5-Day Uganda Safari: Gorilla Trekking and White Water Rafting

Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRY	STARTING FROM
5 days, 4 nights	**Uganda**	**USD 2,385 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 5-day safari combines gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park with white water rafting on the Nile at Jinja.

You arrive and transfer to Kampala on day 1, then go to Jinja, the source of the River Nile, on day 2. On day 3 you transfer to Bwindi, trek gorillas on day 4, and return to Kampala or Entebbe on day 5.

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 and Transfer to Kampala

Upon arrival, you will be met by your guide at Entebbe Airport, who will transfer you to Kampala for your overnight stay. Depending on the traffic situation of the day, you may pass through the city center for a brief city tour (not included in the cost and optional) before proceeding to your overnight accommodation property.

Drive time: Approximately 1 hour

Lodge: Kampala Forest Cottages or Secrets Guest House Entebbe

Meal Plan: Bed and Breakfast

Day 2

Transfer to Jinja

After breakfast, you will drive to the Eastern town of Jinja for your magnificent Uganda adventure experience. This journey will take you through Mabira forest, a tropical rain forest in central Uganda. You will also see lush tea and sugarcane plantations plus several roadside markets, arriving at Kalagala Falls in time for your full or half day white water rafting adventure on the River Nile. You will then return to Kampala arriving in the evening for overnight stay at Red Chilli Hideout.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Kampala Forest Cottages or Secrets Guest House Entebbe

Drive time: 2 hours one way.

Day 3

Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Early departure to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park located in Southwestern Uganda with a stopover at the Equator crossing at Kayabwe for some informative talk, photography and some experiments before proceeding to Mbarara town in time for Lunch. After lunch, you will then drive through the rolling Green hills marked with beautiful Banana and Tea plantations. You will arrive in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in the evening for overnight.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge.

Drive time: 8-9 hours.

Day 4

Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

After breakfast, with your packed lunch, you will transfer to the Park Headquarters for registration at 7:45 am. You will then join other trackers for a briefing about the Dos and Don’ts during your Gorilla Tracking. After that, you will be driven to the starting point of your allocated gorilla family to start your trek into the beautiful Impenetrable Bwindi Forest. You will trek through thick creepers and undergrowth with your guides to find the Gorillas. This trek may take between 30 minutes three three-quarters of the day, depending on where the Mountain Gorillas will be found. 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.

Please note that gorilla trekking can be strenuous and as such a certain level of fitness is required. Once you find the gorillas, you will be allowed to spend one hour observing them and taking photographs. Although this time may seem too short, the experience you get will be worth it. Thereafter, you will return to the park headquarters where you will be awarded a certificate in recognition of your effort in contributing to the conservation of these endangered mountain gorillas.

Note: Even if you are unfit, arrangements can be made for the locals to use a ‘helicopter’ to get you to the point where the gorillas are. This cost is not included. So, you can let us know in advance then arrangements can be made.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodge: Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge.

Day 5

Transfer back to Kampala\Entebbe to start your 5 Days Gorillas and White Water Rafting Safari.

After your morning breakfast, you will receive packed lunch and then start your long drive back to Kampala/Entebbe International Airport for a late departure out of Uganda.

Drive Time: 8-9 hours

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees (For non-residents)
- Gorilla 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

- Accommodation is Inclusive
- Safari is guided by the new normal Post covid 19 lockdown SOPs
- Small Group Safari: Max 6 People per group
- Tour Can Depart any day
- Tour can be customized
- Solo travelers can join this tour
- Age Limit: 15 years and above
- 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-safari-gorilla-trekking-and-white-water-rafting/**

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