

Gorilla Express Scheduled Tour

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest –
Queen Elizabeth National Park
6 Days / 5 Nights

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Gorillas, gorillas and abundant game.....

This best seller is aimed at those who are a short on time, but keen to see some game as well as gorillas on their safari. You'll have ample time to trek endangered mountain gorillas twice, as well as enjoy abundant game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National park.

On this hosted FLY IN safari we include domestic flights to save those long journeys by vehicle. Luxury accommodation, friendly hosts, professional guides and custom made safari vehicles promise to make this the trip of a lifetime. Aside from incredible gorillas and game, Uganda boasts some of the top bird watching in Africa, with over 1000 different species including the remarkable grey crowned crane and a host of endemic forest birds.

| Start | Accommodation | Destination | Basis | Duration |
|-------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Day 1 | Hotel No.5 | Entebbe | Bed & breakfast | 1 Night |
| Day 2 | Buhoma Lodge | Bwindi Impenetrable Forest | Full board including local drinks | 3 Nights |
| Day 5 | Ishasha Wilderness Camp | Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park | Full board including local drinks | 1 Night |

Itinerary:

Day 1: Hotel No.5, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be met by a Wild Frontiers representative and transferred to Hotel No.5, or similar, for overnight.

Set on the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is a small town that is easy to explore on foot or local boda bodas (motorbike taxis). Explore the markets, hunt for souvenirs or crafts, meander through the Botanical Gardens or relax with a boat cruise on Lake Victoria. You'll find a wide variety of restaurants, bars and clubs where you can sample the local beer, catch a game of football and meet the friendly locals.

Overnight: Hotel No.5 [View iBrochure](#)

Nestled in the leafy suburbs of Entebbe, is the new and stylish boutique hotel, Hotel No.5. From the moment you arrive, you are warmly welcomed and cared for. With luxurious rooms opening onto the garden and swimming pool, this is a great option for guests looking for an intimate stay in a tranquil setting.

Make yourself at home – unwind beside the swimming pool, pamper yourself with a spa treatment, or work up a sweat in the hotel gym. For one of the most flavoursome dining experiences in Entebbe, carefully planned menus are paired to an international wine list, and served with pride.

Attention to detail and an attentive guest experience are synonymous with Hotel No. 5, making it the perfect choice for a restful stay in this busy town.



Day 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

This morning's flight on a light aircraft to Kihiki airstrip takes just over an hour. Transfer through local villages and along mountain roads to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a World Heritage site (a drive of +- 90 mins).

Considered the most diverse forest in Uganda, Bwindi is one of the richest ecosystems in East Africa and home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies and 160 species of trees. The park contains an estimated one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, making it an extremely valuable conservation site.

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 its 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.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge [View iBrochure](#)



Day 3: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Gorilla Tracking - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Few words can describe the thrill of today's lifetime experience! Coming face to face with mountain gorillas is a rare wildlife encounter that is exhilarating, humbling and enthralling. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the steep mountain slopes.

Please note that gorilla tracking is strenuous with treks ranging from 45 mins up to eight hours, at high altitudes in hot African conditions. The thrill of the hour you spend quietly observing these gentle giants once you find them is so worth the trek to get there! Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are over 95%.

On our scheduled departures, we typically buy permits for Buhoma & Ruhija, which are accessible from Buhoma area. One of the Buhoma families, and the Ruhija families, require a road transfer to the start point.

This does not deviate from the enjoyment of the trek (and could be considered as enhancing your trip as you are seeing a different part of the region). Your permit may be organised for day 3 or 4 of your safari - depending on availability at the time of purchase.

Head back to Buhoma Lodge for a complimentary massage after your trek, or explore the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge



Day 4: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Those with additional pre-purchased permits will depart for a second gorilla tracking experience. Guests not tracking have the day free to explore the Bwindi area – optional activities include forest walks, a visit to a local school/ orphanage/ hospital or Batwa pygmy village, and some local curio shopping.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 5: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park this morning and travel to Ishasha in the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park (a 2-3 hour drive), with a brief stop en route at a community project near Ishasha Village.

Located in the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, the park is home to a wide variety of wildlife including elephants, leopard, lions, hippos, buffalo, Uganda kob, baboon, and many species of birds. With both a riverine and savannah habitat, the southern Ishasha area includes the massive Maramagambo, one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda, and is home to the tree climbing lions typically found in the area. Afternoon game drives will be enjoyed in the Ishasha area, looking for the huge herds of buffalo, elephant, Uganda kob and of course the famous tree-climbing lion typically found in the area.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy the wilderness, coupled with superb accommodation and exceptional service.

The thatched central lounge and dining area provides a cosy and relaxed space for guests, although meals are often served 'al fresco' beside the river. In the evening, the outdoor fireplace beside the river is the perfect place for guests to relax over sundowners and share their day's experiences.

Each of the ten spacious framed canvas rooms, privately nestled along the riverbank, is comfortably furnished and feature en-suite bathrooms. Wake to the delicious aroma of morning coffee served on your private verandah.

Resident troops of Black-and-White Colobus and Vervet monkeys abound and if you are lucky you'll spot Henry, the lone hippo, wallowing lazily below our viewing deck. Game roams freely through camp, with Elephant making frequent guest appearances.

Designed to respect and complement the environment, this low impact, eco-sensitive camp is really something special, and after a few days unwinding here, you may well not want to leave. Highly recommended to book in advance are the bush sundowners and the bush breakfast, both unique experiences in beautiful settings.

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp

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Day 6: End of Itinerary

Transfer to Kihikihi airstrip for your return flight to Entebbe. (If you are departing Entebbe tonight please do not book a flight that departs before 19h00)

End of safari.

2021 Scheduled dates: 16 & 30 July/ 16 Aug/ 17 & 24 Sept/ 18 Nov

2022 Scheduled dates: 03 Jan/ 13 Feb/ 19 Mar/ 22 Apr/ 06 May/ 04 Jun/ 16 & 29 Jul/ 05 & 20 Aug/ 18 Sep/ 16 Oct/ 04 Nov/ 15 Dec

Package price:

LOW SEASON 2021: Nov

USD 2630 per person sharing
USD 330 single supplement

HIGH SEASON 2021: Jun-Oct & Dec

USD 2975 per person sharing
USD 435 single supplement

LOW SEASON 2022: Apr, May & Nov

USD 2840 per person sharing
USD 345 single supplement

HIGH SEASON 2022: Jan-Mar, Jun-Oct & Dec

USD 3245 per person sharing
USD 455 single supplement

Included:

- Meet & greet services
- Airport transfers throughout
- Safari in our specially adapted safari vehicles with English speaking local driver/guide
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 1 night accommodation at Hotel No.5 in Entebbe including breakfast
- Return domestic flights from Entebbe to Kihikihi on a scheduled flight in a light aircraft (15 kg luggage restriction)
- 3 nights accommodation at Buhoma Lodge in Bwindi on a full board basis
- Community visit en route from Bwindi to Ishasha
- 1 night luxury tented accommodation at Ishasha Wilderness Camp on a full board basis
- Game drives in Ishasha area of Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Full liability insurance cover and 24 hour emergency contact
- Full board at Buhoma and Ishasha includes breakfast, lunch/packed lunch, dinner and local drinks (should a different lodge be booked, drinks are not included)

Excluded:

- **Gorilla Permit of USD 400 per trek (for trekking to 30Jun21) or USD 700 per trek (as from 01Jul21)**
- **Additional permits at USD 470/ USD 770 per permit**
- All international flights and airport taxes
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Services/optional activities/meals not included above

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| Forest walk & park fees Bwindi | USD 70 |
| Community Visit – Bwindi | USD 30 |
| Batwa (Pygmies) Community Visit | USD 85 |

NOTE: COVID Testing requirements may mean a pre/ post night accommodation will need to be added to this safari. Please contact us for latest up-to-date details.

POPULAR TRIP EXTENSIONS:

MURCHISON FALLS: River Nile, game drives, chimpanzee trekking, fishing, bird-watching.

KIBALE: Chimpanzees and other primates, forest walks, crater lakes.

JINJA: Source of the Nile, adventure activities including white water rafting, quad biking.

ENTEBBE: City life and local craft shopping, boat cruises or fishing on Lake Victoria, Botanical Gardens, Uganda Wild Life Education Centre/ Ngamba Island.

We offer 6, 8 and 10 day small group, set departures as well as combination Uganda/Rwanda trips. We are also experts at designing your own tailor made trip to meet your exact personal interests.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Please contact us for updated Covid-19 regulations/ requirements to ensure you have the latest information

Yellow fever inoculation is compulsory & malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses. Should you opt to spend time participating in any UWEC Wildlife Integration programme, you may require additional inoculations and health clearances.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Most nationalities require a visa to enter Uganda. All visitors who require a visa should apply through the online application system prior to arrival at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>. Cost is USD 50, single entry. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after return date of travel, and have at least 3 blank pages in it. The newly established EAC Visa allows entry into Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya for one fee of USD100 – handy if you are visiting all three regions.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.



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