

## 14-DAY PRIMATE and PLAINS SAFARI TO UGANDA AND RWANDA

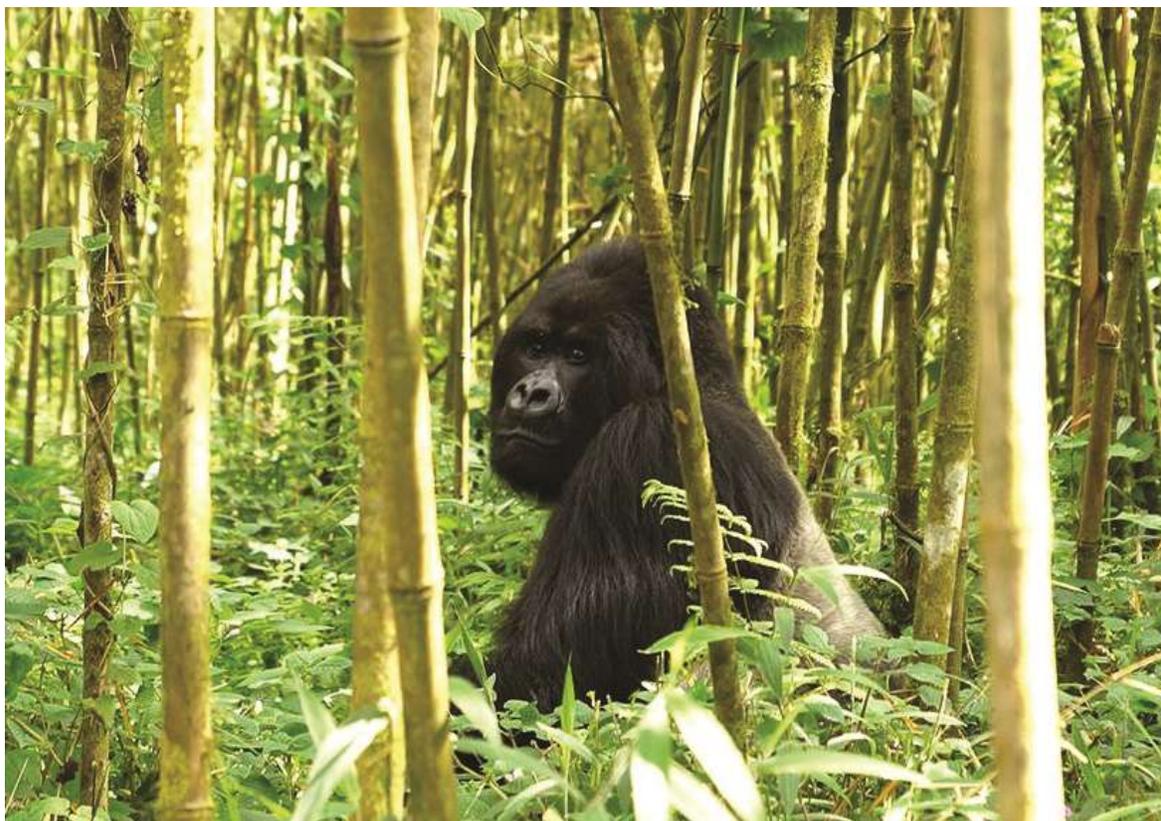
Kibale Forest/Queen Elizabeth Park/Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda  
Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda

2021 DEPARTURES: JAN 14 JUL 01 AUG 11 SEP 17

### Program highlights:

- ❑ On these special AAC Signature departures – experience the thrill of two gorilla treks, one in Bwindi, Uganda & one in Volcanoes, Rwanda.
- ❑ You travel as a small group (6 persons maximum) driving from park to park with your driver/guides. Vehicles are 4x4's with seven seats.
- ❑ Begin your primate experience with chimp trekking in Kibale Forest.
- ❑ Game viewing is a hidden delight with game drive opportunities looking for wildlife at Queen Elizabeth in the open plains.
- ❑ **We have negotiated Special AAC Pricing!!**

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## ITINERARY SUMMARY

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01+02	Fly USA-Europe-Entebbe	Protea Hotel Entebbe
03	Drive Entebbe to Kibale	Kyaninga Lodge
04	AM/PM Chimp Treks – Kibale	Kyaninga Lodge
05	Game drive to Queen Elizabeth N.P.	Mweya Safari Lodge
06	Private boat ride on Kazinga Channel Queen Elizabeth	Mweya Safari Lodge
07	Game drives Ishasha region – Queen Elizabeth	Ishasha Wilderness Camp
08	Drive to Bwindi	Gorilla Forest Camp
09	1 <sup>st</sup> Gorilla Trek – Bwindi	Gorilla Forest Camp
10	(optional trek) – Bwindi	Gorilla Forest Camp
11	Drive Bwindi – Volcanoes N.P	Amakoro Songa
12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gorilla Trek - Volcanoes Drive to Kigali	Kigali Serena Hotel
13	Fly Kigali-Europe-USA	
14	Fly Europe-USA	

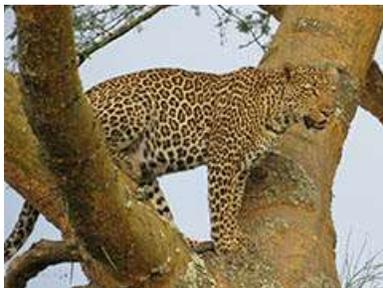
**Our Guides in Uganda/Rwanda:** are carefully selected to bring an excellent knowledge of the areas you will visit and have built up an excellent camaraderie with our clients over the years. As you spend your time on safari with the same guide you maximize seeing and doing “everything” and coming away at the end of a trip with “a friend for life”.





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## GORILLA TREKKING

- Each hike to visit the chimpanzees or gorillas can take anywhere from 4 hours to about 8 hours depending where you find the primates. Some of the hikes can be strenuous so a HIGH level of fitness is required at altitudes of over 5000ft. Each gorilla group may be visited by up to eight tourists per day.
  - The climb begins through the lower slopes. As the slopes become steeper and rockier, the vegetation becomes thick and tangled; the guides must use their machetes to help clear a path. Huge trees, clinging vines and undergrowth add to the challenge of swift streams and slippery mud underfoot. Usually at around 8,000 foot signs of the huge animals become apparent. Once you find them you will have an hour of viewing.
  - There are approximately 800 mountain gorillas left in the world today and an estimated 400 of them reside in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Currently there are nineteen gorilla families that are habituated and able to be visited on a daily basis.
  - Appropriately called "The Country of a Thousand Hills," Rwanda is predominantly grassy uplands and hills, with altitudes above sea level varying from a low of 3,960 feet (1,207 m) to Mt. Karisimbi, the highest of a range of extinct volcanoes in the northwest, which reach 14,786 feet (4,507 m). There are twelve gorilla groups currently acclimated for tourist visits in Volcanoes.
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- **Based on the Buhoma/Ruhijha side of Bwindi there are 7 families:**

<b>Habinyanja</b>	13 members – one silverback, one black-back, three adult females, two sub-adult, four juveniles & two infants.
<b>Mubare</b>	7 members - one silverback, four adult females, one sub-adult and one infant.
<b>Rushegura</b>	15 members - one silverback, four black-backs, four adult females, two juveniles and four infants.
<b>Katwe</b>	7 members – one silverback, four adult females and one infant
<b>Bitukura</b>	11 members - four silverbacks, three adult females, two juveniles and two infants. <i>(Based near Ruhijha)</i>
<b>Oruzogo</b>	17 members – two silverbacks, two black-backs, five adult females, two juveniles and six infants. <i>(Based near Ruhijha)</i>
<b>Kyaguriro</b>	21 members (A & B Groups) – Group A - one silverback, two black-backs, two adult females, two juveniles and three infants. Group B - one silverback, four adult females, two sub-adults and one infant. <i>(Based near Ruhijha)</i>

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### **Based on the Rushaga side (Kisoro region), southern area of Bwindi there are 8 gorilla families:**

<b>Nshongi</b>	8 members - one silverback, three adult females, one sub-adult, one juvenile and two infants.
<b>Bweza</b>	11 members – two silverbacks, three black-backs, two adult females and four infants.
<b>Kahungye</b>	22 members – three silverbacks, three black-backs, five adult females, four sub-adults, three juveniles and four infants.
<b>Rwigi</b>	6 members – one silverback, two adult females, two sub-adults and one infant.
<b>Busingye</b>	13 members – one silverback, three adult females, four sub-adult, one juvenile and four infants.
<b>Mishaya</b>	10 members – one silverback, two black-back, three adult females, one sub-adult and three infants.
<b>Mucunguzi</b>	8 members - one silverback, three adult females, one juvenile and three infants.
<b>Kutu</b>	11 members – two silverbacks, two black-backs, three adult females and four infants.

Based on the Nkuringo side (Kisoro region), southern area of Bwindi there are 3 gorilla families:

<b>Nkuringo</b>	12 members - two silverbacks, one black-back, two adult females, two sub-adults, three juveniles and two infants.
<b>Bushaho</b>	11 members – two silverbacks, four black-backs, two adult females and three infants.
<b>Christmas</b>	6 members – one silverback, two adult females, one juvenile and two infants.

Based at Volcanoes in Rwanda there are 12 families:

<b>Susa</b>	18 members – including 3 silverbacks and 6 juveniles and infants.
<b>Igisha</b>	25 members – including 4 silverbacks and 10 juveniles and infants.
<b>Isimbi</b>	16 members – including 1 silverback and 8 juveniles and infants.
<b>Sabyinyo</b>	16 members – including 3 silverbacks and 6 juveniles and infants.
<b>Amahoro</b>	18 members – including 4 silverbacks and 7 juveniles and infants.
<b>Umubano</b>	12 members – including 4 silverbacks and 4 juveniles and infants.
<b>Agashya</b>	21 members – including 1 silverback and 7 juveniles and infants.
<b>Hirwa</b>	18 members – including 1 silverback and 10 juveniles and infants.
<b>Kwitonda</b>	29 members – including 2 silverbacks and 12 juveniles and infants.
<b>Muhoza</b>	7 members – including 1 silverback and 2 juveniles and infants.
<b>Isabukuru</b>	14 members – including 1 silverback and 5 juveniles and infants.
<b>Mafunzo</b>	12 members – including 1 silverback and 3 juveniles and infants.



### GORILLA FAMILIES

Gorillas are very sociable animals, living in groups of three to thirty. Being sedentary, they are continually looking for food in a living space that is comparatively restricted. They are active only during the daytime and build nests in which they pass the night. The nests built in trees are occupied by the females and young ones, while the males seem to prefer nests on the ground. Their food consists mainly of leaves, buds, tubers and sorts of wild celery from the *umbelliferous* family.

Damage to the vegetation is an obvious sign as the gorillas relish the young tender shoots and break older stems to suck the sap. The smell of gorilla may waft by in the stray breeze or, if one is really near, it is strong and unmistakable. Sounds, which can be remarkably loud crashes or dull reverberating growls of contentment, tell the visitor that the troop is nearby.

The troop consists usually of a dominant male and up to five or more females and their young. It is basically a stable family with the young only leaving after they reach sexual maturity. Females join another group while young males remain solitary until they have an opportunity of forming their own troop.

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Far from being an aggressive animal, as the legends claim, the gorilla is gentle and peaceful in its habits. It is only when threatened that he adopts an intimidating attitude in which he howls in a most frightful way and beats his chest with his fists. Should you find yourself in his presence when he feels threatened, you will be advised to assume a submissive, non-threatening attitude. Once his confidence has been restored, the gorilla goes on about his business accepting you.

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- Day spent with chimpanzee researcher
- Optional touring in Bwindi and Queen Elizabeth National Park (*Request our exciting touring options*)
- International scheduled airfares
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Increases in park fees or gorilla permits

**NOTES:**

1) If you want to do a Golden Monkey trek in Rwanda, you will need to book this early as we will have to change out your accommodations from Kigali Serena to an additional night at Amakoro Songa (Day 12). On Day 13 you will drive through to Kigali straight from the trek and have a dayroom at the Kigali Serena before a late evening flight departure. Please request as there will be additional expenses.

2) Rate is based on sharing the arrival and departure transfer. If you arrive solo or on different international flights, additional transfer supplement may apply.

**Trip Report:**

I'm fresh back from another incredible AAC adventure.

The chimpanzee trek was also wonderful...What a beautiful creature and an incredible opportunity to see him...I'm so thankful that I was included on the trek. We had a lot more time just to observe at a respectful distance and the ability to observe the behaviors and have them explained by a wonderful guide was so helpful and educational...

The gorillas were amazing, of course. The guide and trackers were so helpful and very protective of the gorillas. After about 45 minutes, it seemed like the silverback was over it and the others followed. Rather than push them, we left a little early. It was great to see how much they respected the need for the gorillas to have some peace and quiet. It had also started thundering and I think they were concerned for our safety going downhill if there was a hard rain. I really appreciated that as well.

The trek in Rwanda was medium in difficulty... They were kind and helpful. I enjoyed walking through the terraced fields. It was beautiful. The gorillas also were amazing and we had clearer viewing. I had a few quiet minutes to sit and watch a female grooming the silverback. The gentleness brought tears to my eyes. Then after moving to get pictures of a female about 3.5 years old, she started walking past us. Before I could move aside, she tapped me with her hand and then put one of her back feet up on my leg. It was so unexpected and gentle...

This was one of my best trips ever!! From the time I got to The Boma, there was one highlight after another. My fellow travelers were amazing and I loved the small group aspect of the trip. Each person I came in contact with felt like a new friend...I am anticipating more trips to Africa and I can't wait to work together again to make that happen.**Jennifer Steck**