

Classical Uganda - 10 Day Scheduled Departure Safari

Entebbe - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park - Ishasha Sector - Queen Elizabeth National Park - Kibale Forest National Park
10 Days / 9 Nights



Introduction

This ten-day safari includes a thrilling visit with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, chimpanzee tracking in both Kibale National Park and Kyambura Gorge, multiple game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park with its wide array of wildlife, including the famous tree climbing lions, a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, and an optional visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on the beautiful Lake Victoria.

Uganda boasts some of the best bird watching in Africa, with over 1000 different species, including the rare shoebill and the remarkable grey crowned crane.

Luxury accommodation, professional guides and custom-made safari vehicles – this safari will be the trip of a lifetime. Please note – two gorilla trekking options are available with this itinerary based on availability. Please make your request at the time of booking.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
No.5 Boutique Hotel	Entebbe	B&B	1x Luxury Double Room	1 Night
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	FB	1x Chalet	3 Nights
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	FB	1x Framed Canvas, Luxury Tents	2 Nights
Elephant Plains Lodge	Queen Elizabeth National Park	FB	1x Cottage	1 Night
Primate Lodge Kibale	Kibale Forest National Park	FB	1x Double Room	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

B,B&L: Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Price

Please email for price details.

Included

- Airport transfers (Entebbe/return)
- One-way domestic flights from Entebbe to Kihikihi/QENP on a scheduled flight
- 4x4 transport with English speaking local driver/guide as above
- Accommodation and meals as above (full board on safari, bed and breakfast in Entebbe)
- Soft drinks, local beers, spirits and house wines whilst at Buhoma Lodge and Ishasha Wilderness Camp.
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- Community visit – Taste of Uganda Tour, en route from Bwindi to Ishasha
- All park entrance fees
- Boat cruise on Kazinga Channel
- Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Full liability insurance cover

- 24 hour emergency contact

Excluded

- Gorilla Permit of USD 700 per trek Bwindi – must be pre-booked/prepaid
- Second Gorilla Permit of USD 770 per trek Bwindi – must be pre-booked/prepaid
- Optional Forest Walk Bwindi (USD 70 pp incl. National Park fees)
- Optional Community Walking Tour, Buhoma Bwindi (USD 30)
- Optional Batwa Empowerment Village (BEV) Community Experience (USD30)
- Kyambura chimp permit: USD 50 per permit
- Kibale chimp permit: USD 200 per permit *OR*
- Kibale chimp habituation: USD 250 per permit

Day 1: No.5 Boutique Hotel, Entebbe

Entebbe

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 relax with 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.

Day Itinerary

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport where you will be met by a Wild Frontiers representative and transferred to your accommodation. Depending on your arrival time, a half day trip to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary or a luxury boat cruise on Lake Victoria can be arranged at an additional cost. This could also be arranged at the end of your safari if you prefer.

Entebbe is a small, quiet town located on the shores of Lake Victoria and is easy to explore on foot or local transport on motorbikes known as "boda bodas" or local taxis. Visit the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre where you can see and learn about Uganda's native wildlife, local markets to buy clothes and crafts, curio shops for souvenirs, and the Botanical Gardens on Lake Victoria where you can walk among beautiful trees, watch monkeys moving through the canopy above, and spot many indigenous bird species. Entebbe has a wide variety of restaurants serving many different cuisines as well as several bars and clubs where you can sample the local beer, catch a game of football and chat with the local Ugandans, known for their open and friendly nature.

Expert Tips

Depending on your arrival time, a half day trip to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary or a boat cruise on Lake Victoria trip to the Mabamba wetlands in search of the rare shoebill can be arranged at an additional cost. This could also be arranged at the end of your safari if you prefer.

Other options include visiting the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre in Entebbe, which offers a variety of visitors' programmes including behind the scenes 'viewing' with the animals. Please request when booking your safari any additional tours you may be of interest.

Overnight: No.5 Boutique Hotel

Nestled in the leafy suburbs of Entebbe, is the stylish boutique hotel, Hotel No.5. From the moment you arrive, you are warmly welcomed and cared for. With 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 browse the curio shop. For one of the most flavoursome dining experiences in Entebbe, carefully planned menus are paired to an international wine list, and served with pride.

Attention to detail and an attentive guest experience are synonymous with Hotel No. 5, making it the perfect choice for a restful stay in this busy town.



Luxury Double Room

The luxury double rooms are located on the second floor. Each room has a small outside sitting area facing the gardens and swimming pool, and an en-suite bathroom with shower. All rooms offer Wi-Fi internet access, a guest safe, flat screen television, direct dial telephone, filter coffee making facility and mosquito nets over the beds



Optional

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary Excursion

Entebbe Botanical Gardens

UWEC Behind the Scenes Tour

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary Excursion

Ngamba Island is a project of the Chimpanzees Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust, established in 1997 to provide a home for over 40 orphaned chimpanzees. The Wild Frontiers Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary Excursion allows for guests to spend the morning or afternoon feeding the Chimpanzees, walking along the platform at the edge of the sanctuary fence while listening to an informative talk by sanctuary staff.

Entebbe Botanical Gardens

In the heart of Entebbe lies the lush Botanical Gardens which were established in 1898 and are home to over 300 varieties of exotic plant species as well as an abundance of birdlife, black and white colobus and vervet monkeys. The rainforest zone in the gardens was used as a backdrop during the filming of the original "Tarzan" in 1940 and part of the gardens borders Lake Victoria.

Behind the Scenes Tour

The Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC) was formed in 1994 as a trust to revive the neglected Entebbe Zoo and provide leadership in educating Ugandans about the benefits of conserving the country's biodiversity.

Today, UWEC undertakes several conservation initiatives in Uganda, including wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, fully fledged veterinary hospital services, and captive breeding of endangered species of the area.

The behind-the-scenes tour offers you the chance to accompany UWEC professional staff on their daily activities as they care for the center's animals. You will have the opportunity to observe the animals' behavior and experience first-hand how the keepers feed the lions, carry out health checks, or bring them back to their holding facilities. Visit the food preparation area, the pharmacy, the exhibits and more for an in-depth insight into the daily happenings at UWEC.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer from the airport to your hotel

Excluded

- Drinks
 - Optional activities
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Day 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in southwestern Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley. Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rain forest, which dates back over 25,000 years and contains almost 400 species of plants. More famously, this "impenetrable forest" also protects an estimated 460 mountain gorillas - including several habituated families.

This biologically diverse region also provides shelter to a further 120 species of mammal, including several primate species such as baboons and chimpanzees, as well as elephants and antelopes. There are around 350 species of birds hosted in this forest, including 23 Albertine Rift endemics.

Day Itinerary

Depart your hotel for the short drive to Entebbe airport for your scheduled flight to Kihiki airstrip, near Bwindi/Queen Elizabeth National parks.

The flying time is just over an hour (depending on routing and aircraft used). Upon arrival you will be met by a Wild Frontiers' representative and driven to Buhoma Lodge, located at Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The drive to the lodge is through local villages and mountain roads – lovely scenery and very interesting en route!

Guests will have the opportunity for two days of gorilla tracking (pre-booking essential). Other activities that can be enjoyed in and around the park include forest walks, visits to a local school or orphanage or Batwa pygmy village, and curio shopping.

Bwindi National Park, located in south western Uganda on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, is considered the most diverse forest in Uganda. The area, one of the few large expanses of forest in East Africa, where lowland and mountain habitats meet, contains a dense ground cover of herbs, vines, and shrubs. Home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies, and 160 species of trees, Bwindi is one of the richest ecosystems in East Africa. The park contains almost one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, making it an extremely valuable conservation site. Bwindi is also home to several endangered bird species with very limited ranges, and acts as an important catchment area for many rivers, supplying water for agriculture in the surrounding region.

Overnight at Buhoma Lodge

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Nestled at the gateway to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges set within the national park, and is the perfect lodge of choice when embarking on your bucket-list Gorilla trekking adventure.

Renowned for its warm welcome and attentive service, guests love the homely ambience of this Africa inspired lodge. Constructed using sustainable materials, the elevated central lounge, bar and dining area (serving delicious multi-course meals) offers a cosy spot for guests to unwind, and offers amazing uninterrupted views over the forest. The crackling fireplace adds a mystical atmosphere to cooler evenings.

Tranquil and cosy, the ten spacious eco-friendly wooden chalets offer a private escape. Fall asleep to the sounds of the forest and awaken to chattering birds and monkeys as day breaks. Enjoy morning tea/coffee on your private veranda with sweeping views over the primal forest– what better way to start the day.

With Buhoma just steps away from the trek start point, gorillas have been spotted popping in for an occasional visit, while our resident L'Hoest's monkey troupe visit the gardens in front of the lodge almost daily, much to the delight of our guests.



Chalet

Our ten comfortable chalets have been designed with the forest in mind, by using eco-friendly materials and applying eco-friendly building standards. The chalets may have been built with consideration for the forest, but comfort hasn't been compromised on.

Inside the spacious chalets you will find large, comfortable beds and everything you need to make yourself at home. The well-appointed and roomy en-suite bathroom with flush toilet contains a rain shower with a copious supply of hot water and equipped with locally produced natural ranges of complementary bathroom amenities. Some chalets also offer a bath-tub for relaxation and enjoyment after the day's activities.



Optional

Buhoma Community Village Walk

Bwindi Forest Walk

Buhoma Community Village Walk

This walk provides guests with an opportunity to support the local community whilst enjoying visiting various interesting places as you follow a walking trail through the village. Highlights include the traditional healer, banana brewery and Primary school where you may have an opportunity to interact with the children.

Bwindi Forest Walk

This can be undertaken with a Uganda Wildlife Authority guide to allow you to hike along the trails and enjoy the forest flora, fauna and wildlife such as monkeys at close proximity. A popular choice is the 3–4-hour hike to the waterfall.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

- Transfer from your hotel to Entebbe airport
- Scheduled flight from Entebbe to Kihikihi
- Transfer from Kihikihi airfield to Buhoma Lodge

Excluded

- Premium drinks
- Optional activities

Day 3: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**Day Itinerary**

Gorilla Tracking - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Few words can describe the thrill of today's lifetime experience! Coming face to face with mountain gorillas is a rare wildlife encounter that is exhilarating, humbling and enthralling. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the steep mountain slopes.

Please note that gorilla tracking 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 so worth the trek to get there! Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are over 95%.

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.

Head back to Buhoma Lodge for a complimentary massage after your trek, or explore the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight Buhoma Lodge

Activities

Gorilla Trekking

Gorilla Trekking Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Coming up close to endangered Mountain Gorillas in the forests of Uganda is a thrilling lifetime experience that surely ranks on most people's travel bucket list. Trekking at high altitude (should we say between 1400 – 1900metres) which is much lower than Rwanda, ...through dense forests and up steep terrain can be challenging, especially in the African heat, but the hour you get to spend with these gentle giants is worth every step.

Only 8 guests may trek one gorilla family, at a time. One trek per day/per family.

Trekking - is managed fully by Uganda Wildlife Authority, with a head ranger, security personnel (who are armed as a precaution against wildlife etc) and trackers , with optional porters – who walk with the guests until a family is located. Once the gorillas are found, the rangers only take the guests closer to the gorillas – and your viewing time commences – which is one hour.

Porters – they are from the local communities, rotated for revenue sharing which goes directly to them. Recommended at least 1 per person trekking. Fees are usually additional to your tour, and paid directly.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

- Transfer for gorilla tracking (if necessary)
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Excluded

- Gorilla permit (needs to be pre-booked!)
 - Premium drinks
 - Optional activities
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Day 4: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Day Itinerary

Those with pre-purchased permits will depart for a second gorilla tracking experience following breakfast at the lodge. Depending upon individual itinerary schedules, guests not tracking gorillas may wish to enjoy other activities available in the area such as a forest walk, a visit to a local school/orphanage or Batwa pygmy village, and curio shopping.

Forest Walk (Optional)

Embark on a walk through tropical rain forest with experienced wildlife guides. Enjoy scenic views, the sights and sounds of the rain forest, ample opportunities for bird watching and glimpses of the many monkey species living in the park as they move through the forest canopy.

Village Community Walk (Optional)

Embark on a community walk through the local villages surrounding Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Optional activities include visits to a traditional home, local orphanage or school, banana brewing demonstrations and even meeting traditional medicinal healers. This three to four hour walk is easily tailored to your individual schedule and interests.

Batwa Empowerment Village (BEV) Cultural Experience (Optional)

Embark on an excursion to a Batwa village on the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. This amazing encounter will allow you the opportunity to meet Batwa elders and their families and learn about their daily lives. Through the assistance of a skilled interpreter/guide you will discover the unique traditions and practices the Batwa people including their deep attachment to the forest, the cuisine they enjoy, how they harvest their food, the style of their homes, and their burial rites. Visitors are even given the chance to learn how to light a fire with just a stick and how to shoot a target with traditional bow and arrows.

Note that day 3 and 4 are interchangeable depending on permit availability.

Overnight at Buhoma Lodge

Optional

Buhoma Community Village Walk
Bwindi Forest Walk
Batwa Cultural Experience - Buhoma

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

- Transfer for Buhoma area gorilla tracking (if necessary)

Excluded

- Gorilla permit (needs to be pre-booked!)
 - Premium drinks
 - Optional activities
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Day 5: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Surrounded by other wonderful parks in the western region of Uganda, the Queen Elizabeth National Park is known for its rich biodiversity, wildlife and history. In the southern part of the park, the remote Ishasha sector is home to tree-climbing lions who spend long lazy days dozing in the pretty fig trees. The Uganda Kob, which they watch from the branches, graze the plains, enjoy game watching - make sure to look out for elephants, topi, and perennial and migratory bird species.

Day Itinerary

This morning we depart Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and travel (2.5-3 hours) to Ishasha in the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Time permitting, during our drive from Bwindi to Ishasha, we may visit a Community Project on the border of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Here the local people allow you to enjoy some time in their homesteads, as well as see some of the crops and curios they produce, how they prepare their food while sharing stories about the Bakiga people and lifestyle.

Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the Ishasha area, looking for the huge herds of buffalo, elephant, Uganda kob and of course the famous tree-climbing lion typically found in the area.

Overnight at Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy the wilderness, coupled with superb accommodation and exceptional service.

The thatched central lounge and dining area provides a cosy and relaxed space for guests, although meals are often served 'al fresco' beside the river. In the evening, the outdoor fireplace beside the river is the perfect place for guests to relax over sundowners and share their day's experiences.

Each of the ten spacious framed canvas rooms, privately nestled along the riverbank, is comfortably furnished and feature en-suite bathrooms. Wake to the delicious aroma of morning coffee served on your private veranda.

Resident troops of Black-and-White Colobus and Vervet monkeys abound and if you are lucky you'll spot Henry, the lone hippo, wallowing lazily below our viewing deck. Game roams freely through camp, with Elephant making frequent guest appearances.

Designed to respect and complement the environment, this low impact, eco-sensitive camp is really something special, and after a few days unwinding here, you may well not want to leave.



Framed Canvas, Luxury Tents

Each of the ten framed, spacious canvas tents, set in a wooded area beside the Ntungwe river, is comfortably furnished, with an en suite bathroom offering running water, hot water 'bush' showers and a flushing eco-friendly toilet. The appeal of camping that doesn't compromise on comfort. A spacious patio outside each tent allows guests to take a bit of downtime, read a book or just stretch out while taking in the sights and sounds around them.



Activities

Morning	Agartha's Taste of Uganda Tour
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Agartha's Taste of Uganda Tour

Ishasha Community Uplift Group has been set up as an organisation committed to conserving the bio-diversity of the area by reducing threats to the eco systems through increased economic opportunities for local community members.

The Community is situated in area bordering the Southern Ishasha Sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park in South West Uganda. Being along the main route between Bwindi (where visitors view the mountain gorillas) and QENP it is ideally suited for a stopover for an interesting and fulfilling visit to the community from which visitors can be engaged to have a broader understanding of the local communities of the area and their challenges. In particular, we are focusing on those communities which border the park and fight a continual battle between growing their crops and the game incursions which raid them as an easy source of food. We offer a guided tour with some of the community members of this agricultural area which incorporates different areas of interest to visitors including experiencing Agartha's Taste of Uganda Tour and learn about what she farms and how grains and millet are

processed for her family's use. You may also pass via the elephant trench which is a means to reducing animal crop raiding, and can visit the local school where Wildlife Clubs has been initiated, if interested.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

- Transfer from Buhoma to Ishasha
- Ishasha Community – Agatha's Taste of Uganda - visit
- Park entry Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Afternoon game drive

Excluded

- Premium drinks
- Optional activities

Day 6: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day Itinerary

Spend the day enjoying game drives in the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park, rounding things off with scenic bush sundowner including drinks and snacks. Enjoy a glass of wine or Gin & Tonic while overlooking the beautiful park. This is what memories are made of!

Overnight at Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Activities

Morning	Ishasha Game Drives
Afternoon	Ishasha Game Drives
Afternoon	Ishasha Sundowner Drinks & Snacks

Ishasha Game Drives

Enjoy exploring this savannah wilderness in your safari vehicle, looking for the huge herds of buffalo, elephant, Uganda kob and of course, the famous tree-climbing lions. Seeing these mighty predators fast asleep up a fig tree, with their bellies hanging over the branches is a truly magnificent sight!

Ishasha Sector

The Ishasha Sector lies near the southwestern edge of Queen Elizabeth Park and is known primarily for its incredible and unusual tree-climbing lions. Watching these massive beasts claw their way up to sunny spots, often with prey in tow (such as Buffalo, Topi, and Uganda Kob) is a spectacle of note. It is said they do this in order to get better viewpoints, and for protection from the winds. However, the sector provides plenty more to do and see. This untouched area of savannah and rivers, decorated with fig, acacia, and cactus trees, is a wonderful place to enjoy

game drives, guided nature walks, and traditional community tours. Ishasha is one of the best bird-watching destinations in the country and is also home to elephants, hippos, and zebras.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

- Morning and afternoon game drives
 - Park entry Queen Elizabeth National Park
 - Sundowner drinks and snacks in the park
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Excluded

- Premium drinks
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Day 7: Elephant Plains Lodge, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Queen Elizabeth National Park is understandably Uganda's most popular tourist destination. The park's diverse ecosystems, which include sprawling savannah, shady humid forests, sparkling lakes and fertile wetlands, make it the ideal habitat for classical big game, ten primate species including chimpanzees, and over 600 species of birds.

Set against the backdrop of the jagged Rwenzori Mountains, the park's magnificent vistas include dozens of enormous craters carved dramatically into rolling green hills, panoramic views of the Kazinga Channel with its banks lined with hippos, buffalo and elephants, and the endless Ishasha plains, whose fig trees hide lions ready to pounce on herds of unsuspecting Uganda kob.

As well as its outstanding wildlife attractions, Queen Elizabeth National Park has a fascinating cultural history. There are many opportunities for visitors to meet the local communities and enjoy storytelling, dance, music, and more. The gazettement of the park has ensured the conservation of its ecosystems, which in turn benefits the surrounding communities.

Uganda's Queen Elizabeth National Park is truly a Medley of Wonders.

Day Itinerary

Head north toward the 'Mweya' Northern sector of the park which is rich with wildlife, visitors will find vast numbers of Uganda's unique and strange Euphorbia, or "candelabra" tree. The many nearby crater lakes and mountain ranges provide a beautiful backdrop for your journey.

In the afternoon 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 included on boat).

You may encounter herds of elephant, buffalos and antelopes, families of warthogs, large groups of hippos, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Kazinga's shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a spectacular view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks.

Overnight: Elephant Plains Lodge

Guest accommodation is in 6 spacious double/twin en-suite cottages with large private verandas and huge glass windows to take advantage of the incredible views. An additional 2 family cottages offer accommodation in 2 separate en-suite bedrooms with plenty of space for up to 5 people. All the cottages have large bath tubs as well as showers and are spaced out along the hill top offering privacy and tranquillity. All the rooms overlook lake Kikorongo where from your veranda you can see elephants and buffaloes come to drink.



Activities

Afternoon	Kazinga Channel Sunbird/Hippo Boat
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Kazinga Channel Sunbird/Hippo Boat

Enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Passengers may encounter herds of elephant, buffalo and antelope, families of warthog, large groups of hippo, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Kazinga's shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a spectacular view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- Park entry Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel

Excluded

- Drinks at Elephant Plains Lodge
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Day 8: Primate Lodge Kibale, Kibale Forest National Park

Kibale Forest National Park

Kibale National Park contains one of the loveliest and most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda. Forest cover, interspersed with patches of grassland and swamp, dominates the northern and central parts of the park on an elevated plateau.

The park is home to a total of 70 mammal species, most famously 13 species of primate including the chimpanzee. It also contains over 375 species of birds.

Kibale adjoins Queen Elizabeth National Park to the south to create a 180 kilometre long corridor for wildlife between Ishasha, the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park, and Sebitoli in the north of Kibale National Park.

The Kibale-Fort Portal area is one of Uganda's most rewarding destinations to explore. The park lies close to the tranquil Ndali-Kasenda crater area and within half a day's drive of Queen Elizabeth, Rwenzori Mountains and Semliki National Parks, as well as the Toro-Semliki Wildlife Reserve.

Day Itinerary

We will have an early start this morning, with the highlight being your chimpanzee tracking in the 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 tracking, sightings cannot be guaranteed even though the chimps are habituated to humans.

After this activity, 3-4 hour drive takes you to Kibale Forest, comprising an interesting blend of lowland tropical rain forest, montane forest, and mixed tropical deciduous forest. In addition to forest, you will also notice areas of grassland and of swamp. The forest is rich in wildlife and is most noted for its primate population. These include red-tailed monkey, diademed monkey, olive baboon, chimpanzee, and black and white colobus. The birdlife is also abundant, with close on 300 species identified here. The forest is also home to 144 species of butterfly and a diverse population of moths and other insects

Overnight Primate Lodge (or similar)

Overnight: Primate Lodge Kibale

Primate Lodge in Kibale is an exclusive eco-lodge situated in the heart of Kibale Forest National Park. It is surrounded by a lush tropical forest that is home to 13 different species of primates, including the chimpanzees. Privately secluded in the rainforest, this safari lodge offers you a truly authentic jungle experience and is the perfect gateway for tracking the primates in Uganda. Whether you wish a high level of luxury and comfort, rather stay in a midrange cottage or want to bring your own tent, Primate Lodge Kibale is the ideal place for you. Primate Lodge Kibale was awarded with the Chimp Award 2008 for Investment in Eco-Tourism by Uganda Wildlife Authority.



Double Room

Features a double bed with high ceilings and a grass thatched roof with mosquito nets to keep the bugs away while you sleep, an ensuite bathroom with hot water running 24/7, and a private deck facing the forest

Activities

Morning	Kyambura Gorge Chimpanzee Trekking
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Kyambura Gorge Chimpanzee Trekking

Kyambura Gorge is often referred to as the Valley of the Apes and is located on the edge of the Queen Elizabeth National Park in South Western Uganda. Over the past two years a small group of Chimpanzees have been habituated to tolerate the presence of humans however sightings are not guaranteed and as such permits here are offered at considerably reduced rates compared to the more well-known Kibale Forest. This is however an opportunity to explore this beautiful tropical gorge area and track the Chimpanzees in a remote and lesser-known location.

Kyambura is well known stunning scenery and a vast bio-diversity and should you miss the Chimps, your guide will still point out the Black & White Colobus, Red Tailed Monkey and the Grey Cheeked Mangabey as well as Pittas & different bird species and provide details of the tradit of the plant species within the forest.

Chimpanzee walks embark morning and afternoon and usually lasts 2 to 3 hours with approximately 4-6 people in a group each led by a Ugandan Wildlife Authority specialist guide.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- Transfer from Mazike Lodge to Kyambura Gorge for chimp tracking
- Transfer from Kyambura Gorge to Kibale Forest

Excluded

- Chimpanzee permit Kyambura Gorge (needs to be pre-booked!)
- Drinks at Elephant Plains Lodge and Primate Lodge

Day 9: Primate Lodge Kibale, Kibale Forest National Park

Day Itinerary

Your Kibale Forest chimp trek will generally take place in the morning. Rest of the day at leisure.

You will either be driven or walk down to the Kibale Forest National Parks' headquarters to meet your guides for your morning's chimp tracking experience. 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 tracking, sightings cannot be guaranteed even though the chimps are habituated to humans.

Overnight Primate Lodge (or similar)

Activities

Morning	Kibale Forest Chimp Tracking
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Optional

Morning	Kibale Chimpanzee Habituation Experience (Full day)
	Bigodi Swamp Walk

Kibale Forest Chimp Tracking

The most favourite of Kibale's walks embarks on from the Kanyanchu Visitor centre in the morning and afternoon and normally lasts around 3 to 4 hours. Chimpanzee are the most sought after primate by visitors, but you should look out for the black & white colobus, red tailed monkey or the grey cheeked mangabey. The forest is alive with noise - chimpanzees are very active and may move quickly through the treetops... or, if you are very lucky, you may find them resting or eating on the ground. The trek is primary on well maintained trails and paths through the forest and it's an exhilarating walk, in beautiful scenery. Sightings of the chimps cannot be guaranteed even though the chimps are habituated to humans. Your guides will be able to show you different bird species and will give details of the plant species within the forest. The trek allows you to spend 1 hour observing the chimps once you have found them.

Kibale Chimpanzee Habituation Experience (Full day)

Following an early morning breakfast at the lodge, travel to Kibale National Park to join your team and begin your chimpanzee habituation experience. You will assist Kibale's trackers in their daily habituation research and activities including "de-nesting" the chimps, following them through the forest, and recording their behaviours and movements throughout the day. Finish the day off at sundown when the chimpanzees retire to their new nests for the night. This once in a lifetime experience will allow you within metres of these amusing and very social apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Chimpanzees, our closest cousins, are extremely endangered with only an estimated 5000 remaining in Uganda. You will also have the opportunity to observe the many other animal species living in Kibale's diverse habitat including black and white colobus monkeys, baboons and hundreds of native bird species.

Following the day's habituation activities, return to camp for dinner and reflect on your experiences with the chimps.

Please note: tracking chimpanzees may be fairly strenuous as the chimpanzees are highly mobile during the day. Also, the chimps that are undergoing habituation are not as used to people as those groups that are already habituated so the standard of sighting is not guaranteed.

Bigodi Swamp Walk

Considered one of Uganda's best bird watching locations, Bigodi Swamp's rich ecosystem makes it a spectacular venue for viewing numerous primate and bird species in their natural habitat. This two to three-hour walk can be tailored to individual schedules and interests.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- Transfer for chimp tracking, if necessary
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Excluded

- Chimpanzee permit (OR habituation permit) Kibale Forest (needs to be pre-booked!)
 - Drinks at Primate Lodge
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Day 10: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Depart after an early breakfast for the drive back to Entebbe, arriving late afternoon. (If you are departing Entebbe tonight please do not book a flight before 19h00)

End of safari.

Basis

Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- Road transfer from Kibale Forest back to Entebbe (airport). Approx 5-6 hours driving time.
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Excluded

- Drinks at Primate Lodge
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Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Kihihi Airstrip			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Entebbe International Airport [EBB]	No.5 Boutique Hotel		Transfer
		No.5 Boutique Hotel	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Transfer
		Kihihi Airstrip	Buhoma Lodge		Fully Guided Trip
		Buhoma Lodge	Ishasha Wilderness Camp		Fully Guided Trip
		Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Elephant Plains Lodge		Fully Guided Trip
		Elephant Plains Lodge	Primate Lodge Kibale		Fully Guided Trip
		Primate Lodge Kibale	Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Fully Guided Trip

Urgent Contact Numbers

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Service Provider	Ref. Number	Telephone	Address
Buhoma Lodge		+256 414 321 479	Plot 76B Nakiwogo Road, Entebbe
Ishasha Wilderness Camp		+256 414 321 479	Plot 76B Nakiwogo Road, Entebbe

No.5 Boutique Hotel	+256 757 401 299	5 Edna Road, Entebbe, Uganda
Elephant Plains Lodge QENP	+256 770 486 002	Plot 1001 Mutungo Hill Road, Kampala
Primate Lodge Kibale	+256 770 486 002	Plot 1001 Mutungo Hill Road, Kampala

Travel Information



Uganda, deservedly dubbed the Pearl of Africa, is located in the Great Lakes Region in central Africa and boasts an ecological diversity that rivals many larger countries. Here, Eastern Savannah meets West African jungle. Uganda really does offer visitors incredible diversity with its multitude of varying ecosystems. Bordered by the Rwenzori Mountains (often called the Mountains of the Moon, the 3rd highest in Africa), the Virunga Mountains, and Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, it's a beautiful country bursting with bird and wildlife.

In no other African destination can one see a comparable variety of primates with so little effort - not just the great apes but also more than ten monkey species. And, if Uganda will have primate enthusiasts grinning with satisfaction, it will have birdwatchers doing cartwheels. Uganda is, by far, the smallest of the four African countries in which more than 1,000 bird species have been recorded and it is particularly rich in western rainforest specialists - undoubtedly the finest bird watching in Africa.

For most, the highlight is found amongst the forests in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, where coming face to face with endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat is one of the most profound wildlife encounters you will ever experience. Discover tree-climbing lions around Ishasha in Queen Elizabeth National Park, trek chimps in Kibale Forest or Kyambura Gorge, or snatch massive Nile perch up north at Murchison Falls where the mighty Nile cascades through a gap just seven metres wide. Adrenaline junkies will find Jinja simply exhilarating; with its white-water rafting, kayaking, and bungee jumping activities. Jinja is rapidly emerging as East Africa's answer to the more southerly "adrenalin capital" Victoria Falls.

We invite you to explore Uganda, a diverse landscape with abundant wildlife, plenty to discover, and unique experiences. You'll struggle to find the words that do justice to when recounting your time in this jewel of a country.

Entry Requirements

Your passport must have a **minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months** from the date of entry into Uganda.

Please check visa requirements prior to travel with your booking agent or Wild Frontiers as requirements are regularly changed with little notice.

Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US\$55).

Visas cannot be obtained on arrival. You must apply and pay for them online at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> **at least two weeks before your arrival.**

You are required to upload clear copies of your current passport, yellow fever certificate and a passport photo.

The online form will ask for your contact in Uganda: **Please use G&C Tours (U) Ltd +256 (0) 772 721 479**

Should you have any problems in the online application process please request assistance from us.

Only Visa and Mastercard cards are accepted for visa payments. Once payment is made, the system will process your application and send you a barcoded email. Print out this email and bring it with you to Uganda. Upon arrival you should present the barcoded email to the immigration officer, who will scan the barcode, take your finger prints and photo and place a visa in your passport.

Alternatively, the Ugandan High Commissions may issue visas, where such commissions are located.

The following nationalities do not require a visa to enter Uganda: all nationalities from East African countries (Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi), all nationalities from COMESA countries (Angola, Eritrea, Malawi, Madagascar, Seychelles, Swaziland, Zambia, Comoros, Kenya, Mauritius, Zimbabwe), and passport holders from OTHERS (Antigua, Barbados, Fiji, Grenada, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, The Grenadines, Vanuatu, Cyprus, Bahamas, Belize, Gambia, Jamaica, Malta, Singapore, St. Vincent-Tonga and Ireland).

East Africa Tourist Visa

If you are planning an East Africa trip to include Uganda, Rwanda and/or Kenya, it may be better value to apply for a multiple entry visa – valid for 90 days for tourists only. Cost is USD100 per visa. For more information go to: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/apply> if you are entering Uganda first, or alternatively the Government visa site for the East Africa country you will be first entering.

Banking and Currency

US Dollars cash is widely accepted and in most cases preferred as the currency that travellers should use to EXCHANGE into UGX on arrival for spending money on the road e.g. for drinks, curios, tips. **Please note that USD bills older than 2009 are not accepted. Ensure your USD bills are 2009 or younger.** Small USD bills are difficult to change – use Uganda shillings for small tips.

Credit Cards: Can be used at some lodges and hotels, but a transaction fee may be charged which can be up to 5%. Ask first.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Internal Flights: Note that baggage allowance on all domestic flights is max 15 kgs in soft bags

Health and Medical Information

Documentary proof of **double vaccination or negative PCR Test is required for entry.** Please check with us directly for the latest Covid updates as they change from time to time.

Travellers require a **Yellow Fever** inoculation more than 10 days prior to your departure. The certificate will be checked on arrival in Uganda. If you have a history of liver disorders (hepatitis etc.) consult your physician first.

Tetanus and Cholera inoculations are recommended but not compulsory.

Hepatitis inoculation is at the discretion of the traveler.

Malaria prophylactics are a must and can be purchased from your local pharmacy. Please consult your pharmacist/doctor.

Diarrhea / Giardia - Bottled water is readily available throughout Uganda, however, it's advisable to bring medicine just in case.

This is a guide only. Please check with your doctor or travel clinic for the latest information.