

# Uganda Rwanda







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Rwanda & Uganda is all about amazing Gorillas and Chimpanzee trekking tours. Enjoy memorable Gorilla Trekking tours in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Mgahinga and Volcanoes National Park and ultimate Chimpanzee tracking tours in Nyungwe National

Park and Kibale National Park with us.

We plan and organize bespoke Uganda Gorilla trekking tours, Rwanda Gorilla Tours, Uganda Chimps tracking tours, Rwanda Chimps tracking tours, Uganda Wildlife Safaris, Tanzania safaris, Rwanda Safaris and Kenya Wildlife safaris combined with birding and cultural safaris across East Africa that satisfy all your travel expectations.

We will help in planning your Gorilla Trekking Tour by putting together a convenient Gorilla Trekking Itinerary, taking care of your Gorilla Permit Booking ensuring that you are booked in the right Gorilla Safari Lodges and taking care of all the transfers through your trip in Africa. Contact us to begin your holiday planning to Uganda or Rwanda and we are available to assist you with a smile!





The trip starts in Entebbe, the drive to Kibale forest National Park will take you approximately 6 hours including a lunch stopover in Fort Portal. Kibale Forest National Park famous for chimpanzee tracking amongst the 13 primate's species hosted by the park, other primates that call Kibale Forest its home include, colobus and L'Hoest's monkeys, and grey-cheeked mangabeys. Chimp tracking is an easier trek lasting average of 3 hours, minimum age is 12 years, visitors are put in the groups of 06 people. Tracking starts at 0800am and 0200pm for morning and afternoon sessions respectively. However, on this trip you will do a morning chimp trek, after the trek you will return to your lodge for lunch before transferring to Queen Elizabeth Park.

At queen Elizabeth National Park, apart from the famous Kazinga channel cruise you will enjoy a game drive in the northern part (Kasenyi plains) and well as in the south (Ishasha – famous for the tree climbing lions)

Gorilla tracking in Bwindi National Park can be done at 4 designated locations including Nkuringo, Rushaga, Ruhijja and Buhoma with a total of 18 Gorilla habituated families that can be tracked every single day. On your day of tracking visitors are allocated different families in the groups of 8 people and are allowed to view the Gorillas maximum of one hour per day. Trekking time depends on the group allocated to, ranging from 3 to 8 hours.

After this unforgettable adventure, it will be time to head to Lake Mburo National Park, the smallest savannah national parks, and the only park where you can have a safari walk, while on the walk or on the game drive, several animals can be seen including big herds of zebras, Buffalo, Impala, Giraffes, Warthog and Waterbuck other wildlife can also be seen while on the 2 hour boat cruise including the crocodiles, hippos different birds including the colorful Kingfishers and the magnificent Fish Eagles

#### Safari Highlights:

- v Private Game drives in Queen Elizabeth and the Ishasha Sector and Lake Mburo
- v Boat cruise on Kazinga Channel and Lake Mburo
- v Gorilla Trekking
- v Chimpanzee trekking
- v Bigodi Swamp walk
- v Community activities in Bwindi



#### **Detailed Holiday Itinerary:**

## Day 1: Arrive at Entebbe Airport - Entebbe Hotel (Approx. 10 -30 mins drive)

On your arrival at Entebbe Airport, your will be met and welcomed by our representative. He will be your tour and driver guide for the rest of the days you will be in the country. After the interaction and brief introduction, you will be transferred to your preferred Hotel in Entebbe for Overnight stay. Bed and Breakfast.

Papyrus Guest House for Budget Boma Guest House/2 Friends Guest House for Midrange Hotel Number 5 or Lake Victoria Serena Resort for Upmarket

## Day 2: Depart for Kibale Forest National Park (Approx. 6-7hrs drive)

Early morning have your breakfast at the lodge and depart for Kibale National Park. The Journey will take you through the Western Rift Valley's Albertine Escarpment as well as the green country side and traditional homesteads of the local people with in the Bunyoro and Toro Kingdoms. Upon arriving in Fort portal, clear days will give you a glimpse of the legendary snowcapped Mountain also famously known as the "Mountains of the Moon" (Mt Rwenzori). Kibale Forest National Park is a home to 13 primate species including the common Mans' closest Cousins (Chimpanzees). The Forest is also a home to over 325 bird species including the rare Green Breasted Pitta. Arrive at your Lodge in the afternoon. Check in and later set out for a nature and bird walk with in the Bigodi Swamp. The wetland is a project being run by local communities and is much known for its rich diversity of bird species and other primates. It also provides employment and job opportunities to the local youth through tour guiding. Return to your lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight stay. Full Board.

Isunga Lodge or Kibale Forest Camp for Budget
Turaco Tree Tops or Crater Safari Lodge – STD Cottage for Midrange
Primates Lodge for Upmarket.

## Day 3: Chimpanzee tracking and Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Morning breakfast at your lodge and set out for a half day Chimpanzee tracking experience. You will be transferred to the park headquarters ay Kanyanchu for a 30-40mins briefing and get to know more about the chimpanzees and their ways of living with in the forest. After this, you will then embark on your journey to search for these primates through the forest. On spotting the chimps, you are only given one Hour to be with them as you take videos and pictures. Along the way other primate species can be spotted such as the LHoest's Monkeys, Red tailed Monkeys, Blue Vervet Monkeys, and Black & White colobus Monkeys among others. Other animals that can be seen are Forest Elephants, Buffalos and a lot of bird species. After the tracking, return to your Lodge for Lunch and afternoon transfer to your next destination Queen Elizabeth National - one of country's best wildlife National parks with over 600 bird species, mammals like Lions, Leopards, elephants, buffaloes and so many others. Dinner and Overnight at your Lodge. Full Board.

Twin Lakes Safari Lodge for Budget Buffalo Safari Lodge for Midrange Elephant plains Lodge for Upmarket



#### Day 4: Game drive and Boat ride along the Kazinga channel

After an early morning breakfast, depart for your morning game drive in Kasenyi areas. Look out for wildlife animals such as Lions, Leopards, Buffalos, Elephants, Antelopes, Warthogs, Waterbucks, Bushbucks and so on. Lunch and in the afternoon set out for the launch cruise along the Kazinga channel. The channel connects Lake Edward and Lake George. The channel is a home to one of Africa's largest hippo populations and bird species. this 3hrs boat cruise will enrich you with views of the water loving animals such as Hippos, Elephants, Buffalos, Crocodiles and other antelopes as we as bird species. Return to your Lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight stay.

Twin Lakes Safari Lodge for Budget
Buffalo Safari Lodge for Midrange
Elephant plains Lodge for Upmarket

#### Day 5: Ishasha Sector and transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park (Approx. 5hrs drive)

After breakfast leave the northern side of the park and transfer to the southern sector of Ishasha. Game drive in the mid-morning hours searching for the rare tree climbing lions. Afternoon embark on your journey to the famous Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. The park is well known for being a habit to the endangered species of Mountain Gorillas. Check in at your Lodge. Full Board.

Ride for a woman for Budget
Buhoma Haven Lodge for Midrange
Mahogany Springs Lodge for Upmarket

<u>Day 6: Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park</u>

The day is finally here for your unforgettable life time experience of meeting face to face with the giant mountain Gorillas. You will start your day with an early breakfast at your lodge and then transfer to the Park headquarters (Depending on which location you have booked your accommodation) for briefing. There are 4 sectors in which Gorilla trekking takes place with in Bwindi Forest. The northern side of the park is comprised of Buhoma and Ruhija Sector and the southern side comprised of Rushaga and Nkuringo sectors. After Briefing, you will start on your day's trek. Searching for the gorillas may take like 2-5hrs depending on where they were last spotted the previous day. Once they have been spotted, you will be given one hour to take videos, photos and also get a chance to ask the rangers and the guides any questions about these giant apes. Besides the great Apes, the forest is also a home to other wildlife and bird species such as butterflies, primates, mammals, frogs and so on which all can be seen along the way to the Gorillas. After seeing the Gorillas, you will then head back to your lodge and retire for the rest of the day. The whole day activity can take between 5 to 9hrs. Packed Lunch and hiring porters are highly recommended. If time permits, you will also visit the Ride 4 A Woman project in Buhoma and get a chance to interact with local women and also learn about their variety of hand work crafts made out of local materials like basket weaving and knitting. Dinner and overnight stay at your Lodge. Full Board

Ride for a woman for Budget
Buhoma Haven Lodge for Midrange
Mahogany Springs Lodge for Upmarket



#### Day 7: Bwindi to Lake Mburo National Park (Approx. 5hrs drive)

After your morning early breakfast, you will be driven to Lake Mburo National Park which is Uganda's smallest National Park. The journey will take you through stunning sceneries and views of the Ankole Kingdom with animal farms and different crop plantations. Arrive in time for Lunch at your Lodge in Lake Mburo. Afternoon set out for the boat cruise on Lake Mburo. Look out for Hippos, Buffalos and others. The park is famously known for harboring the largest number of Zebras in Uganda. Other animals that can be seen also include Impalas, Oribis, Giraffes (just been recently relocated from Murchison falls) and a lot of bird species. Overnight at your Lodge. Full Board.

Kigarama Wilderness for Budget and Midrange option Mihingo Lodge or Kigambira Safari Lodge for Upmarket.

#### Day 8: Lake Mburo to Entebbe (Approx. 5hrs drive)

Morning breakfast and have a game drive as you exit the park. Look out for animals which are habitat in the park such as Impalas, Zebras, Oribi, Topi, Elands and so on. Lake Mburo also is one of the few parks where one can do a guided nature walk and still most of the animals as if you are on the game drive. The park also is a habitat to more than 300 bird species and also very famous for birders. Later drive back to Entebbe having Lunch en route. Stop over at the Equator for the water experience as well as Photography. Proceed and drop off at the Airport in time for your evening departure flight to your next destination or Back Home. Breakfast and Lunch.

#### **END OF 8 DAYS UGANDA SAFARI ADVENTURE**

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#### Included in this Package

- Airport transfers
- Accommodation in Entebbe on BB
- Accommodation upcountry on Full Board.
- Ground transportation by 4x4 tourist vehicle with an English-Speaking Guide
- Gorilla permits at USD 800
- Chimpanzee trekking in Kibale USD 250
- Boat ride on Kazinga Channel and Lake Mburo
- Game drives, Queen Elizabeth and Lake Mburo
- Nature walk in Bigodi
- · Water on board

#### **Excluded in this Package**

- Tips
- Drinks and Beverages other than where it's included as part of accommodation package
- International Air ticket
- Tourist insurance/ local health insurance
- Entrance visas:
- Activities not mentioned in program

## Travel Information to Uganda

Unlike other typical Savanna Safari destinations, Uganda offers a wider range of experiences from Savannah Game drives and Boat Safaris to mountain Hiking, beautiful sceneries, Cultural tours, primate Safaris including Gorillas, Chimps and Golden Monkeys. Uganda is located on the Equator presents an awesome weather for all visitors all year around, In The south, combined with high altitude ensure a pleasant, temperate year-round climate. Temperatures therefore hardly vary throughout the season, with an average of 25°C during the day and slightly cooler at night. However, it is a little Cooler in the southern parts of Uganda and hotter in the northern parts of Uganda. The climate in the southern Uganda which is also the mountainous areas range between 13 in the most cold and 28 in the hottest. In the northern you could experience about 30 degrees to maximum while on a Uganda safari. The Long rainy season takes place from March till May and there is a short rainy season around October-November and a little of December. January and February is a little humid dry than most months of the Year.

#### Best time to travel to Uganda

Uganda safari can perfectly be visited during all seasons and throughout the Year while the weather is perfect all year around. Please keep in mind though that July and August are peak season for tracking the mountain gorillas and therefore gorilla permits are more difficult to obtain. The Dry season months are also good to visit for wildlife viewing as the grass is short and animals are easier to find. Gorilla trekking is also rewarding in the dry season as the terrain is manageable for both cars and trekking experience.

#### Visa Requirements

Most nationals will require visas for Uganda. The cost is USD \$50 per person per entry. We recommend that you apply and acquire your visa in advance, at least a week to arrival. Please follow the link below to apply for your Uganda visa https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/help/visa. Visas can only be obtained on line. For clients entering Uganda from Rwanda, you will need to apply for East African tourist visa on arrival in Kigali at USD 100. Insist on East African Tourist Visa.

#### Health

Please ensure you consult with a travel clinic or your physician for the appropriate medication. Usually, this prescription starts a couple of weeks prior to your arrival, and continues for a couple of weeks after your return. Simply put, if you aren't bitten - you can't catch malaria. Wearing long sleeved shirts and long trousers after dark will reduce the possibility of being bitten.

#### Vaccinations and Yellow Fever

We recommend that our guests consult the closest Uganda embassy for current requirements. Your travel clinic or physician can brief you on recommended vaccines. The rules for Yellow Fever vaccination state that entry to Uganda from a Yellow Fever Endemic Zone requires a vaccine. Persons older than 60 or younger than 1 are exempt. Anyone with a letter from a doctor saying that they are unable to take it are also exempt. If entry into Uganda is direct from a non-endemic zone (e.g. Europe, USA, Australia) then no vaccine is required.

Packing List for Uganda Gorilla Safaris. Recommended packing list for your Gorilla Trek.

- 1. Long Sleeved Shirts
- 2. Long Trousers
- 3. Waterproof Hiking Sturdy Boots as well as Comfortable Safari Shoes
- 4. Sturdy Gardening Gloves
- 5. A Rain Jacket/ Poncho
- 6. A Safari Hat
- 7. Insect Repellent
- 8. Warm Sweater
- 9. Sun Blocker cream
- 10. Walking stick (Normally provided at the park or at the Lodge Free of Charge)
- 11. Safari Socks
- 12. Hand Wipes
- 13. Sun glasses
- 14. Anti-Malaria Tablets such as Malarone or Doxycycline.
- 15. A pack of toiletries
- 16. Batteries for Cameras or Power banks for Phone charging
- 17. A small back Pack for your packed Lunches and mineral water while you head for the trek



# Six days Rwanda Primates Safari Holiday Itinerary:

## Day 1: Arrive at Kigali International Airport

Welcome to the Land of A thousand Hills. Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be welcomed by one of our experienced safari guides who will transfer you to your Hotel for the rest of the day and overnight. At check in, you will be briefed about your safari and what to expect, the safari do's and don'ts. Overnight at your Hotel. Bed and Breakfast

#### Day 2: Kigali City tour and transfer to Volcanoes National Park.

After breakfast, pick up from your hotel for a half day Kigali city tour. The tour is inclusive of a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial Site and Museum to learn more about the 1994 genocide era, local markets and so on. Later have Lunch and then depart for Volcanoes National Park. the journey will offer you with beautiful mountainous and green countryside from which the name of "The Land of a thousand hills" was depicted. Dinner and overnight at your Lodge.

## Day 3: Gorilla trekking in Rwanda and Community Walk

Today morning after breakfast, you will be transferred from your lodge to the park headquarters for the days' briefing about Gorilla trekking activity. It's advisable to park your lunch, drinking water and hire porters as the time taken in the jungle is unpredictable. After the briefing from the Park rangers, you will be allocated your Gorilla family and then head into the forest to search for the gentle jungle giants. Tracking the Gorillas may take a few hrs. to a full day to hike up and down the mountain as this always depend on where they were last seen the previous night. Physical Fitness is highly recommended but also those who are not fit enough, they have the chance to hire Human helicopters (Sedan chair). Upon seeing the gorillas, you will be allowed to stay with them for one hour maximum (Take videos and Photographs). Then later return back to your Lodge for lunch.

Afternoon a enjoy a community walk to red rock a local initiative that improves community livelihood through Environmental Conservation, Arts & Culture, Education, and Community Health & Security. Overnight at your Lodge.

# Day 4: Transfer to Nyungwe Forest National Park!

After morning breakfast emback on your 6-7 hours' drive to Nyungwe Forest National Park, one of the oldest and largest rain forest in East Africa, the forest is popular for this rich biodiversity including a small population of chimpanzees as well as 12 other species of primate, including the L'Hoest's monkey endemic to the Albertine Rift. Overnight at your lodge on full board.



#### Day 5: Chimpanzee Tracking and Canopy Walk.

Early morning set out for the famous Chimpanzee trekking in Nyungwe forest National Park. The activity will take you deep into this jungle forest to search for the Man's closest friend in the world of primates the chimpanzees. Normally you are advised to park your breakfast from the Lodge as the briefing starts as early as 5:30am and then start on your experience by 6:00am. You will be briefed about how to behave as well as the Park's do's and don'ts. Your ranger guide will lead you to either the Uwinka trail head or The Cyamudongo sector for the start of the chimp trekking experience. The park is well endowed with rich biodiversity and is a home to more than 13 species of Primates including the Chimpanzees, LHoest's monkeys, Rwenzori Colobus monkeys, red tailed monkeys, vervet monkeys, grey cheeked mangabeys and so on. Lunch at the Lodge and afternoon set out for the famous Canopy walk experience where you will be exploring Nyungwe National Park at 40 meters high above the ground level. Dinner and overnight at your Lodge. Full Board.

## Day 6: Nyungwe to Kigali - Departure

Enjoy your breakfast at leisure before embarking on your 4 to 5 hours journey back to Kigali. On the way you will have a stopover at Huye which was formerly known as Butare. This is the city which hosts the ethnographic museum of Rwanda which was formerly known as the National Museum of Rwanda. You will learn more about the country's culture and their history plus the normal day to day lives of the Rwandan people. Proceed with your journey to Kigali and arrive in the afternoon connect to your international flight.

#### **TOUR ENDS**

#### **Cost includes:**

·1 x night accommodation in Kigali on BB
·2 x nights' accommodation in Volcanoes on FB
·Kigali city Tour
·1 x Gorilla permit at USD 1500
·1 x Community walk
·1 x Chimp permit
·1 x Canopy walk
-International Insurance
·All transport with an English-speaking guide
·Drinking water in vehicle.

#### Cost does not include:

·International Airfare
·Gratuities
·Covid tests
·Visa fees to Rwanda
·Personal items like Laundry
·All premium drinks

## Safari Highlights

·Gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park
·Kigali City tour
·Scenic views
·Community walk
·Golden Monkey Tracking
·Chimp Tracking in Nyungwe
·Canopy Walk

