

GROUP ADVENTURES

Gorillas & Chimps Safari 5D/4N

Safari

5 Days / 1 Country

Uganda

Departure city: **Kampala, Uganda**

End city: **Kampala, Uganda**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Track rare Gorillas at Bwindi Impenetrable N.P.
- Sleep to the sounds of the wild tropical rainforest
- Travel through the "Switzerland of Africa"
- Go trekking to see chimpanzees, birds and butterflies

Visit Uganda on a quest to meet the famous Mountain Gorillas. Not only will our expert guides take you to see these endangered creatures from close-up, but they will also take you to see Chimpanzees and other unique primates! Get ready for an unforgettable experience!

MAP



What is included

Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

Accommodation: 4

- Camping & Hotel Accommodation - 2 Nights in Kisoro
- - 2 Nights in Kibale Forest

Transport: 1

- All transfers as per itinerary

Meals: 4

- 4 Breakfast(s),

Guides:

- English speaking guide/driver throughout the trip

What is not included

- *Airfare
- *Airport Departure Tax
- *Tips and Gratitude
- *Food & Drinks (other than water)
- *Personal Expenses
- *Medical & Travel Insurance
- *Porters
- *Accommodation in Entebbe / Kampala available to book

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Gorilla tracking in Bwindi can be challenging, and travellers need to be in shape.

What to Bring:

- Walking shoes suitable for steep muddy slopes and carry a rain jacket because the park is often wet.
- Rain gear, sunscreen lotion, a hat (as the weather is unpredictable) and insect repellent.
- Extra spending money for personal expenses during your trip: snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and souvenirs. As a general guideline we recommend budgeting US\$10-15 per day.

Gorilla Trek Rules:

For conservation reasons, visits to the gorillas are tightly controlled. The following rules apply and must be strictly adhered to.

- No one with a communicable disease (e.g. flu, diarrhea) is allowed to enter the park.
- Stay together in a tight group while with the gorillas, don't surround them.
- Don't get closer than 7 metres (21 feet) to the gorillas.
- Don't eat or smoke when with the gorillas or within a distance of 200 metres from the gorillas.
- Turn away from the gorillas and cover your nose & mouth if you have to sneeze or cough.
- Don't leave litter. All litter must be carried out of the park and disposed off properly.
- No person under 15 years is allowed to track gorillas.
- Don't spit on vegetation or soil when in the park; use your hankie or other garment.

Itinerary

Day 1: Kampala- Kibale Forest, Uganda

Transfer to Kibale Forest

Early in the morning, you get picked up from your guesthouse or hotel and leave for Kibale Forest. You will get there in the afternoon. Tonight, experience sleeping to the sounds of the tropical rainforest.

(Driving time: ± 6,5 hours)

Day 2: Kibale Forest, Uganda

Chimp walk and Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary visit (B)

At 8.00am we start off with a 4-hour chimp walk, during which you may also get to see 10 other primates! Kibale park is well-known for all the butterflies and birds that live there as well. In the afternoon, we will walk through Bigodi Swamp which is home to a community based project. Sometimes we stay at Chimpanzee Guesthouse instead, which overlooks Nyabikere Crater Lake. The lake is famous for its frogs who give beautiful concerts at night.

Day 3: Kibale Forest - Kisoro, Uganda

Travel to Kisoro, crossing the "Switzerland of Africa" (B)

Early in the morning we leave for Kisoro. We will cross Kazinga Channel, travelling through Queen Elizabeth Park, and reach Kabale in time for lunch. From Kabale, we continue on through a beautiful landscape nicknamed the "Switzerland of Africa", passing mountains, lakes, hills with cultivated terraces, tropical rainforest and bamboo forest. On the last hill the landscape unfolds beneath us, offering great views of the vast planes between Uganda, Rwanda and Congo, and of the Virunga volcanoes dominating the landscape. We will descend into the valley and stay overnight at the famous Travellers Rest Hotel near Kisoro.

In the sixties the famous American 'gorilla-woman' Dian Fossey visited the Travellers Rest Hotel many, many times to do paperwork, relax or meet people. Fossey said about the hotel: "It was my second home". Travellers Rest Hotel is just outside of Kisoro and offers a cozy stay for tourists coming to see the endangered mountain gorilla. The hotel, built in a somewhat colonial style, and entirely renovated in 1999, has a comfortable atmosphere.

(Driving time: ± 8 hours)

Day 4: Kisoro - Nkuringo, Uganda

Gorilla tracking adventure at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (B)

Today is 'gorilla tracking' day! Rise up early and feel the excitement as you get ready for this unforgettable experience! You will travel about 1 hour by car from the Travellers Rest Hotel in Kisoro up to Nkuringo, in the southern part of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP. Once there, you will receive a briefing and start tracking around 8.30am. Once you have found the gorillas, you will be able to spend up to one hour with them! You are expected to be back at the starting point by 7.00pm at the latest. Being physically fit is recommended.

Day 5: Kisoro - Kampala, Uganda

Make a stop at the Equator to take photos before heading back to Kampala (B)

Early in the morning after breakfast, you will travel back to Kampala. On the way back to the city you will have lunch in Mbarara town, and after passing Masaka town, there will be an opportunity to stop at the Equator for photos and buying souvenirs.

(Driving time: ± 9 hours)

