

# 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 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 troup 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 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 African golden cat are found here.

Activities aside from Gorilla trekking include:

Community Interactions including a visit to the award-winning **Bwindi Community Hospital**.

### Batwa cultural experience

Enjoy a day in the forest with your Batwa elders learning how their ancestors survived as hunter–gatherers, and how they dance, sing and socialise.

### Bwindi village walk

Embark on a 3 to 4 hour community walk through the village. Visit a traditional home, local orphanage or school, meet traditional medicine healers or learn all about banana brewing.

### Ride 4 a woman

This programme was started as a bicycle rental project run by local women, and has expanded to include basket weaving and sewing projects.

#### Forest walks

Various walks can be enjoyed, including a shorter route to waterfalls, or a more challenging hike across the forest from Bwindi to Nkuringo.





### Your gorilla trekking experience

These ancient forests 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 sighted, 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. As trekking can sometimes take a full day, a second nights accommodation is a must. Ideally 2 to 3 nights are suggested to enjoy this region. It is essential to pre-book permits.

# When to go

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest may be visited throughout the year. High season runs from June—Sep and Dec—Feb, it is drier then and the trails less slippery.

# Getting there

- » Daily scheduled flights from Entebbe to Kihihi 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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# 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, safes and charging stations in rooms
- » activities include gorilla tracking, forest walks, birding and cultural interaction







### **Guest Corner**

"The perfect complement to our experience of a lifetime"
"This loge exceeded my expectations in every way"
"A remarkable lodge in the most amazing part of the planet"





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