

## Additional Costs:

### Gorilla Trekking and Permit Details

- To track the Gorillas you need a permit that has to be booked at Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) Head Quarters in Kampala.
- It's advisable to book 6 months in advance to be sure the requested dates are available.
- Only 8 persons only can visit a given gorilla family per day.
- In Uganda, 12 families have been adapted in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, and so can host 96 persons tracking the mountain gorillas on any day.
- There is a **\$615** per person cost for a permit and a porter for the Gorilla Trek at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park
- Because the permits are limited, are in demand and sell out quickly:
  - A non-refundable, booking deposit of \$180 must be paid (**at the time booking confirmation**). **The local tour operator will check for Gorilla Permit availability before you send your deposit payment.**
  - The balance must be paid separately and in full at least 30 days before the beginning of the tour
  - Our Ugandan collaborator will make the unique arrangement with the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park Authorities and secure the permits.
  - Once paid and the permit issued, the cost of the permit is **not refundable** by the **Uganda Wildlife Authority**.
- Knowing the above make you decision wisely - Gorilla Tracking can be actually challenging, but equally a very rewarding experience. This trek is not for those not in the peak of physical condition - please read about the trek before making your decision: [www.bwindinationalpark.com/gorilla-trekking/](http://www.bwindinationalpark.com/gorilla-trekking/) / <http://www.bic-tours.com/gorilla-trekking/>
- **IMPORTANT:**
  - The Safari operators will try as much as possible to ask to visit the "nearest" Gorilla family the days around your gorilla trek.
  - BUT participants still need to know that the Gorilla trek is a potentially tough trekking experience. Each day is different.
  - Porters will be hired to help you and carry gear to decrease the difficulty at a minimum fee of **\$15 per porter**.
  - It is recommended to bring walking sticks to aid in the trek. **Local walking sticks will be provided for free.**
  - There is **an option** for those who would like to do the Gorilla Trek but are not sure they can handle the tough trek. It is possible to arrange for you to be transported on a comfortable carrier on poles to help track the Gorillas with ease at a cost of about \$300.

### Visa Required:

- You can obtain a Single Entry VISA through the e-visa system for \$50 - see <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>
- You can also obtain a visa on arrival at the Airport Immigration office by paying **\$50**

### Tipping Guidelines:

- **Drivers:** \$5 per day per person
- **Park Rangers/Guides:** \$10 per day per person
- **Ugandan Guide:** \$15 per day person
- **Gorilla Trek Guide Team:** \$15-20 per person