Africa is home to four subspecies of gorilla: Western lowland, Eastern lowland, Cross River, and Mountain. The world's largest primates range through central African forests, and can be found in Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Angola, Rwanda, Uganda, and the Congo.

Although no less endangered, Western and Eastern lowland gorillas are far more numerous than their Mountain cousins, with a combined population of 120,000, and range on the eastern and western rims of the Congo Basin.

The Mountain gorilla is restricted to just two highland areas on the borders of Uganda, Rwanda and Congo. They were brought to the brink of extinction by deforestation, poaching, human disease, and war, but a recent census showed an increase in numbers. Still, only a few hundred Mountain gorillas remain in the wild, and since there are none in captivity the future of the entire species depends on their survival.



Silverback Mountain gorilla



"Gorillas are not yet sufficiently advanced in evolutionary terms to have discovered the benefits of passports, currency declaration forms, and official bribery, and tend to wander backwards and forwards across the border as and when their beastly, primitive whim takes them."

- Douglas Adams

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YOUR GUIDE

Greg Cummings is an award-winning conservationist who achieved notable success protecting wild gorilla populations in Africa through community-based initiatives. During his 17-year tenure as director of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, he raised millions of dollars from corporations, foundations and individuals around the world. All that money was invested directly into communities adjacent to Mountain gorilla habitats, which helped ensure their survival.

A seasoned safari guide and consummate storyteller, Greg has appeared with Tom Brokaw on the *Today* show, in docs for the BBC, NPR, and CBC, and published articles in *The Guardian, Sea Angler*, and *The Ecologist*. He has also published two novels, *Gorillaland* and *Pirates*.

Most evenings on safari you'll find him by the campfire, under a canopy of stars, waxing lyrical about our human origins, the formation of the Rift Valley, strange tribal customs, or modern African politics.



Greg introduces Daryl Hannah to wild gorillas

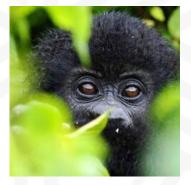
JUNGLE THERAPY

"If there was ever a possibility of escaping the human condition and living imaginatively in another creature's world, it must be with the gorillas."

- Sir David Attenborough

GREAT APES SAFARI

Two weeks in Uganda and Rwanda, trekking Mountain gorilla in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and the Virunga volcanoes, and chimpanzee in the Kibali Forest, home to Uganda's largest chimp population. Great ape populations exist in remote locations, up steep and slippery slopes that are only accessible on foot. While arduous, the 3-6 hour trek is within the reach of anyone with a reasonable level of fitness. Well worth the effort to commune for an hour with your closest cousins in the wild.



THE CONGO JUNGLE

Ten day journey through the Congo River Basin jungle in Congo. Fly in by air charter then camp in the jungle and trek with expert guides, porters, a cook, and armed escorts. Raft on the Luhoho River, hike in untouched wildlife reserves to find Eastern lowland gorilla, okapi and many more rare species found only in the Congo. The river basin contains a major share of Africa's biodiversity - 1,100 species found nowhere else on Earth - and some of the planet's most spectacular and endangered wildlife.



DZANGA-SANGHA GORILLA SAFARI

Two weeks at a luxury jungle lodge in the very heart of Africa, at the Dzanga-Sangha Reserve, exploring the habitat of the Western lowland gorilla. At Dzanga Bai, spot elephant, buffalo, bongo, Sitatunga, giant forest hog, and gorilla. Trek on foot with the local Baáka tribe of pygmy trackers to find gorilla in the forest. Spend time with the Baáka, following them on a net hunt, learning to build a hut, and about the medicinal plants of the forest. Few places where gorillas range are as remote and untouched.

