



# Rwanda-Uganda

## Gorilla Trekking

Small Group Safari September 2022



### Why go Gorilla Trekking?

A rewarding and humbling experience often described as a life-changing event. You will come face-to-face with the world's largest living primate, and their families, in their natural habitat. Immersed in this dramatic natural setting, you will have an incredible opportunity to savour every second quietly observing intriguing interactions between gorilla family groups, our second closest primate relatives. Savour every second as you watch family groups foraging, playing, teasing each other, eating or slumbering in an uncanny resemblance to ourselves.

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## Itinerary: Uganda Mountain Gorillas and Chimpanzees Tour

Starting Kigali and ending in Entebbe, Uganda.

6 Days Gorilla tracking and chimpanzee tracking in Uganda.

**Day 1 :** Arrive Kigali, Rwanda and be transferred to our hotel. Welcome dinner and briefing.

**Day 2 :** Transfer from Kigali to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Buhoma)

Drive Time 4-5 Hours drive

You will be picked up around 7 am from your hotel in Kigali by our safari guide who will drive you straight to the Uganda, Rwanda border of Cyanika / Katuna. In the process you will traverse the lush country side dotted with undulating hills that have qualified Rwanda as a land of a thousand hills and arriving in Bwindi. Accommodation : Silverback Safari Lodge (L,D) (Packed lunch included)

**Day 3 :** Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Gorilla Trekking) and transfer to Lake Bunyonyi

Drive time: 2 hours drive

You will have an early morning breakfast at 6:30 am and with packed Lunch you will move to the Park headquarters to join other trackers in a briefing about the gorilla trekking rules at 7:30 am. You will trek through thick creepers and undergrowth with your guides to find the Gorillas, which can take you 1-8 hours. The steeply forested landscape is incredibly dense but crisscrossed by numerous animal trails allowing access by tourist. Accommodation : Arcadia Lodges (B,L,D)

**Day 4 :** Transfer to Kibale National Park (Bigodi Swamp Walk)

Drive time: 6 hours drive

After an early breakfast you will be transferred to Kibale Forest National Park in the morning with the target to have lunch in Fort portal area near Kibale Forest national park. You can have Punctuated stopovers in the far country side that offer us chances of viewing tea plantations along the drive through Fort Portal which is located in the shadow of the

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legendary Rwenzori Mountain which forms a mystic backdrop to the beautiful volcanic landscape you are treated to on your drive from the town to the park.

Upon arrival, you will check in at your lodge for relaxation. Later in the day you shall be transferred to the Bigodi Wetlands, situated on the eastern edge of the forest. There you shall take a light walk in the wetlands to observe plenty of wildlife including birds and many monkey species.

Accommodation : Ndali Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day 5 :** Kibale National Park (Chimp Trekking) and transfer to Entebbe (B,L)

Drive time: 6 hours drive

After early breakfast, you will transfer to the park offices to meet the ranger guides for pre-trek briefing after which you will set off to trek into forest to track a community of Chimpanzees. Up to 3 large communities of Chimpanzees have been habituated for the tracking adventure. You will locate the Chimps without so much straining since the territory of each of Chimp community is known before hand by advance trackers as it will be communicated by your guides. While you trek through the forest you will observe plenty of other wildlife. Other primates which you may spot include Red Colobus Monkey, L'Hoest Monkey, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, and Vervet Monkeys.

The bird lovers spot many forest specials from a total of 335 bird species recorded in the forest. The trademark pant hoots and loud screams of the Chimps can be heard from a distance and will lead you to the community which you will spend no more than hour observing and following in the forest. The Chimps which will be swinging through trees with so much speed, pant hooting, slapping the tree barks and screaming to locate each other. It is an adrenaline giving atmosphere and a memorable experience. Post lunch you will be transferred back to Entebbe. Farewell dinner. O/N hotel in Entebbe.

**Day 6:** End of tour! Safe travels onwards from Entebbe.

Costs and Registration: [contact shila@eyhotours.com](mailto:contact@eyhotours.com)