5-Day Uganda Gorilla, Chimpanzee and Wildlife Safari

Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRY	STARTING FROM
5 days, 4 nights	**Uganda**	**USD 1,931 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 5-day safari combines Queen Elizabeth National Park with mountain gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

You are picked up in Entebbe and drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park. Chimpanzee trekking in Kalinzu Forest in the morning is followed by a Kazinga Channel boat cruise, and a game drive through the Ishasha sector looks for tree-climbing lions. You then trek mountain gorillas in Bwindi, relax at Lake Bunyonyi with a morning boat ride, and drive back to Entebbe.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Pick Up from Entebbe– Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park – Visit Kasoga Community

On arrival at Entebbe Airport, meet our company representative for pick up and briefing about your 5-day gorillas, chimp and wildlife safari. Later, set off to Queen Elizabeth National Park, one of the most visited parks in Uganda to encounter Uganda kobs, elephants, warthogs, Giant forest hogs, Cape buffaloes, spotted hyenas and big cats like leopards, lions, genals, civets, and serval cats. The drive will take you across the equator landmark with an en-route stop at the Equator Landmark to observe a water experiment and to take a memorial photo with one leg standing in the northern and another one in the southern hemisphere. Then proceed with your drive through farms of the incredible Ankole cattle and local people working on their plantation. Have another en-route stop in Mbarara city to have lunch. Later continue to the park for an evening community tour of the Kasoga community for cultural experiences.

Main Destination:

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation: Pumba Safari Cottages

Budget lodge located just outside Queen Elizabeth NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 2

Morning Chimpanzee Trekking – Afternoon Boat Cruise – Evening Game Drive

After having your breakfast, go Kalinzu Forest Reserve for chimpanzee trekking. Kalinzu Central Forest Reserve is home to over 6 primate species, about 379 species of birds, 414 tree species, approximately 261 butterfly species and other wildlife species. Once you meet chimpanzees, you will have 1 hour of watching them carrying out their daily activities such as grooming their babies, hunting and jumping in tree branches. Later, return to your lodge to have refreshments, lunch and then go for your afternoon boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. In the Kazinga Channel, you'll see hippos, crocodiles and a variety of bird species. After your afternoon boat cruise, have a short break to relax. Later go for your evening game drive in Kasenyi track in search of the big predators of the park such as lions, leopards and spotted hyenas since they are so active during evening hours and early morning hours. Later return to your lodge to relax, have dinner and an overnight stay.

Main Destination:

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Accommodation:

Pumba Safari Cottages

Budget lodge located just outside Queen Elizabeth NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 3

Game Drive through Ishasha Sector –Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Wake up early to have your breakfast, check out and drive to Ishasha to look for tree-climbing lions, elephants, Cape buffaloes, Uganda kobs, and warthogs among others. Have a short lunch break and later drive to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the home to the endangered mountain gorillas and one of the oldest forests in Uganda.

Main Destination:

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Gorillas)

Accommodation: Ruhondeza Lodge & Campsite

Budget lodge located just outside Bwindi NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 4

Mountain Gorilla Trekking – Drive to Lake Bunyonyi

Today after having your heavy breakfast, drive to the park information offices for a briefing about the dos and don'ts to follow during gorilla trekking. Later start your guided forest walk with a ranger guide to search for the giant endangered mountain gorillas. During your walk, you may encounter other wildlife species besides gorillas such as chimpanzees, black and white Colombus monkeys, vervet monkeys, bush pigs, forest elephants, many bird species, butterflies and many others. The time taken while looking for mountain gorillas depends on the location and movements of the allocated gorilla family. You will spend a maximum of 1 hour watching them, taking photos, and following their moves. Ask your ranger as many questions as possible. Return to the starting point to pick up your tracking certificate, enjoy your lunch and later drive to Lake Bunyonyi for a canoeing experience the following day.

Main Destination:

Lake Bunyonyi

Accommodation:

Lake Bunyonyi Rock Resort

Mid-range resort located in or near Lake Bunyonyi

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 5

Lake Bunyonyi – Morning Boat Ride – Drive Back to Entebbe International Airport

After having your breakfast, go for your early morning boat ride on Lake Bunyonyi. This will take you to visit several islands. This lake has over 29 small islands and each of them has its unique exciting story. Visit some of the most known Islands like Akampene Island which was used to punish all those girls who were found pregnant before marriage by isolating them on the island to death. After enjoying your morning boat ride, return to your lodge to pick up your bags, check out and embark on your return drive to Entebbe International Airport with an en-route stop to have lunch at Igongo Cultural Centre. Then proceed with your drive straight to Entebbe International Airport to end your 5-day Uganda Gorillas Wildlife Safari.

Main Destination:

Entebbe International Airport (Entebbe)

Accommodation:

No accommodation (End of tour)

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

End of tour

Additional accommodation can be arranged for an extra cost.

You'll be dropped off at the airport.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees (For non-residents)
- Gorilla permits(One per person, non-resident)
- Chimp 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
- Roundtrip airport transfer
- Meals(As specified in the day-by-day section)
- Drinking water(On all days)

Cost excludes

- International flights (From/to home)
- 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

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?

Request a quote and we will tailor it to your dates and group: **gorillatreking.com/safari/5-day-uganda-gorilla-chimpanzee-and-wildlife-safari/**

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