11-Day Uganda and Rwanda Gorilla Trekking Safari

Rwanda | Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRIES	STARTING FROM
11 days, 10 nights	**Rwanda, Uganda**	**USD 4,300 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 11-day safari covers Rwanda and Uganda and lets you trek gorillas in either country or in both.

You start in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda, for gorilla trekking or golden monkey trekking, then cross to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda for gorilla trekking or a forest walk. After game drives and a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park, you track chimpanzees in Kibale Forest National Park, visit Murchison Falls National Park for a game drive and a boat cruise, and end with the transfer to Entebbe International Airport.

ITINERARY

Arrival

You'll be picked up from the airport (or hotel)

Accommodation before the tour departs can be arranged for extra cost

Day 1

Arrival for your 11-Day Uganda-Rwanda Tour

Upon your arrival, you will be welcomed by our professional tour guide who will take you for a city excursion in and around Kigali to acquaint you with this beautiful country with a thousand hills. After this excursion, you will proceed to Virunga National Park located in the North of Ruhengeri via undulating and beautiful terraced hills showing a clear picture of the general landscape and altitude of Rwanda. Arrive at the Park for Dinner and Overnight.

Lodge: Lebambou Gorilla Lodge

Meal Plan: Lunch and Dinner

Drive time: 2 hours

Day 2

Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park

Early morning, benefit from a tasty breakfast at the lodge before your first exciting morning drive through the Switzerland of Rwanda Park that is too clear in the indigenous forest for Gorilla trekking and draws one to the real side of natural beauty. The activity immerses you into the strange intimacy of the rain forest plus a live call of colorful birds, chattering of the rare golden monkey, and littered with fresh spoor of the mountain elusive populations of buffalo and elephant. If you don't want to trek gorillas in Rwanda, then you can choose to visit the Diane Fossey's grave or go for golden monkeys. Have lunch at the lodge and later relax at the lodge following the tiresome and exciting activity.

Lodge: Lebambou Gorilla Lodge

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3

Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

After breakfast, drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in Uganda. You will cross from Rwanda to Uganda through the Cyanika Uganda-Rwanda boarder and then drive to your Lodge.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Buhoma Community Rest Camp

Drive time: 3 hours.

Day 4

Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Forest

Early morning, breakfast with your packed lunch, you will report to the Park headquarters for registration and join other trackers in a briefing about the dos and the don'ts during your Gorilla Tracking at 7:45 am. You will trek through thick creepers and undergrowth with your guides to find the Gorillas, which can take you half an hour to three quarters of the day. The steeply forested landscape is incredibly dense but crisscrossed by numerous animal trails allowing access to tourists. It is an extraordinary feeling being with these beautiful yet endangered Creatures. If you did gorillas in Rwanda and not willing to do it in Uganda, you may opt for a forest walk or community walk.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Buhoma Community Rest Camp\Nkuringo Gorilla Camp.

Day 5

Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

This morning you will depart for Queen Elizabeth National Park, be prepared for some incredible scenery along the way. You will arrive in time for Lunch at the lodge and game drive in the plains of Kasenyi in search for savannah wildlife that may include herds of buffaloes, antelopes, elephants and if lucky, some wild cats such as lions and leopard.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Bush Lodge\Enganzi Lodge.

Drive time: 4-5 hours.

Day 6

Morning Game drive and afternoon Boat on Kazinga Channel

This morning you will head to back to the plains of Kasenyi for a morning game drive to try to find what could have missed the previous day. Lunch will be served at the lodge and after you will head to the jetty along kazinga channel for the afternoon boat cruise. This cruise offers you chances of viewing animals like: hippos, water birds, elephants, buffaloes, crocodiles and many other wildlife which flop the channel for drinking water.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Elephant Hab\Buffalo Resort.

Day 7

Morning game drive and transfer to Kibale National Park

After an early breakfast drive to the northern bank of Queen Elizabeth National Park (kasenyi) area in searches the wild animals which include: Elephants, Buffalos, and the wild cats, Savanna birds and deferent species of antelopes such water buck Uganda kobs among others. After lunch you will drive to Kibale Forest National Park arriving at your lodge in the evening.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Lodge: Kibale Forest Camp .Rwenzori view guest house.

Drive time: 3-4hours.

Day 8

Chimp Tracking in Kibale Forest National Park

This morning after breakfast you will drive to the park headquarters to join other trackers for a briefing and after you will be taken for chimpanzee tracking, through Kibale Forest National Park. During this walk you will have chances of seeing many of the 13 primate species native to Kibale Forest National Park. After lunch you will drive to Bigodi for a swamp walk. This wetland belongs to community neighboring the park.

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Accommodation: Kibale Forest Camp .Rwenzori view guest house.

Day 9

Drive to Murchison Falls National Park

Drive to Murchison Falls National Park through small towns, villages and great views of the escarpment arriving late evening.

Drive time: Approximately 8-9 hours drive

Accommodation: Murchison River Lodge

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10

Morning game drive and afternoon boat cruise to the bottom of the falls

After an early morning cup of tea, transfer to the northern section popular known as paraa for your morning game drive that will provide you an opportunity of spotting wild game that may include, giraffes, buffaloes, antelopes, hippos and if lucky cats such as lions and leopards. Return to the lodge for a lunch break before proceeding to the pier for your two hour boat cruise to the bottom of the falls to witness how river Nile squeezes itself in a narrow gorge before exploding out producing an experience of a lifetime.

Accommodation: Murchison River Lodge

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 11

Transfer To Entebbe International airport and End of Tour

Drive back to Entebbe international Airport and depending on your flight time, you may decide to visit Zziwa Rhino sanctuary (optional and not included).

Drive time: 5-6 hours

End of your 11 Days Uganda-Rwanda Tour

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees (For non-residents)
- Gorilla, Chimp Habituation & Rhino tracking permits (One per person, non-resident)
- All activities (Unless labeled as optional)
- All accommodation (Unless listed as upgrade)
- A professional driver/guide
- All transportation (Unless labeled as optional)
- All Taxes/VAT
- Meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)
- Drinking water (On all days)

Cost excludes

- International flights (From/to home)
- Round-trip airport transfer
- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour
- Tips (Tipping guideline US$10.00 pp per day)
- Personal items (Souvenirs, travel insurance, visa fees, etc.)
- Government imposed increase of taxes and/or park fees
- Some meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)

GOOD TO KNOW

- Packing for Safari? Keep it simple!
- Bring comfortable, lightweight clothes in natural colors like khaki, olive, sand, and earth tones. Pack layers too: mornings can be surprisingly chilly, while the middle of the day gets hot. You don't need a fresh outfit for every day, since most lodges and camps can arrange laundry service.
- Don't forget your sun protection: a good hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Comfortable shoes are enough for most safaris. Heavy hiking boots are only needed if you're doing a walking safari, primate tracking, or mountain climbing.
- A good pair of binoculars is a must. A camera is great, but binoculars will transform the way you experience wildlife, especially birds and animals that are far away.
- For luggage, we recommend a soft-sided bag over a hard suitcase. It fits much more easily into safari vehicles and small aircraft, where space is tight and weight is often limited to 15 kg.
- Most importantly, don't overpack. Travel light and enjoy the adventure!

Ready to book this safari?

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