Solo traveller price on request. Minimum age 15 years.

DAY 1 - KIGALI - Bwindi IMPENETRABLE FOREST

On arrival in Kigali, Rwanda, you will be met and taken on a city tour, including a visit to the Gisozi Genocide Memorial. After lunch, journey north to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in Uganda. Stay two nights at Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge. (LD)

DAY 2 - Bwindi IMPENETRABLE FOREST

After breakfast, transfer to the park gate for a briefing before the trekking begins. Once the gorillas are located, the group will be allowed a maximum of one hour with them. Return to camp for afternoon of leisure. (BLD)

DAY 3 - Bwindi IMPENETRABLE FOREST - KIGALI

Enjoy your final morning relaxing in camp. Depart Bwindi this afternoon, crossing the border back into Rwanda, driving south past coffee, tea and banana plantations enroute to Kigali. Overnight at the Kigali Serena Hotel. (B)



CLASSICAL UGANDA LODGE SAFARI

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS



Experience the beauty of 'The Pearl of Africa' and some of the highlights of the country on this 10 day safari. Visit the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, track chimpanzees in both Kibale National Park and Kyambura Gorge, and enjoy game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park with its wide array of wildlife, including the famous tree-climbing lions. Luxury accommodation, professional guides and custom made safari vehicles - this safari will be the trip of a lifetime.

INCLUSIONS

Guides The services of an English speaking driver/guide on safari/trek
Transportation 4X4 safari vehicle and scheduled flight between Entebbe and Bwindi
Excursions As detailed, including Park fees (excludes permits)
Accommodation A combination of game lodges and tented camps
Meals 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners plus bottled water in safari vehicle
Departs Scheduled departures based on a minimum of 2 passengers

DAY 5 - 6 - QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Ishasha in the southern part of the QENP. Enjoy game drives in the park looking for buffalo, elephant and of course the famous tree-climbing lions typically found in the area. Spend two nights at Ishasha Wilderness Camp. (BLD)

DAY 7 - QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Continue into the Park and overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge, located on a peninsula surrounded by the magical Rwenzori Mountains, described as the 'Mountains of the Moon'. (BLD)

DAY 8 - KIBALE FOREST

Today enjoy chimpanzee trekking in Chamburu before driving to Kibale Forest and an optional afternoon swamp walk. Spend two nights at Primate Lodge. (BLD)

DAY 9 - KIBALE FOREST

Today take a chimpanzee trek in the Kibale Forest. With the help of your guide you should be lucky enough to see the habituated chimps during your trek. (BLD)

DAY 10 - ENTEBBE

Today drive back to Entebbe with a stop at the markets in Kampala and end of safari. (BL)

| PER PERSON - 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS | TWIN | SINGLE |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Jan - Feb & Jun - Oct 18 | \$7395 | \$8925 |
| Mar - May & Nov 18 | \$6370 | \$7545 |

NOTE: Price excludes Gorilla permit US\$600 pp per trek (US\$450 pp per trek low season) and Chimpanzee permits of US\$200 pp and is subject to change. Minimum age for scheduled tour is 16 years. Luggage restrictions apply. Solo traveller price on request.

DAY 1 - ENTEBBE

Arrive into Entebbe and transfer to the Boma Lodge for an overnight stay.

DAY 2 - ENTEBBE - Bwindi IMPENETRABLE FOREST

This morning transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight and onward road transfer to your lodge in Bwindi. Spend the next three nights at Buhoma Lodge. (BLD)

DAY 3 - Bwindi IMPENETRABLE FOREST

After a briefing the early morning trek takes you into the dense rainforest led by experienced trackers in search of the mountain gorillas. After spending an unforgettable hour observing the gorillas you will return to the lodge for late lunch and an afternoon at leisure. (BLD)

DAY 4 - Bwindi IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Today there is the opportunity to enjoy a walk to explore the local area. (BLD)

GORILLA TREKKING IN UGANDA

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS



Enjoy one of the most dramatic, thrilling and poignant experiences possible. Nothing can prepare you for that first encounter with a full grown silverback gorilla, up to three times the size of a man, yet remarkably peaceful and tolerant of human visitors. We offer a range of scheduled and private trips to visit the gorillas, either by road, or by air from Entebbe.

INCLUSIONS

Guides The services of an English speaking driver/guide on safari/trek
Transportation 4X4 safari vehicle and return scheduled flights from Entebbe
Excursions As detailed, including Park fees (excludes Gorilla permit)
Accommodation A combination of a game lodge and tented camp
Meals 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners plus bottled water in safari vehicle
Departs Scheduled departures based on a minimum of 2 passengers

PER PERSON – 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

| | TWIN | SINGLE |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Jan – Feb & Jun – Oct 18 | \$4040 | \$4780 |
| Mar – May & Nov 18 | \$3745 | \$4360 |

NOTE: Price excludes Gorilla permit US\$600 pp per trek (US\$450 pp per trek low season) and is subject to change.

DAY 1 – ENTEBBE

Arrive into Entebbe and transfer to the Boma Lodge for an overnight stay.

DAY 2 – ENTEBBE – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

This morning transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight and onward road transfer to your lodge in Bwindi. Spend the next three nights at Buhoma Lodge. (BD)

DAY 3 – 4 – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Transfer to park gate for a briefing before starting the trek to find the gorillas and spend an unforgettable hour with them. Return to the lodge for a relaxing afternoon. The following day there is an option of a forest walk or a second trek with pre-purchased permits. (BLD)

DAY 5 – QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Today you drive to Ishasha in the southern part of the QENP. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the Park. Overnight at Ishasha Wilderness Camp. (BLD)

DAY 6 – ENTEBBE

Transfer to airstrip through the park for flight back to Entebbe where safari ends. (B)



SANCTUARY GORILLA FOREST CAMP

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is the only concession located within the National Park. A perfect base for a gorilla trekking experience, offering luxury and exclusivity in the heart of the rainforest with only eight large en-suite tents. For several years each group of gorillas has undergone an extremely delicate process that has gradually made them used to the presence of humans. Experienced guides accompany you, many of whom have been involved in the habituation process themselves.

INCLUSIONS

Guides The services of an English speaking guide on safari/trek
Transportation 4X4 safari vehicle and return scheduled flight between Entebbe and Bwindi
Excursions As detailed, including Park fees (excludes Gorilla permit)
Accommodation Luxury camp located within the National Park
Meals 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners plus local drinks
Departs Daily based on a minimum of 2 passengers

PER PERSON – 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

| | TWIN | SINGLE |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Jan – Mar & Oct 18 | \$4140 | \$5230 |
| Apr – May & Nov 18 | \$3595 | \$3595 |
| Jun – Sep 18 | \$4725 | \$6095 |

NOTE: Price excludes Gorilla permit US\$600 pp per trek (US\$450 pp per trek low season) and is subject to change. Solo traveller price on request.

DAY 1 – ENTEBBE – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

This morning fly to Bwindi and drive to Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp for overnight. (LD)

DAY 2 – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

After breakfast, a 10 minute walk takes you to the Park Headquarters for a briefing before the trekking begins. Once the gorillas are located, the group will be allowed a maximum of one hour with them. Return to camp for afternoon of leisure and overnight. (BLD)

DAY 3 – BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Today choose to relax at camp, enjoy a bird walk or visit a local village and even attend a Batwa (Pygmy) tribe experience. The walk is done with the local community as part of a support programme. (BLD)

DAY 4 – ENTEBBE

After a final morning in camp, fly back to Entebbe and end of safari. (B)



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