



Rwanda-Uganda

Gorilla Trekking

Small Group Safari September 16-22, 2023



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.

Itinerary: Uganda Mountain Gorillas and Chimpanzees Tour

Starting Kigali and ending in Entebbe, Uganda.

6 Nights/7 Days Gorilla tracking and chimpanzee tracking in Uganda.

Day 1 : Sept 16

Arrive Kigali, Rwanda, and be transferred to our hotel. Welcome dinner and briefing. (D)

Day 2 : Sept 17

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. (L,D) (Packed lunch included)

Day 3 : Sept 18

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Gorilla Trekking) and transfer to Lake Bunyonyi

Drive time: 3 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. Transfer to Lake Bunyoni.

Around 3+ hrs.

(B,L,D)

Day 4 : Sept 19

Transfer to Kibale National Park - 6 hour 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 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.

Check into one of Uganda's most exclusive retreats. Take this day to recover from the previous day's long trek. Choose to do a Community Walk, Canoe Ride, Boat Ride, Bicycle Ride, Bird Watching, Cray Fishing, or any other activity on Lake Bunyonyi at an additional charge (\$). Or simply relax.

Day 5: Sept 20

Chimpanzee trekking and Bigodi Swamp walk.

After an 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.

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. (B,L,D)

Day 6 : Sept 21

After lunch, transfer 6 hours to Entebbe. Farewell dinner. O/N hotel in Entebbe. (B,D)

Day 7: Sept 22

End of tour! For participants joining us in Madagascar, flight is scheduled at 4.30pm (tbc)

For those not joining us in Madagascar, you may choose to leave anytime on this day.

Safe travels onwards from Entebbe!

Cost

USD 3750 pp double occupancy

USD 650 single supplement

Inclusions

- Gorilla Trekking permit
- Chimpanzee Trekking permit
- Accommodations in select 4-5* lodges and hotels
- Guides and naturalist rangers
- Meals as indicated: all breakfast and nearly all lunches and dinners
- Hosted by E.Y.H.O. owners and Africa savants
- All park fees and permits

Exclusions

- international flights
- gratuities
- beverages at meals

Sample accommodations



Mahogany Springs - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Located just a 2 minute drive from the NP gate, offering privacy and optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. Perched on top of the Munyanga River, overlooking Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Mahogany Springs consists of 12 Luxury Suites, surrounded by beautiful gardens and panoramic views of the verdant valley.



Crater Safari Lodge, Kibale

Well-appointed Crater Safari Lodge is situated in a prime location on a hill overlooking the second largest crater lake in Uganda. The views from the lodge are breathtaking, and the rooms either have a full or partial view of the crater lake below.



Heaven Boutique Hotel, Kigali

An oasis of calm within Kigali's beating heart, with delicious African and International fusion cuisine, luxury accommodation, a full-service spa, saltwater pools, an open-air fitness center, and yoga deck. The perfect place from which to launch our safari!

All accommodations are representative until final bookings are confirmed.

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