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7 night/8 day scheduled UGANDA safari

Searching for endangered Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, chimpanzee tracking in Kyambura Gorge, multiple game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park with its amazing selection of wildlife - including tree climbing lions, and an optional visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on the beautiful Lake Victoria are just some of the very best reasons to visit Uganda. With luxury accommodation, professional guides and custom made safari vehicles – this fully hosted safari through the Pearl of Africa is really something special.



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QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

	Activity & Accommodation option	Meals	Approx travelling times
Day 1	Airport transfer Entebbe – overnight Hotel No.5 or similar	Breakfast	
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bwindi - overnight at Buhoma Lodge. Optional forest walk/ cultural visit	Full board & local drinks	Flight 1.5 hrs, transfer to lodge +- 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 & local drinks	Walking
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 & local drinks	Walking
Day 5	Drive to Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park – visit the Ishasha Community Project. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Full board & local drinks	Drive to Ishasha approx 2-3 hours.
Day 6	Game viewing in QENP. Sundowners with drinks/ snacks included. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness camp	Full board & local drinks	Game Drives
Day 7	Game drive and boat cruise on Kazinga Channel Overnight Mweya Lodge or similar	Full board	Game drives, Kazinga channel boat cruise
Day 8	Chimpanzee trekking at Kyambura. Return to Entebbe by air Please do not book a flight out of Entebbe before 19h00	Breakfast & lunch	No accommodation included tonight.

**** Please use this itinerary as a guideline. Final itinerary may vary due to availability ****

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 on 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 enjoy 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

Transfer after breakfast to the airport for your scenic light aircraft charter flight to Kihhi airstrip. A roughly 90 minute drive through local villages and along mountain roads brings you 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 Three

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 3 and 4 are interchangeable depending on when we can secure gorilla permits **

Day Four

Those with 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

Continue this morning onto southern **Queen Elizabeth National Park** (a 2-3 hour drive), with a brief stop enroute at the Ishasha Community Uplift project.

Immerse yourself in Agatha'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. It's a fascinating interactive experience.



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. 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.

Enjoy afternoon game drives, looking out for the huge herds of buffalo, elephant and Uganda kob.



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

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This exclusive tented camp offers the only luxury accommodation in the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth. With all ten spacious tents 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 space 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.



Day Six

Spend the day enjoying game drives in the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park, rounding things off with scenic bush sundowners including drinks and snacks. This is what memories are made of!

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

Day Seven

Head north toward the 'Mweya' sector of the park to 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 14h00, although this depends on availability when booking and is subject to change – no drinks/ snacks provided on boat)

Overnight at **Mweya Safari Lodge**, located on a peninsula overlooking the Kazinga Channel on one side and the spectacular Rwenzori Mountains on the other. (www.mweyalodge.com)



Day Eight

Early morning start today, with the highlight being your **Chimpanzee trekking in Kyambura Gorge**.

The forest is alive with noise! Chimpanzees can be quite active and may move quickly through the forest canopy... or, if you are lucky, you may find them resting or eating near the forest floors. It's an exhilarating walk, in beautiful scenery. As with gorilla trekking, sightings cannot be guaranteed.

After this activity, we depart to the nearby Mweya airstrip for your return flight to Entebbe. **Please do not book a flight out of Entebbe before 19h00**

2020 Scheduled Dates
3 January 2020 (Friday)
24 January (Friday)
13 February (Thurs)
22 February (Saturday)
7 March (Saturday)
19 March (Thurs)
10 April – (Friday – EASTER) LOW SEASON RATE
24 April (Friday) – LOW SEASON RATE
18 May (Mon) – LOW SEASON RATE
04 June (Thurs)
12 June (Friday)
18 June (Thursday)
15 July (Weds)
23 July (Thurs)
7 August (Friday)
21 August (Friday)
18 September (Friday)
24 September (Thurs)
16 October (Friday)
11 November - (Weds) LOW SEASON RATE
24 December – (Thurs) Xmas supplement may apply



8 Day Best of Uganda – guaranteed with min 2 pax RACK RATES	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020
Per person sharing HIGH season	USD 4450 including flight (\$500) EBB-KHIHI-MWEYA(KAS)-EBB
Per person sharing LOW season (April, May & Nov)	USD 3945 including flight (\$500) EBB-KHIHI-MWEYA(KAS)-EBB
Single room supplement	USD 810 high season USD 610 low season
Gorilla permits excluded	USD 600 per permit USD 700 from Jul 2020
Chimp permits excluded	USD 50 Kyambura
Christmas Supplement	On application
Optional Extras	
Guided Forest walk & Park Fee Bwindi	USD 70
Community Visit Buhoma	USD 30
2 nd Gorilla permit inc trek transfer/purchase fee	USD 670 per permit USD 770 from Jul 2020
Batwa (Pygmies) Community Visit	USD 85

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Meet & greet at Entebbe airport
- Airport transfers throughout
- 1 night accommodation at Hotel No.5 or similar including breakfast
- Return domestic flights from Entebbe to Kihikihi/ Mweya on a scheduled flight (light aircraft)
- 4x4 transport with English speaking local driver/guide as above
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 3 nights accommodation at Buhoma Lodge including all meals and local drinks
- Community visit en route from Bwindi to Ishasha
- 2 nights accommodation at Ishasha Wilderness Camp including all meals and local drinks
- 1 night accommodation at Mweya Safari Lodge including all meals (no drinks)
- All park entrance fees
- Boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Full liability insurance cover
- 24 hour emergency contact

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- **Gorilla Permit of USD600 per trek Bwindi (Permit price to increase to USD 700 from Jul 2020)**
- **Kyambura chimpanzee permits USD 50 each**
- 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.

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 and quad biking. Suggested add on 2-3 nights. Perfect for active travellers seeking an adrenaline fix!

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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