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GORILLA EXPRESS
UGANDA

6 day Fly-in Lodge safari



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5 night/6 day FLY IN scheduled UGANDA safari

Gorillas, gorillas and abundant game.....

This best seller is aimed at those who are a short on time, but keen to see some game as well as gorillas on their safari. You'll have ample time to trek endangered mountain gorillas twice, as well as enjoy abundant game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National park.

On this hosted FLY IN safari we include domestic flights to save those long journeys by vehicle. Luxury accommodation, friendly hosts, professional guides and custom made safari vehicles promise to make this the trip of a lifetime. Aside from incredible gorillas and game, Uganda boasts some of the top bird watching in Africa, with over 1000 different species including the remarkable grey crowned crane and a host of endemic forest birds.



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QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

	Activity & Accommodation option	Meal Plan	Notes
Day 1	Transfer from Entebbe to Hotel No.5 for overnight.	Breakfast	
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bwindi. Optional afternoon forest walk or cultural visit may be done (this may be undertaken on day 4 if guests prefer). Overnight Buhoma Lodge.	Full board	Flight +- 1.5 hrs, plus transfer to lodge of +/- 2 hrs.
Day 3	Gorilla trekking. Overnight Buhoma Lodge. ** Please note that days 3 and 4 are interchangeable depending on when we can secure trekking permits **	Full board	Gorilla trekking
Day 4	Day at leisure. Optional extra second gorilla trek/ community walk/forest walk/birding. Overnight Buhoma Lodge. ** Note optional extra activities are for your own additional cost **	Full board	Day at leisure Optional activities
Day 5	Travel to Ishasha with a stop at the local Community project en route. Enjoy a game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park, hoping to spot tree climbing lion, plus a myriad of other species. Overnight Isasha Wilderness Camp.	Full board	Drive to Ishasha approx. 3 hours. Plus game drives.
Day 6	Morning flight back to Entebbe. END of services. Please do not book a flight out of Entebbe before 20h00	Breakfast	Flight +- 1.5 hrs

**** Please use this itinerary as a guideline only. Final itinerary may vary slightly due to availability, and will be confirmed at time of booking. ****

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day One

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be met by a Wild Frontiers representative and transferred to Hotel No. 5

Set in the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is a small town that is easy to explore on foot or local boda bodas (motorbike taxis). Explore the markets, hunt for souvenirs or crafts, meander through the Botanical Gardens or relax with a boat cruise on Lake Victoria. You'll find a wide variety of restaurants, bars and clubs where you can sample the local beer, catch a game of football and meet the friendly locals.



Nestled in the leafy suburbs of Entebbe, Hotel No.5 is a stylish boutique hotel. With all luxurious rooms opening onto the garden and swimming pool, this is a great option for guests looking for an intimate stay in a tranquil setting. Make yourself at home – unwind beside the swimming pool, pamper yourself with a spa treatment, or work up a sweat in the hotel gym. Attention to detail, outstanding dining and an attentive guest experience are synonymous with Hotel No 5.

Overnight at **Hotel No.5** (www.hotelnumber5.com) or similar, with breakfast included.

Day Two

This morning's flight on a light aircraft to Kihhi airstrip takes just over an hour. Transfer through local villages and along mountain roads to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a World Heritage site (a drive of +/- 90 mins).

Considered the most diverse forest in Uganda, Bwindi is one of the richest ecosystems in East Africa and home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies and 160 species of trees. The park contains an estimated one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, making it an extremely valuable conservation site.

Set within the National Park and just steps away from the Gorilla Trekking headquarters, Buhoma Lodge offers cosy accommodation in wooden chalets with uninterrupted views of the pristine rain forest canopy. Renowned for its warm welcome and attentive service, Buhoma is an eco friendly lodge operating on solar power, and has been constructed using sustainable local materials. Each of the ten wooden chalets has a private verandah and enormous windows, giving spectacular views. Awaken to chattering forest birds, and watch out for the occasional mountain gorilla that has ventured right in to visit the lodge.

Overnight at **Buhoma Lodge** with all meals and local drinks included www.ugandaexclusivecamps.com

Day Three

Gorilla Tracking - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Few words can describe the thrill of today's lifetime experience! Coming face to face with mountain gorillas is a rare wildlife encounter that is exhilarating, humbling and enthralling. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the steep mountain slopes. Please note that gorilla tracking is strenuous with treks ranging from 45 mins up to eight hours, at high altitudes in hot African conditions. The thrill of the hour you spend quietly observing these gentle giants once you find them is so worth the trek to get there! Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are over 95%.



Head back to Buhoma Lodge for a complimentary massage after your trek, or explore the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight at **Buhoma Lodge** with all meals and local drinks included

** Please note that days 3 and 4 are interchangeable depending on when we can secure gorilla permits **

Day Four

Those with additional pre-purchased permits will depart for a second gorilla tracking experience. Guests not tracking have the day free to explore the Bwindi area – optional activities include forest walks, a visit to a local school/orphanage/hospital or Batwa pygmy village, and some local curio shopping.

Overnight at **Buhoma Lodge** with all meals and local drinks included



Day Five

Depart Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park this morning and travel to **Ishasha** in the southern part of **Queen Elizabeth National Park** (a 2-3 hour drive), with a brief stop enroute at a community project near Ishasha Village.

Located in the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, the park is home to a wide variety of wildlife including elephants, leopard, lions, hippos, buffalo, Uganda kob, baboon, and many species of birds. With both a riverine and savannah habitat, the southern Ishasha area includes the massive Maramagambo, one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda, and is home to the tree climbing lions typically found in the area. Afternoon game drives will be enjoyed in the Ishasha area, looking for the huge herds of buffalo, elephant, Uganda kob and of course the famous tree-climbing lion typically found in the area.



Overnight at **Ishasha Wilderness Camp** including all meals and local drinks

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This exclusive 10 tented camp offers the only luxury accommodation in the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth. Set on the banks of the Ntungwe River, the eco-friendly Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy remote wilderness. The thatched central lounge and dining area offers a comfortable area for guests to enjoy wholesome dining, although meals are often served 'al fresco' next to the river. The outdoor fireplace is the perfect place for guests to relax with sundowners and wind down after an exciting day's game viewing.

Highly recommended to book in advance are the **bush sundowners** and the **bush breakfast**, both hugely memorable experiences in beautiful settings.



Day Six

Morning transfer to the airstrip for your return flight to Entebbe. Please do not book an international flight out of Entebbe before 19h00 in case of delays

2019 Scheduled Dates
4 January 2019
16 January
09 February
22 February
15 March
29 March – LOW SEASON RATES
20 April (Easter) – LOW SEASON RATES
22 May – LOW SEASON RATES
02 June
21 June
05 July
19 July
02 August
30 August
20 September
27 September
18 October
25 October
08 November – LOW SEASON RATES
20 December



6 Day Gorilla Express RACK RETAIL rates Tour guaranteed with minimum 2 participants	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019
Per person sharing HIGH season	USD 2845 incl flight (\$500) Entebbe – Kihihi – Entebbe
Per person sharing LOW season (April, May & Nov)	USD 2605 including flights Entebbe – Kihihi – Entebbe
Single room supplement	USD 585 High Season USD 425 Low Season

Excludes Gorilla permits : USD 600 per person (additional permits USD 670 per permit includes permit purchase fee)

***Please note: The scheduled flight Entebbe-Kihihi – Entebbe has been included in above price. Please check at time of booking whether the flight price has increased in which case a surcharge will apply . 15kg of luggage restriction.**

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airport transfers throughout
- Transport in our specially adapted safari vehicles with English speaking local driver/guide
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 1 night accommodation at Hotel No. 5 in Entebbe including breakfast
- Return domestic flights from Entebbe to Kihihi on a scheduled flight in a light aircraft (15 kg luggage restriction)
- 3 nights accommodation at Buhoma Lodge in Bwindi on a full board basis
- Community visit en route from Bwindi to Ishasha
- 1 night luxury tented accommodation at Ishasha Wilderness Camp on a full board basis
- Game drives in Ishasha area of Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Full liability insurance cover and 24 hour emergency contact
- Full board at Buhoma and Ishasha includes breakfast, lunch/packed lunch, dinner and local drinks

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- **Gorilla Permit USD 600 per person**
- All international flights and airport taxes
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals not included above

Please note - two gorilla trekking options are available on this itinerary. Please specify your permit requirements at time of booking.

GORILLA TREKKING AREAS & PERMIT ALLOCATIONS

On our scheduled departures, we typically buy permits for Buhoma & Ruhija, which are accessible from Buhoma area. One of the Buhoma families, and the Ruhija families, require a road transfer to the start point. This does not deviate from the enjoyment of the trek (and could be considered as enhancing your trip as you are seeing a different part of the region). Furthermore, your permit may be organised for day 3, or 4, of your safari. It will depend on availability at the time of purchase.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Guided forest walk Bwindi including park fees	USD 75 per person	Bwindi
Ishasha Community visit Bwindi	USD 30 per person	Bwindi
Batwa Pygmies visit	USD 85 per person	Bwindi
2 nd Gorilla trek including purchase fee	USD 670 per person	Bwindi
Community project	USD 30 per person	Ishasha
Bush breakfast at Ishasha	USD 40 per person	Ishasha
Bush sundowners at Ishasha	USD 20 per person	Ishasha

POPULAR TRIP EXTENSIONS:

MURCHISON FALLS: River Nile, game drives, chimpanzee trekking, fishing, bird-watching. Suggested add on 3-4 nights.

KIBALE: Chimpanzees and other primates, forest walks, crater lakes. Suggested add on 2 nights.

JINJA: Source of the Nile, adventure activities including white water rafting, bungi jumping, quad biking. Suggested add on 2-3 nights.

ENTEbbe: City life and local craft shopping, boat cruises or fishing on Lake Victoria, Botanical Gardens, Uganda Wild Life Education Centre/ Ngamba Island.

We offer 6, 8 and 10 day small group, set departures as well as combination Uganda/Rwanda trips. We are also experts at designing your own tailor made trip to meet your exact personal interests.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Yellow fever inoculation is compulsory & malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses. Should you opt to spend time participating in any UWEC Wildlife Integration programme, you may require additional inoculations and health clearances.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Most nationalities require a visa to enter Uganda. All visitors who require a visa should apply through the online application system prior to arrival at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>. Cost is USD 50, single entry. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after return date of travel, or 12 months in the case of UK nationals, and have at least 3 blank pages in it. The newly established EAC Visa allows entry into Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya for one fee of USD100 – handy if you are visiting all three regions.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.



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