



GORILLAS AND CHIMPANZEES OF UGANDA

Featuring - Bwindi National Park, Entebbe, Kampala, Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth National Park

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
10 Nights / 12 Days	10 People	JFK	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$7,702.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$1,999.00

OVERVIEW

Embark on an 11-day guided wildlife expedition where you'll venture into Kibale Forest to track chimpanzees and other primates, seek out the elusive tree-climbing lions of Queen Elizabeth National Park, and experience the enchantment of spending an hour with mountain gorillas in Bwindi. Immerse yourself in the warmth and hospitality of the Ugandan people along the way.

DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 10 Night's accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily Breakfast, 10 lunches and 9 Dinners
- ◆ 4WD transportation
- ◆ Chimpanzee tracking in Kibale
- ◆ Game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- ◆ Mountain Gorilla tracking in Bwindi
- ◆ Transportation in 4x4 vehicle
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver & guide
- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ One Chimpanzee permit and one gorilla permit
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals
- ◆ All other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fee
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ COVID-19 testing RT-PCR Fee
- ◆ Local city taxes if applicable to be paid directly at hotels upon check out
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart USA/CANADA [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Uganda to start your Gorillas and Chimpanzees wildlife journey.

DAY 2 Entebbe Arrival [-/-/-]

Welcome to Entebbe; a metropolis situated along the northern shores of Lake Victoria, the continent's largest lake.

Upon arrival in Entebbe, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).

Check in at the hotel and catch up on your rest.

Overnight in Entebbe

DAY 3 Entebbe - Kibale [B/L/D]

In the morning, enjoy breakfast followed by a briefing from your guide before departing Entebbe. The duration of the drive depends largely on traffic conditions in Kampala but is estimated to be around seven hours.

Upon reaching our destination, unwind at our lakeside lodge. Kibale Forest National Park boasts a rich diversity of primates, including nine diurnal species such as vervet, red-tailed, L'Hoest's, red colobus, black-and-white colobus, and blue monkeys. Additionally, grey-cheeked mangabey, olive baboons, and the renowned chimpanzees call this park home. While sightings of chimpanzees cannot be guaranteed, the chances of encountering them are quite high.

Overnight in Kibale.

DAY 4 Kibale - Bigodi wetlands - Kibale [B/L/D]

Today, our adventure takes us to the Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary nestled within the Magombe wetland. This sanctuary, managed by the Kibale Association for Rural and Environmental Development (KAFRED), stands as a prominent tourist destination in the Kibale Forest

region. We'll also embark on a forest expedition in search of primates. As we wander through the vibrant greenery of the forest, accompanied by the melodious tunes of birds, we anticipate encountering at least five or six primate species, including grey-cheeked mangabeys, red-tailed monkeys, and, of course, chimpanzees. The trekking path is relatively easy to navigate, with well-maintained trails and mostly flat terrain. Please note that the sequence of these activities may vary.

Overnight in Kibale

DAY 5 Kibale - Queen Elizabeth National Park [B/L/D]

You have the option of embarking on a second chimpanzee trek this morning to enhance the chances of sighting them (as permits are limited, we recommend prebooking the second trek). In the afternoon, we'll journey to Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP). Our route takes us south, along the eastern flank of the Rwenzori Mountains, offering views of the glaciated peaks, weather permitting. Descending gently into the Great Rift Valley and QENP, we'll be greeted by its fertile, equatorial landscapes and stunning scenery. Covering a vast area of 764sqmi (1,978sqkm), this park is Uganda's most popular and accessible savannah reserve. While renowned for its grassy plains, it also features lush rainforests, dense papyrus swamps, and natural volcanic crater lakes, resulting in exceptional biodiversity. QENP boasts an impressive array of wildlife, with 95 mammal species and over 610 bird species recorded, making it one of the world's most biodiverse reserves.

Overnight in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

DAY 6 Queen Elizabeth National Park [B/L/D]

In the morning, we embark on a game drive through Queen Elizabeth National Park, seeking out a variety of wildlife such as elephants, lions, buffalo, leopards, hyenas, jackals, topis, kobs, and bush bucks. Later in the day, we enjoy a boat excursion lasting approximately two hours along the Kazinga Channel. Here, we'll witness one of the world's largest

gatherings of hippos, estimated at around 30,000, and have the opportunity for excellent birdwatching while observing other animals.

Overnight in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

DAY 7 Queen Elizabeth National Park - Buhoma [B/L/D]

Today, our journey takes us through the park to the Ishasha region, where we embark on a game drive in quest of tree-climbing lions and other wildlife. Later in the day, we make our way to Bwindi Impenetrable National Forest, a designated World Heritage site, passing through the picturesque region often referred to as the Switzerland of East Africa. The drive today is approximately 5 hours and 30 minutes, excluding game drives.

Overnight in Buhoma.

DAY 8 Buhoma (Mountain Gorilla Tracking) [B/L/D]

For many, encountering a wild mountain gorilla is an incredibly moving wildlife experience. Tracking these gentle giants can vary in duration, ranging from less than an hour to over six, depending on the location of the family. Since the number of permits issued daily is limited, we strongly advise booking in advance. In the event that permits for gorilla families near our accommodation are unavailable, there are additional permits available for another area of the park, albeit requiring a lengthy drive to the trek start point. The trek itself may involve traversing steep, slippery trails and dense vegetation, so it's important to be in reasonably good physical condition. However, the opportunity to spend an hour with our close relatives more than compensates for the effort required to reach them.

Overnight in Buhoma.

DAY 9 Buhoma (Optional Mountain Gorilla Second Tracking) [B/L/D]

Today offers leisure time, with the option of securing a second gorilla permit, although it's advisable to arrange this at the time of booking due to permit limitations. For those opting out of a second gorilla trek, alternative nearby walks are available, or you can simply unwind at our lodge, reflecting on the previous

day's memorable encounters. Depending on permit availability, on certain departures, we may need to swap the free day (with the optional second gorilla trek) to Day 6 and the included gorilla trek to Day 7, or possibly divide the group for gorilla treks across both days.

Overnight in Buhoma.

DAY 10 Buhoma - Lake Mburo [B/L/D]

As we depart from the forests, our next destination is Lake Mburo National Park. Along the way, we pause for lunch in Kabale near the Rwandan border. The journey is estimated to take around five hours, excluding any stops. Lake Mburo stands out as the sole location in southern Uganda where you can spot zebras, giraffes, and impalas, with excellent opportunities to glimpse leopards. Boasting a diverse avian population of over 300 species, the park also offers the chance to partake in game walks and drives.

Overnight in Lake Mburo.

DAY 11 Lake Mburo [B/L/D]

Today, we embark on our final game drive, seeking out plains wildlife within the park. The eastern part of the park features a network of game tracks that traverse diverse landscapes, including acacia woodland, wetlands, grassy hillsides, rocky outcrops, and seasonally flooded valley floors. The prime times for wildlife spotting are the early morning and late afternoon. Additionally, there's the option to explore the savannah on foot with a ranger guide or enjoy a boat excursion, ideal for birdwatching. Another option is an early morning game walk, led by a ranger to a salt lick where various animals gather. During this time, you might encounter hyenas returning to their dens or hippos heading back to the lake. The lake itself teems with a variety of wildlife and flora, offering clear views during boat trips. Look out for crocodiles, hippos, and numerous bird species including pelicans, black cranes, herons, cormorants, and fish eagles. If you're fortunate, you may even catch sight of the elusive shoebill stork.

Overnight in Lake Mburo.

DAY 12 Lake Mburo - Entebbe Airport [B/L/-]

Today marks our final day as we journey back to Entebbe and the shores of Lake Victoria. The duration of our drive will be influenced by traffic conditions in Kampala, with scheduled stops along the way to ease the journey. En route to Entebbe, we make a stop at Mabamba Swamp (Mabamba Bay Wetland System), located approximately 25 miles (40 kilometers) from Entebbe. This swamp, reputed to harbor over 190,000

birds, offers an exceptional opportunity to observe the globally threatened shoebill stork and the papyrus yellow warbler.

We anticipate arriving in Entebbe by early evening. If time permits, your guide may suggest dining options (at your own expense) before escorting you to the airport.

Payment Policy & Insurance

Deposit: US\$ 300 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]

50% Deposit: 140 Days prior departure

Full Balance: 90 Days prior to departure

(Once the deposit is paid, the travelers can then pay any amount on any date. Travelers to ensure that the payment deadlines are met as above)

Insurance Policy

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Cancellation Policy

- ◆ From the date of booking to 145 days before departure: \$300 per person Non-Refundable / Non-transferrable Deposit + interruption insurance cost (if purchased)
- ◆ 144-120 days before departure: 50% of the cost per person
- ◆ 119- 60 days before departure: 80% of the cost per person
- ◆ 59 days or fewer before departure: **No refund is available.**

Note:

A person becoming single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

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