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UGANDA/RWANDA
Gorillas Galore
12 day private safari



GORILLAS GALORE

11 night/12 day private UGANDA/ RWANDA safari

This 12-day safari has been designed due to an increased demand for combining the best of Uganda with Rwanda. Obviously, there is time to trek in BOTH Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda and Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda, but also included in this dynamic trip is chimpanzee trekking, and some incredible game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

It includes Kibale Forest (chimpanzees), Queen Elizabeth (game, birds, chimpanzees), Bwindi (gorillas and culture), Rwanda (gorillas, volcanoes and culture), ending in Kigali.

This itinerary is just a suggestion – we can run it with Rwanda first, and/or increase the number of days actually spent gorilla tracking. Whatever you prefer – we can make it happen!



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QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

	Activity & Accommodation option	Meals	Notes/comments
Day 1	Entebbe – overnight Hotel No 5 or similar.	Breakfast	
Day 2	Drive to Kibale Forest, balance of day at leisure. Overnight Primates Lodge. (Option to fly, additional cost)	Full board	Drive 6 hours.
Day 3	Chimpanzee trekking. Overnight lodge. Optional Bigodi swamp walk, crater lakes, forest walk or explore farm area.	Full board	Walking.
Day 4	Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park. Game viewing and boat cruise on Kazinga Channel included. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness Camp.	Full board & local drinks*	Drive 3+ hours Cruise & 2 hr to Ishasha
Day 5	Queen Elizabeth National Park – explore park – game drives. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness camp.	Full board & local drinks*	Game Drives
Day 6	Game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness camp.	Full board & local drinks*	Game Drives
Day 7	To Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Optional en route to visit COMMUNITY PROJECT in area. Overnight Buhoma Lodge	Full board & local drinks*	3-4 hour drive.
Day 8	Gorilla tracking (optional) or forest walk. Afternoon relax or explore local area on foot. Overnight Buhoma lodge. ** Please note that days 8 and 9 are interchangeable depending on when we can secure trekking permits **	Full board & local drinks*	Walk – gorilla trekking.
Day 9	Optional second gorilla tracking/ forest walk/village visit/curio shopping. Overnight Buhoma Lodge. ** Note optional extra activities are for your additional cost **	Full board & local drinks*	
Day 10	Drive via Kisoro to Rwanda. Beautiful scenery on this long day's drive. Border crossing takes +- 1 hour. Arrive late afternoon. Overnight Mountain Gorilla View Lodge or similar. *Optional forest walk from Buhoma to Nkuringo – enquire for details.	Full board	7-8 hour drive Walk via forest optional
Day 11	Optional gorilla trekking in Rwanda. Or, if you prefer, Golden Monkey trekking or visit Dian Fossey's grave. After lunch drive to Kigali arriving late afternoon. Overnight Serena Hotel.	Breakfast & lunch	Walking 3 hour drive
Day 12	Visit Genocide memorial. Transfer to Kigali airport.	Breakfast	

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

Depart after breakfast to Kibale Forest. The drive via rural villages and towns will take approx. 6-7 hours, stopping for a picnic lunch en route.



Kibale is an enchanting ancient forest, and supports an incredible range of flora and fauna. Rich in wildlife, it is most noted for its primate population including red-tailed monkey, diademed monkey, olive baboon, chimpanzee, black and white colobus.

Optional excursions around Kibale (aside from Chimp trekking) include a guided forest walk, visit to the Bigodi Swamps, or the Vanilla Farm close to Ndali.

Overnight **Primate Lodge** or similar, with all meals included.

Day Three

Today is sure to be exhilarating! If staying at Primates Lodge, walk down to the park headquarters, or if staying elsewhere, a 30 min drive will bring you to your Chimp trek briefing point.

Head off into the forest in search of Chimps – sometimes stepping off well-defined paths following their markings.

Chimpanzee trekking can be exciting – as unlike their cousins the Gorillas, chimpanzees tend to be more active and often keep moving through the forest canopies, so you may find yourself following a family through dense jungles! Of course sightings cannot be guaranteed, but the chances of seeing them are very good. Once amongst the Chimpanzees, spend approximately an hour observing and following them.

Afternoon at leisure to rest/ explore the Kibale Forest area.

Overnight **Primate Lodge** or similar, with all meals included.

Day Four

Depart early to Queen Elizabeth National Park, a drive of approximately three hours. This park set in the Great Rift Valley is home to a wide variety of wildlife including elephants, lions, hippos, buffalo, Uganda kob, baboon, and many species of birds. With both a riverine and savannah habitat, the park includes the southern Ishasha area with its tree climbing lions and Maramagambo, one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda.

Enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a 32-kilometre long natural channel linking Lake Edward and Lake George. Kazinga's shores are dotted with herds of lazy buffalo, pods of hippos wallowing without a care, and countless bird species. Drift past local fishing villages, and soak up the peaceful tranquillity of this beautiful African day. (Cruise normally departs at 11h00, although this depends on availability when booking and is subject to change –no drinks/ snacks provided on boat)



The next three nights will be enjoyed at **Ishasha Wilderness Camp**, an intimate camp with just ten luxurious safari tents set on a tranquil river bank.

Days Five and Six

Days at leisure to enjoy game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Overnight **Ishasha Wilderness Camp** including all drinks and meals.

Day Seven

From Queen Elizabeth National Park, we drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. On the way we will stop at the Community Project at Ishasha Village. Immerse yourself in Agartha's 'Taste of Uganda' tour – it's a fun, educational experience for the inquisitive visitor who wonders how a rural Ugandan lady lives. Watch how the local crops are transformed into local staples such as millet porridge and *kalo* bread.

Continue to **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**, a World Heritage site. 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, just steps away from the Gorilla Trekking headquarters, Buhoma Lodge offers cosy accommodation in wooden chalets with uninterrupted views of the pristine rain forest. Well loved for its warm welcome and attentive service, Buhoma is an eco friendly lodge operating on solar power, constructed using sustainable local materials. Each of the ten wooden chalets offers a private verandah and enchanting forest 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 Eight

It's up early today as one of the most humbling and enthralling wildlife experiences imaginable awaits your discovery. Coming face to face with an endangered mountain gorilla is something words cannot aptly describe. Please note that **gorilla trekking** 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 well worth the hike to get there! Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and it should be noted that sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are well 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 8 and 9 are interchangeable depending on when we can secure gorilla permits **

Day Nine

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 Ten

From Bwindi, we drive through the 'Little Switzerland of Africa' along winding mountain roads, and through rural villages, to the border of Rwanda, Kisoro. Here, on a clear day, the Virgunas can be seen 'standing sentry' along the border – a row of massive, dormant volcanoes watching over the region.

Crossing into Rwanda (border crossing takes about 1 hour), we continue to our Gorilla Trekking base, **Mountain Gorilla View Lodge** for overnight on a full board basis

(Full day in vehicle travelling from Bwindi to Rwanda, picnic lunch included)

Day Eleven

Trekking gorillas in the Volcanoes National Park is a very similar experience to that in Bwindi – just as challenging, equally memorable. If you've opted not to trek today, take a hike to Dian Fossey's grave or enjoy forest walk with Golden Monkeys. You will only be able to enjoy one of these activities (as they all take place in the morning) and pre-booking is essential.



After lunch (and depending on when your trek ends) we drive to Kigali, the capital of Rwanda – a bustling, clean and safe city.

Overnight **Kigali Serena** or similar, dinner included.

Day Twelve

Visit the haunting Genocide Memorial before your transfer back to the airport.

End of services

12-day Gorillas Galore Uganda & Rwanda Safari RACK RATES	2020 LOW SEASON April / May & Nov	2020 HIGH SEASON
6 guests pp sharing	USD 4110	USD 5160
4 guests pp sharing	USD 4580	USD 5780
2 guests pp sharing	USD 6030	USD 7285
Single room supplement	USD 895	USD 1445
Gorilla permits excluded	USD 600 Uganda (USD 700 from Jul 2020) USD 1500 Rwanda	USD 600 Uganda (USD 700 from Jul 2020) USD 1500 Rwanda
Chimp permits excluded	USD 150 Kibale (USD 200 from Jul 2020)	USD 150 Kibale (USD 200 from Jul 2020)
Christmas Supplement		On application
Optional Extras		
Forest walk Park Fee Bwindi	USD 70	USD 70
Community Visit Bwindi	USD 30	USD 30
Batwa (Pygmies) Community Visit	USD 85	USD 85
Bigodi Swamp Walk, Kibale	USD 20	USD 20
Flight EBB-KIBALE optional	Approx USD 300	Approx USD 300
TOTAL WEIGHT LIMIT is 15kg in soft bags.		

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Meet and greet upon arrival in Entebbe
- Transfer airport – Entebbe hotel
- 1 night accommodation at Hotel No 5 including breakfast
- 2 nights accommodation at Primate Lodge, or similar, including all meals
- 3 nights accommodation at Ishasha Wilderness Camp, including all meals and local drinks
- 3 nights accommodation at Buhoma Lodge, including all meals and local drinks
- 1 night accommodation Mountain Gorilla View Lodge or similar including all meals
- 1 night accommodation Kigali Serena or similar including breakfast
- All park entries
- Game drives
- Boat cruise Kazinga Channel (Queen Elizabeth National Park)
- Genocide Memorial visit in Kigali
- Transfer to Kigali Airport
- Bottled water on the safari vehicle (not at lodges/camps)

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- **Chimpanzee and Gorilla tracking permits** which must be pre purchased at time of booking.
- Flights, visas and medical requirements
- Optional excursions, drinks, tips, visas, items of a personal nature.

PERMIT COSTS:

Gorilla trekking permit – Uganda	USD 600 per person	Bwindi
	USD 700 per person from Jul 2020	
Chimp trekking permit – Uganda	USD 150 per person	Kibale
	USD 200 per person from Jul 2020	
Gorilla trekking permit – Rwanda	USD 1500 per person	Rwanda

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
	USD 770 per person from Jul 2020	
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
Golden Monkeys	USD 100 per person	Rwanda
Dian Fossey Grave Hike	USD 75 per person	Rwanda

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

GORILLA TREKKING AREAS & PERMIT ALLOCATIONS – UGANDA

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.

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, 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.

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 and Rwanda. For this itinerary, an **East African visa** (USD 100) is required. All visitors who require a visa should apply through the online application system prior to arrival at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>. 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.

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





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