

7-DAY EXTENSION CHIMP AND GORILLA SAFARI TO UGANDA

Kibale and Bwindi Impenetrable Forests

FEATURES OF YOUR SAFARI

Program highlights:

- ❑ Uganda, "The Pearl of Africa", is situated astride the Equator and boasts a wide and diverse landscape - from rugged, snow-capped mountains to the vast flat lands.
- ❑ This is a country that is still unspoiled by tourism and where you explore the forested areas for chimpanzees and mountain gorillas.
- ❑ Your adventure includes 2 chimp treks in Kibale and 2 gorilla treks in Bwindi.

7-Day Extension Chimp and Gorilla Safari to Uganda



Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Arrive Entebbe	Protea Hotel Entebbe
02	Drive to Kibale	Ndali Lodge or Kyaninga Lodge
03	2 Chimp Treks - Kibale	Ndali Lodge or Kyaninga Lodge
04	Drive to Queen Elizabeth N.P Continue to Bwindi	Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Lodge or Gorilla Forest Camp
05	1 st Gorilla Trek – Bwindi	Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Lodge or Gorilla Forest Camp
06	2 nd Gorilla Trek – Bwindi	Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Lodge or Gorilla Forest Camp
07	Fly Bwindi – Entebbe	Dayroom: Protea Hotel Entebbe

GORILLA TREKKING IN UGANDA

- There are approximately 900 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.
- 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.

Based on the Buhoma/Ruhijha side of Bwindi there are 7 families:

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

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

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

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

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. 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. Once you find them you will have an hour of viewing.

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.

Their great size, extraordinary strength and the fact that they live in mysterious forests of luxuriant vegetation, have contributed to the mystique. This primate is of impressive dimensions; some silverback males attain over six feet in height and weigh more than 440 pounds. The head is massive and the huge jaws are equipped with powerful teeth.

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.

Your Guides in Uganda: 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”.

Your guides may include may include: Hamid Matovu, Robert Matovu, Michael Kagaba and Sam Kagoda,



2020 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

Based on Buhoma Lodge	Jan-Mar / Jun-Oct / Dec	Apr-May / Nov
2 people traveling	\$5,795.00	\$5,575.00
3 people traveling	\$5,350.00	\$5,150.00
4 people traveling	\$5,150.00	\$4,895.00
5-6 people traveling	\$4,950.00	\$4,695.00
Single Supplement	\$650.00	\$775.00
<i>Optional Upgrades ~</i>		
Bwindi Lodge	+ \$795.00	+ \$695.00
Gorilla Forest Camp	+ \$1650.00	+ \$775.00

** Pricing is quoted per person sharing a room*

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: (subject to change until ticketed)

Please note take a moment to contact our "in house" air department for pricing options!

INTER-AFRICA

Nairobi/Entebbe	from \$ 210.00 per person
Kilimanjaro/Entebbe (Sat)	from \$ 195.00 per person
Johannesburg/Entebbe	from \$ 415.00 per person

LAND COSTS INCLUDE:

- All accommodations
- All meals and game activities (Full Board) on safari
- Airport, road and charter flight transfers where stated
- Park fees and guiding fees
- Flying doctor service
- Laundry at Ndali Lodge
- Unlimited bottled water in safari vehicle
- Scheduled charter flight Bwindi/Entebbe
- 2 chimpanzee permits
- 2 gorilla permits

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to staff and driver/guides
- Other drinks
- Other laundry
- Airport departure taxes
- Uganda visa
- International scheduled airfares to/from Entebbe
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Park fee increase

Notes:

- 1) On Day 02, you can fly from Entebbe to Kasese where your guide will meet you and then continue 1.5 hours to Kibale. This eliminates a 5+ hour road transfer. Please request pricing.
- 2) On Day 03 you can choose to spend the day with a chimpanzee researcher and enter the forest in search of chimpanzees. The day will be spent with the researcher learning about their chimpanzee habituation program. To substitute the full-day Chimp Experience in Kibale Forest into the program is \$295.00 per person and is dependent on availability. The chance of seeing the chimps is 96%.
- 3) On Day 04 there is an option to fly from Queen Elizabeth to Bwindi where your guide will meet up with you. Please request pricing.
- 4) Single supplement is based on a minimum of two people traveling.

Trip Report:

Uganda. It was fabulous! Africa Adventure Company was awesome all the way! I was so impressed how you handled all the arrangements and requests to make sure we had a fabulous time. Volcanos Safari--they were awesome. It's a great company that you work with. John, our guide for the week, was so nice and very knowledgeable. We ended up having 5 total people in our group, which worked out wonderfully, and they were all beautiful people. John knew exactly where to take us to see the wildlife and would drive around until we saw what he was looking for. We only saw one tree climbing lion, but John was adamant that he would find one for us and he did.

The accommodations were very nice and the staff at each location fabulous. The food was delicious and all places we stayed could accommodate all dietary restrictions and requests. The country of Uganda is beautiful as well.

The chimp trekking was amazing, the game drives and boat ride down the channel breathtaking. Of course, the highlight was the gorillas! It was an emotional experience seeing these massive creatures in their natural habitat. Well worth it. I had a wonderful experience. Amazing and so glad I did this. They were not bothered by us in the least bit!

Thanks for being such a pleasure to work with Ian. Your company is fantastic and I couldn't have asked for anything better. You more than exceeded my expectations!! I definitely want to go on another trip with Africa Adventure Company in the future. Thank you again for an utterly amazing experience!!

Judy Smith

