



Gorilla and Chimpanzee TREK - July 2022

Day 1 :	Arrival - Entebbe
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Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met by a Great Lakes Safaris' representative and transfer to your hotel in Entebbe. Check in at your hotel, your home for this night. In the afternoon, depending on your flight arrival, visit to the botanical gardens and later enjoy a sunset cruise to the Equator with drinks and snacks included. Dinner is on own account.

Overnight at Protea Hotel Entebbe – Deluxe room (B&B)

Day 2:	Entebbe - Kibale National Forest
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After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a scheduled flight departing at 07:00 or 12:30 p.m to Kasese Airstrip. On arrival you will be by a Great Lakes Safaris guide and transferred to Primate Lodge (travel time 1:30 minutes). Check in for lunch. Later enjoy a nocturnal guided forest walk to see the creatures of the night such as Bush babies and the nocturnal birds.



Kibale Forest National Park is an extensive Biodiversity [National Park](#) in South [Uganda](#) and also known as the “Primate Paradise” has one of the greatest variety and concentration of primates in Africa including our famous cousins the Chimpanzee, Red Colobus Monkeys, Vervet Monkeys, L’Hoest’s, Black-and- White Colobus and the Olive Baboons. There is also a wide array of unique birds, forest elephants (smaller and hairier than the more familiar savannah elephant) and much more.

Dinner and Overnight at Primate Lodge Luxury Cottages (FB)

Day 3

Kibale National Park – Chimp Habituation

Today the forest opens for a **sensational chimp habituation**. You will start your hike adventure into the forest. En route your guide will explain more about the forest and the other inhabitants, including other primates and birds,

Upon sighting the chimpanzees, you will stay with them for the whole day as they continue their daily routine – growling, grooming, feeding, taking care of the young ones and agilely climbing up trees.

Return back to the lodge for a late lunch then in the evening enjoy a guided nature walk through the Bigodi wetland.

Bigodi Swamp Walk is an initiative of the local community and is known for its rich diversity of birds and primates. The path and board walk maybe flooded and muddy after heavy rainfall and gumboots are recommended. The walk is about 4km in length taking 3-4 hours at birding pace with local community guides. All proceeds from eco- tourism go back to into the community, a conservation project well worth supporting.

Later return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

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Day 4:

Kibale Forest – Bwindi National Park

Kibale Forest- Queen Elizabeth National Park. Flight time: 1 Hr.

Morning transfer to Kasese Airstrip for a flight to Kihiki airstrip. You will say goodbye to your driver guide. On arrival you will be met by a Mahogany Springs Lodge drive guide and transfer to your hotel. Drive time (1:30). Arrive in Bwindi National Park, home of the endangered mountain Gorillas.

Check in and enjoy lunch. Then embark on an evening village walk meeting the locals and engaging in the community. Later return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Dinner and Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge – Cottage FB

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, home of the rare but critically endangered Mountain Gorillas (*gorilla beringei beringei*), lies on the edge of the albertine Rift Valley in south-western Uganda, with a wide altitude range between 1,160m and 2,600m. The forest itself, dating back to the ice ages, is one of Uganda's oldest and ecologically most diverse with almost 400 species of plants, [350 species of birds](#) including 23 Albertine Rift endemics as well as [120 mammals](#) species including lots of smaller mammals like rodents and bats but also the Gorillas, Baboons, Chimpanzees, Elephants and Antelopes.

Day 5 - 6

Bwindi National Park Time: (3 – 8 Hours)

Bwindi National Park.

Arise early today and prepare for the highlight of your safari, an unforgettable encounter with the gentle giants.

Following breakfast, transfer to the national park offices where you will be allocated gorilla family in groups of 8 as well as gorilla tracking guide. Please remember to bring your passport for registration, waterproof hiking boots and a light raincoat. To protect from stinging nettles, we recommend long pants and long sleeved tops. A pair of old gardening gloves can help grabbing onto the vegetation. While most hotels provide a walking stick that come in very handy especially when hiking downhill. A small waterproof backpack is an excellent idea to carry a light snack, bottled water, as well as protection for your camera. After pre-tracking briefing by your guide touching on the gorillas generally, your assigned gorilla family as well as appropriate safety precautions, you drive to the trailhead for the start of a thrilling adventure – participants can expect to walk long distances in steep and sometimes muddy conditions with rain overhead, which can be tough and require a degree of fitness. However, the thrill of coming face to face with a giant mountain Gorilla silverback far more than makes up for the effort in their quest. Granted the time taken can be quite unpredictable taking anything from 2 hours to 8 hours or longer.

Upon sighting the gorillas, you spend the allowed one hour with them as they go about their daily life, feeding, moving, playing, raising their young and sometimes wrestling by the juveniles – it is a totally unique and unforgettable experience!

NB: COMING FACE TO FACE WITH A GIANT MOUNTAIN GORILLA MUST TRULY BE THE MOST GENUINELY BREATHTAKING WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE ON EARTH!

Afterwards, you hike back to base and on to the lodge for a well-deserved shower and lunch or dinner depending on the time taken on the trek.

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Dinner and overnight. **Mahogany Springs Lodge- cottage (FB)**

Day 7

Bwindi National Park – Entebbe - Home

Today you will be transferred to Kihiki Airstrip (about 1 hour from the lodge) for your departure flight out of Bwindi Impenetrable forest and head back to Entebbe with the morning or afternoon flight. At Entebbe International Airport connect to your international flight.

Gorilla TREK **\$6900**

Single Supplement: **\$1900**

Includes:

Chimpanzee Permit (1 day)

Gorilla Permit (2 days)

Internal Air: Entebbe to Kasese Airstrip, Kasese Airstrip to Kihiki Airstrip, Kisoro to Entebbe

Sunset Cruise

Room and Board

Guides

Not Included:

International Air

Drinks & Laundry

Tips