5-Day Uganda Safari to Gorillas and Chimpanzees: Bwindi and Kibale

Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRY	STARTING FROM
5 days, 4 nights	**Uganda**	**USD 2,020 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 5-day safari combines gorilla tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park with chimpanzee trekking, or a habituation experience, in Kibale National Park.

You transfer to Bwindi on day 1 and trek gorillas on day 2. On day 3 you go to Kibale National Park, day 4 is chimpanzee trekking and the Bigodi wetland, and on day 5 you transfer to Kampala, Entebbe or the 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

Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

After Breakfast, you will drive to Lake Bunyonyi located on the Eastern side of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. Your guide will make stopovers at the Equator crossing in Kayabwe for photography, a brief talk and some experiments before you head to Mbarara town for lunch. You will then drive past beautiful banana plantations, farms and the amazing Hills of Kigezi. You will arrive in the evening and check in at Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge in Western Uganda.

Main Destination: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Forest

Accommodation: Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge

Meals: Lunch & Dinner (Breakfast Not Included)

Drinks: Drinking Water

Day 2

Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi National Park

After your early morning breakfast, your guide will drive you to Ruhija Park Headquarters for briefing and joining others for briefing before heading into the forest for your gorilla trek. This trek can last for between 30 minutes to 7 hours depending on the location of mountain gorilla family on that particular day. Once you find the gorillas, you will be allowed to spend one hour with them while observing their behaviour, taking photographs before you return to the Park Headquarters for your certificate that confirms that you have tracked gorillas in Uganda. Overnight stay at Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge.

Main Destination: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Forest

Accommodation: Rushaga Gorilla Havens Lodge or Trekkers Tervan Lodge

Meals: All Meals Included

Drinks: Drinking Water

Day 3

Transfer to Kibale National Park

After breakfast, we will drive to Kibale National Park for an overnight at Chimpanzee Forest Guest House. This journey will take you through Queen Elizabeth National Park where you will have chances of spotting some wild game as we drive through this Savannah-dominated national park. You will also have another chance to cross the Equator at Kikolongo. You will also cross several Rivers that originate from Mountain Rwenzori as you go through the Kasese district to Fort Portal. You will have a stop in Fort Portal town for lunch before proceeding to checking in at Chimpanzee Forest Guest House for overnight.

Main Destination: Kibale Forest National Park

Accommodation: Chimpanzee Forest Guest House or Isunga Lodge

Meals: All Meals Included

Drinks: Drinking Water

Day 4

Chimp Trekking in Kibale Forest and Bigodi Wetland Walk

After breakfast, you will drive to Kibale National Park Headquarters for a briefing on the Dos and Don'ts of Chimpanzee trekking. You will be divided into small groups of six people headed by one guide who will then move with you into the forest to find one of the Chimpanzee families. Chimpanzees live in communities of between 50-250 individuals but usually breakup into small parties during the day to reduce competition for food. They will then recollect in the evening to build their nests. Once you find the Chimps, you will be allowed to spend one hour with the Chimps before returning to the lodge for lunch. After lunch, you head out for a wetland walk in the nearby Bigodi Village. Kibale National Park is popular for 15 recorded primates species and several bird species.

Main Destination: Kibale Forest National Park

Accommodation: Chimpanzee Forest Guest House or Isunga Lodge

Meals: All Meals Included

Drinks: Drinking Water

Day 5

Transfer To Kampala/Entebbe or Airport

After breakfast, you will drive to Kampala/Entebbe for your post tour accommodation (not included) or to Entebbe International Airport for your international departure flight.

Main Destination: Entebbe

Accommodation: End of Tour, No accommodation

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Drinks: Mineral Water

End of Tour

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees (For non-residents)
- Gorilla and 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
- 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 guided by the new Normal Post lockdown Safari 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?

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