



BUHOMA LODGE

UGANDA

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST, UGANDA



Welcome to Buhoma Lodge

Nestled at the gateway to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges set within the national park, and is the perfect lodge of choice when embarking on your bucket-list Gorilla trekking adventure. Renowned for our warm welcome and attentive service, guests love the homely ambience of this Africa inspired lodge.

Constructed using sustainable materials, the elevated central lounge, bar and dining area (serving delicious multi-course meals) offers a cosy spot for guests to unwind, and offers amazing uninterrupted views over the forest. The crackling fireplace adds a mystical atmosphere to cooler evenings.

Tranquil and cosy, the ten spacious eco friendly wooden chalets offer a private escape. Fall asleep to the sounds of the forest and awaken to chattering birds and monkeys as day breaks. Enjoy morning tea/coffee on your private verandah with sweeping views over the primal forest - what better way to start the day.

With Buhoma set just steps away from the trek start point, gorillas have been spotted popping in for an occasional visit, while our resident L'Hoest's monkey troupe visit the gardens in front of the lodge almost daily, much to the delight of our guests.



About the area

You've arrived in one of Uganda's most remote and beautiful forested regions. Bwindi is one of the top 10 birding sites in Africa with over 350 recorded species, including 23 endemics. Over 200 spectacular butterfly species, as well as L'Hoest's monkey, black and white colobus, red-tailed monkeys, giant forest hog and the rare African golden cat.

Activities aside from Gorilla trekking include:

Community Interactions including a visit to the award-winning **Bwindi Community Hospital** whose mission it is to provide healthcare to everyone in the local communities. With 120 beds, and servicing a population of over 100,000, including outreach teams to reach those further afield, it's hard not to be inspired by this selfless story.

Batwa cultural experience at the Batwa Empowerment Village (BEV) offers a glimpse into the former livelihood of the Batwa people who lived in the forest as hunter/gatherers before Bwindi Impenetrable Forest was awarded World Heritage Site status in 1994.

Buhoma Community Walking Tour: This tour is conducted to suit your interests, allowing visitors to learn about village life; crops that are grown and harvested; how the local banana gin - waragi - is brewed; where the children attend school; and an educational encounter with the medicinal man, who shares his knowledge of working with herbs and potions.

Ride 4 a Woman: This womens' empowerment programme was started as a bicycle rental project run by local women, and has expanded to include basket weaving, sewing projects and lessons in traditional cooking for visitors.

Forest walks: Various walks can be enjoyed, including a shorter route to view the waterfalls on the Munyaga river, or a more challenging hike across the forest from Bwindi to Nkuringo in the southern sector.





At a glance

- » located just inside the entrance to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
- » cosy dining, lounge and bar area with elevated views over forest
- » 10 beautifully fitted eco-friendly spacious chalets with private balconies and forest views
- » one family/honeymoon suite chalet
- » ensuite bathrooms featuring hot showers and flush toilets (some with bathtubs as well as showers)
- » complimentary wifi
- » individual safes and charging facilities in rooms
- » activities include gorilla tracking, forest walks, birding and cultural interaction



Your gorilla trekking experience

The ancient forests of Bwindi and the Virunga Massif are home to an estimated 400 mountain gorillas. Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are over 98%. Once within sight, visitors are allowed an hour with the gorillas. Our complimentary massage following your gorilla trek is a welcome treat! Overnighting in Bwindi is required the night before trekking due to your early morning start. Trekking can sometimes take a full day so at least a second night's stay is required. Ideally we suggest a 2 to 3 nights stay to enjoy this region and please remember it is essential to pre-book gorilla permits.



When to go

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest may be visited throughout the year. High season runs from June to September and December to February. These periods have drier weather, meaning the forest trails are less slippery.

Getting there

- » Daily scheduled flights from Entebbe to Kihiki airstrip, the closest airstrip to Buhoma, (90 mins from Buhoma)
- » 2 to 3 hour drive from Queen Elizabeth National Park
- » 6 to 7 hour drive from Lake Mburo National Park
- » 10 to 11 hour drive from Entebbe
- » Fly-in safaris offer quick, easy access and are ideal for those who are short on time

Full safari packages with permits, transport and guiding can also be arranged.

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"The perfect complement to our experience of a lifetime"

"This lodge exceeded my expectations in every way"

"A remarkable lodge in the most amazing part of the planet"



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