

6-DAY GORILLAS & WALKING SAFARI (FLY KISORO AND KIHIFI)



This amazing adventure takes us to 'Bwindi Impenetrable Forest' in Uganda's mountainous farsouthwestern tip where you will have the opportunity to track Mountain Gorillas.

Highlights:

- Discover the southern region of the Pearl of Africa optimizing the transfer times.
- Fly to Kisoro and out of Kihifi with daily departures and no minimum of participants.
- Unforgettable encounter with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park
- Beautiful hike "across" Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, accompanied by professional guide and armed rangers.
- Meet, explore, and learn from the local communities.
- Support sustainable tourism initiatives.

Your safari at a Glance!!!!

Days	Routes/activities	Accommodation	
Day 1	Arrival at Entebbe International Airport, clear with immigration, and transfer to your hotel.	Papyrus Guest House	B,B
Day 2	Transfer to Entebbe International Airport for a scheduled flight to Kihhi Airstrip and transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.	Mahogany Springs Lodge	B,L,D
Day 3	Hike across Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park from Buhoma (Northern Bwindi) to Nkuringo (Southern Bwindi)	Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge	B,L,D
Day 4	Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park	Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge	B,L,D
Day 5	Optional activities such as: Birdwatching in Nombe Pocket Forest, Nkuringo Community tour, Buninga Forest trail (encounter with the Batwa) etc	Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge	B,L,D
Day 6	After breakfast, transfer to Kisoro Airstrip for a scheduled flight back to Entebbe International Airport and connect on your outbound flight.		



DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ENTEBBE & OPTIONAL MABAMBA SWAMPS

Upon arrival as per your international flight details, Clear immigration, collect your luggage with assistance from our airport support who will lead you to arrivals to meet our representative and driver and transfer to the Guest House driving for approx.20mins upon exiting the airport.

Optional Extra: In the afternoon, You depart by car and transfer to the docking point for about 10mins, settle in the speed boat crossing to the swamp(40mins) and then move to a canoe that will comfortably maneuver in the swamp as you search for the rare shoebill and other bird species. NB, the activity duration ranges from 1- 4 hours but depends on the day's location of the Shoebill and the client's interest in other bird species. (usually takes longer for clients specifically interested in birds) Mabamba Swamp, one of the best places for spotting rare shoebill storks, although due to their scarce population, sightings are not guaranteed. Return to the boat and enjoy a relaxed cruise on Lake Victoria.

- Overnight at Papyrus Guest House <https://papyrusguesthouse.com/>
- Room type – Garden Room
- Meal plan – No Meals included

DAY 2: FLY TO KIIHIH AIRSTRIP AND TRANSFER TO BWINDI

After an early breakfast, you will be transferred to Entebbe international airport for your Aerolink flight to Kihikihi Airstrip. The flight is scheduled to depart Entebbe at 7:00AM and arrive in Kihikihi at 8:15.

Upon arrival, meet up with the vehicle guide and transfer to your lodge in Bwindi and have a relaxed afternoon.

- Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge - <https://www.mahoganysprings.com/>
- Room type – Superior Room
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3: HIKE ACROSS BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST.

After breakfast, transfer to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park headquarters in Buhoma sector (Approximately a 15-minute drive) for a guided walk through Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. (The drive takes about 4 hours/155 km)

In Buhoma, which is the northern side of the park, you will meet our Nkuringo Walking Safari guide who will walk with you 4/5 hours (13 km) through the forest to Nkuringo, on the southern side via the Ivy River trail, which is the shortest route. Upon arrival at Nteko Ridge, you meet with the vehicle and drive 7 km to the lodge. Your safari guide will meanwhile drive around to the lodge and will meet you there, so we recommend you pack a little day pack as chances are high that you will arrive before him. A packed lunch will be provided. There is no road through Bwindi so vehicles driving between the two locations have an incredible 170 km bone-jarring journey, taking 5 to 6 hours. Your arrival in Nkuringo will see you at 2160m above sea level. From the vantage of Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge, a 270-degree panorama will hopefully unfold to reveal views of the volcanoes of the Virunga, the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, and a huge swathe of primary forest that constitutes the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

- Overnight at Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge <https://www.mountaingorillalodge.com/>
- Room type – Deluxe cottage
- Meal plan – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner – Includes all soft drinks, local beers and house wines

DAY 4: GORILLA TRACKING / BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, at around 7:30 am, with packed lunch and drinking water you will be transferred to the briefing point for the briefing on the dos and the don'ts while with the gorillas. You then continue to the forest for the start of the actual gorilla tracking in a group of 8 participants accompanied by escorts/ guides and rangers from Uganda wildlife Authority.

The duration of the trek is only determined by the location of the primates on the day of tracking, and the time taken to find the gorillas can take from an hour to a full day, after spotting them, spend 1 hour of viewing and hike back, meet the vehicle and drive back to the lodge.

The beauty of this rainforest is spectacular. The area offers a dramatic, steeply forested landscape and is incredibly dense, but crisscrossed by numerous animal trails, allowing access to tourists. The time taken and the terrain vary as per the movements of these great primates. The thrill of spending time observing these gentle and endangered giants is an awesome, exciting experience to be long savoured. Many find it to be a rare and moving opportunity. The tracking can take place at Nkuringo or at Rushaga (1hr drive from Nkuringo), as per the gorilla permits obtained.

Upon return, relax at the lodge and, for those who like, at 5.00 pm either stroll through the community center or drive up to the "Top of the World" - the name given to the football field, high up in Nkuringo which offers amazing views over the peaks and forests around Nkuringo. A great way to stretch your legs after the gorilla tracking and to enjoy a sundowner

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DAY 5: DAY WITH OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

For this day engage in community activities or spend the day chilling at the lodge enjoying the commanding views of the magnificent Virunga volcanoes and the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. / You can also opt to have the second Gorilla trek.

Batwa experience, blacksmiths & Herbalist (\$96 per person)

Enjoy a leisurely morning and in the afternoon stroll down to the Buniga Forest Trail Walk, an informative project run by USAID and the local Batwa community. The Batwa tribe was forced to leave their home in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in 1991 when it was declared a UNESCO Heritage site for gorillas only. They had been living in the forest as nomadic hunter-gatherers for millennia, in perfect balance with the flora and fauna around. Moving out and suddenly living in communities with a completely different way of life has proven to be a huge challenge. They now survive as best as they can and earn a living by explaining their previous life in the forest and their rich heritage.

Continuation of the walk through the community to visit the traditional herbalist and the blacksmith.

Nombe Pocket Forest for a hike and bird watching (\$46 pp).

Walk around Nkuringo community to visit the black smith, the traditional herbalist etc (\$46 pp).

Buninga Forest Trail Walk (\$50 pp): an informative project run by USAID and the local Batwa community - the Batwa tribe was forced to leave their home in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in 1991 when it was declared a UNESCO Heritage site for gorillas only. They had been living in the forest as nomadic hunter-gatherers for millennia, in perfect balance with the flora and fauna around. Moving out and suddenly living in communities with a completely different way of life has proven to be a huge challenge. They now survive as best as they can and earn a living explaining their previous life in the forest and their rich heritage.

Hike & Canoe at Lake Mutanda (\$75 pp): after breakfast, drive to Rubuguri Junction (10k – 1 hour) to start a nice hike across beautiful landscapes and local communities - a great opportunity to experience authentic village life (9km – 2/3 hours). Upon arrival at Lake Mutanda, you then “settle” in a dugout canoe for 1.5-2 hours of gentle relaxed cruising across the lake, enjoying the beautiful panorama. Meet with your vehicle and drive back to Nkuringo. Of course, you could also drive from the lodge directly to the lake (20k - 90 minutes), enjoy the canoe ride around the lake and drive all the way back to the lodge again. Guests decide!

Golden Monkeys tracking (\$100): early morning transfer to Mgahinga National Park headquarters where you will be briefed by the park guides before starting the tracking. You are likely to see various forest birds as well.

Volcano Trek (\$100): very early morning departure to Mgahinga National Park headquarters for a briefing then start the climb of one of these incredible volcanoes, accompanied by your Nkuringo Walking Safari Guide. After the hike, you will then be transferred back to Nkuringo. Physical fitness is required.

Mount Gahinga (3400m) – a perfectly shaped volcano. On the lower reaches the route passes through former cultivated land, reclaimed and reincorporated back into the national park as late as 1986. A vast area of enormous bamboo forest creates an elaborate labyrinth. Many bird species can be observed here with sunbirds being the most obvious. This trek is usually completed in six hours up and down.

Mount Sabinyo (3669m) - with its five jagged peaks it is the oldest volcano of the region. With two distinct vegetation zones - Forest and Alpine - it is an exhilarating one day trek with some very steep inclines aided by the assistance of eucalyptus ladders. From the summit, you can enjoy amazing views of the whole volcanic chain of mountains into Rwanda that includes Mt. Karisimbi, Mt. Mikeno and the often-snow-covered Mt. Visoke. This trek takes about eight hours to cover the 14km round trip.

Mount Muhavura (4129m) - its enormous conical shape looms high into the darkness. Good weather is critical to reach the peak, the youngest of the chain of volcanoes and its status is noted as being still dormant. The surrounding countryside shows evidence of volcanic activity everywhere. Muhavura peak will drain your last bit of energy as you fight for air in the rarefied atmosphere, but you will be rewarded with stunning views through the clouds and mist. The Crater Lake is only a mere 20m in diameter and the area of the summit not much bigger than a golf course. This is a

1200m ascend in 7 hours, very steep with few switch backs in the trail to give your legs the relief they are screaming for.

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DAY 6: FLY BACK TO ENTEBBE

After an early breakfast enjoy another glimpse of the misty jungle then start the drive back to Kisoro Airstrip (Approximately 36Km/ 1½ Hours drive) for your local scheduled flight back to Entebbe International Airport and connect on your outbound flight. The flight is scheduled to depart Kisoro at 08:35 Hours and arrive Entebbe at 11:25 Hours.

Depending on your departure flight either enjoy day room/overnight at your hotel or guest house or wait for your departure flight at the Airport.

Kindly note that to be on the safe side we recommend to book only night flights or to overnight in Entebbe

RATES IN USD PER PERSON SHARING IN A TWIN /DOUBLE

VALIDITY 01.01.26 – 31.12.26.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NET RATES IN USD PER PERSON SHARING IN TWIN/ DOUBLE ROOM							
	HIGH SEASON (January, February, June, July, August, September, December)				LOW SEASON (March, April, May, October, November)			
	SAFARI ARRANGEMENT	PERMITS & PARK FEES	FLIGHTS	TOTAL COST	SAFARI ARRANGEMENT	PERMITS & PARK FEES	FLIGHTS	TOTAL COST
2Px	\$3486	\$800	777	\$5063	\$2967	\$800	777	\$4544
4pax	\$2926	\$800	777	\$4503	\$2407	\$800	777	\$3984
6pax	\$2743	\$800	777	\$4320	\$2225	\$800	777	\$3802
Single Room supplement	\$567							

Supplement for a French Speaking guide - \$300 per vehicle per trip (maximum 6pax)

TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A 30% deposit of the total tour price will be required to secure a booking, the balance being due 45 days before the tour departure date.

Bookings not secured by the appropriate deposit will be released.

Cancellation between 90 and 45 days of tour departure will incur a 30% of tour price penalty charge. Confirmed bookings cancelled within 45 days of the tour departure date or no show will incur 100% of tour price penalty charge.

Availability of accommodation and activities is not guaranteed; reservations will be made after receiving confirmation of the final itinerary and the payment of the requested deposit. Should any of the quoted accommodation not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable option, which might affect the final quoted price.

All clients who participate in this tour must be adequately covered by **medical insurance** as well as **travel insurance** to protect them in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Rates specified for this tour are subject to change without notice, however every effort will be made to maintain them. In the event of any change of Government taxes or operating conditions that affect the rates we reserve the right to pass on these charges.

*** UGANDA GORILLA & CHIMP PERMIT CANCELLATION POLICY
(Different and separate from the tour cancellation policy)**

Gorilla Permits will be guaranteed ONLY upon receipt of the deposit (**US\$800** in 2025/2026) since we need to immediately pay Uganda Wildlife Authority Offices to secure the permits.

Cancellations received on full payment:

- More than 90 days before the tracking date, 25% cancellation fee
- 89 to 46 days before the tracking date, 50% cancellation fee
- 45 to 9 days before the tracking date, 75% cancellation fee
- 8 to 0 days before the tracking date, 100% cancellation fee

Important: the minimum age required for gorilla tracking is 15 years whereas for the chimps the minimum age required is 12 years; in case of flu or of any other airborne disease the visitor will be not allowed to meet with the gorillas or the chimps.