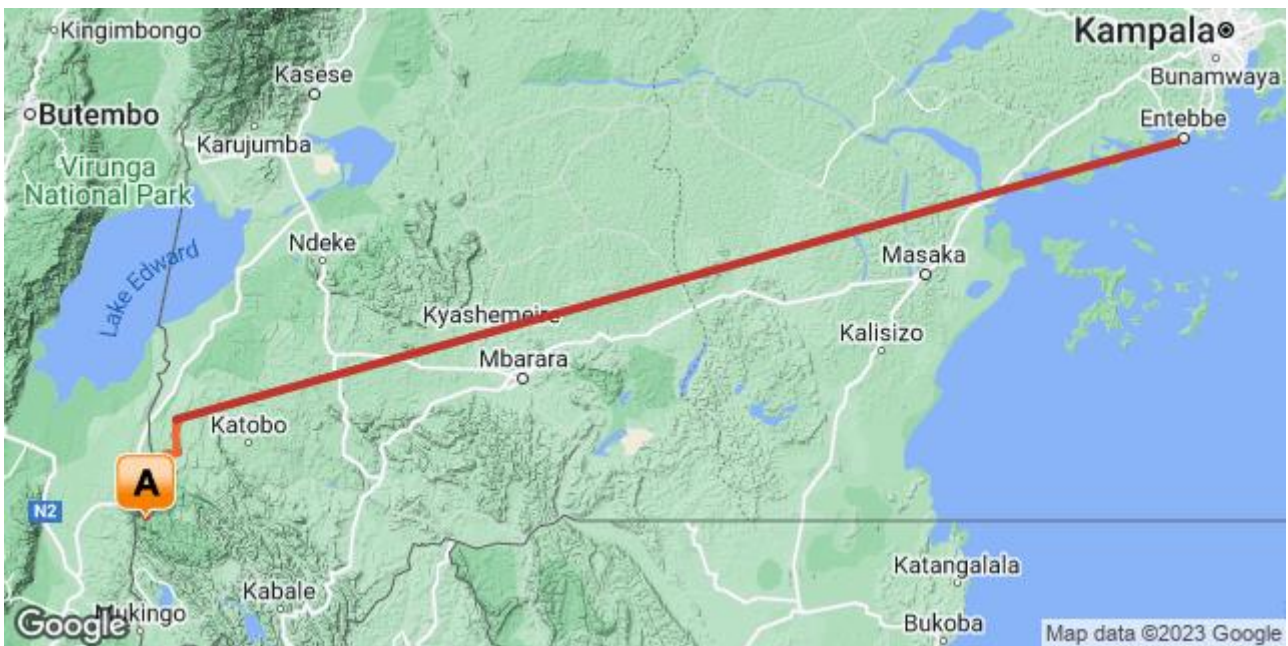


3 Day / 2 Night - Fly-in Gorilla Safari

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

3 Days / 2 Nights



Introduction

This 2 Night / 3 Day fly-in safari, is a fabulous safari – specially designed for those who are short of time, but want to see the rare and endangered Mountain Gorillas and meet the Batwa tribe.

This safari includes flights over the beautiful highlands of Uganda boasting incredible scenery. There is a drive from the airstrip via local villages to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, from where you will be able enjoy a thrilling visit with the Mountain Gorillas!

After two nights here, with plenty of time to explore this incredible part of the world, you drive back to Kihikihi airstrip and return to Entebbe.

Uganda boasts some of the best bird watching in Africa, with over 1000 different species, including the rare shoebill and the remarkable grey crowned crane. Luxury accommodation, professional guides and custom-made safari vehicles – this safari will be the trip of a lifetime.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	FB	1x Chalet	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Price

- On application

Included

- Scheduled lodge transfers in customised 4x4 vehicles with services of experienced English speaking driver/guide
- Accommodation and Full Board Meals at Buhoma Lodge
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge
- Drinking water in the vehicles
- Full liability insurance cover
- 24-hour emergency contact

Excluded

- Scheduled return domestic flights between Entebbe and Kihikihi Airstrip
- Gorilla permits - need to be pre-booked
- Premium Drinks at Buhoma Lodge
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses such as porters for gorilla tracking, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance

Day 1: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in southwestern Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley. Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rain forest, which dates back over 25,000 years and contains almost 400 species of plants. More famously, this "impenetrable forest" also protects an estimated 460 mountain gorillas - including several habituated families.

This biologically diverse region also provides shelter to a further 120 species of mammal, including several primate species such as baboons and chimpanzees, as well as elephants and antelopes. There are around 350 species of birds hosted in this forest, including 23 Albertine Rift endemics.

Day Itinerary

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport for your scheduled domestic flight to Kihiki Airstrip.

The flying time is just over an hour (depending on routing and aircraft used). Upon arrival you will be met by your Wild Frontiers guide and driven to Buhoma Lodge, located inside the national park boundaries at the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The drive takes approximately two hours and leads you through local villages and mountain roads – lovely scenery and very interesting en route!

Optional activities available, time permitting.

Overnight at Buhoma Lodge

Expert Tips

Internal Flights - luggage allowance - If you are travelling on an aircraft within Uganda, then the luggage restriction may be dependent on **combined client and luggage weights** and varies from plane to plane and routing but usually only up to 15kg per person in soft bags and this is strictly adhered to for safety reasons. When average client weights are used to determine payload 75kg per client is utilised which can affect overall allowances quite significantly so please advise us beforehand if you feel you may need additional allowances. Please check your weight allowances on confirmation of itinerary and aircraft before traveling to Uganda to avoid issues on the ground.

Overnight: 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 veranda with sweeping views over the primal forest– what better way to start the day.

With Buhoma 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.



Chalet

Our ten comfortable chalets have been designed with the forest in mind, by using eco-friendly materials and applying eco-friendly building standards. The chalets may have been built with consideration for the forest, but comfort hasn't been compromised on.

Inside the spacious chalets you will find large, comfortable beds and everything you need to make yourself at home. The well-appointed and roomy en-suite bathroom with flush toilet contains a rain shower with a copious supply of hot water and equipped with locally produced natural ranges of complementary bathroom amenities. Some chalets also offer a bath-tub for relaxation and enjoyment after the day's activities.



Activities

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Optional

Afternoon	Batwa Empowerment Village (BEV) Cultural Experience
	Bwindi Forest Walk

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Batwa Empowerment Village (BEV) Cultural Experience

Embark on an excursion to a Batwa village on the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. This amazing encounter will allow you the opportunity to meet Batwa elders and their families and learn about their daily lives. Through the assistance of a skilled interpreter/guide you will discover the unique traditions and practices the Batwa people including their deep attachment to the forest, the cuisine they enjoy, how they harvest their food, the style of their homes, and their burial rites. Visitors are even given the chance to learn how to light a fire with just a stick and how to shoot a target with traditional bow and arrows.

Bwindi Forest Walk

This can be undertaken with a Uganda Wildlife Authority guide to allow you to hike along the trails and enjoy the forest flora, fauna and wildlife such as monkeys at close proximity. A popular choice is the 3–4-hour hike to the waterfall.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Included

- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Excluded

- Domestic flight Entebbe - Kihikihi
- Premium drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Optional Activities:

- Batwa Cultural Experience
- Bwindi Forest Walk

Day 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Day Itinerary

Following an early breakfast at the lodge, travel to the Park Headquarters in Bwindi Forest to meet your guides for the day and begin your gorilla tracking experience. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the mountain slopes.

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%.

Overnight at Buhoma Lodge

Expert Tips

Wear long trousers and a long-sleeved shirt over the top of a t-shirt.

Strong, 'worn-in' hiking boots with long socks into which you tuck in your trousers or gators.

Day bag with waterproofs, 2-3 litres of water and your packed lunch.

No flash photography is allowed when photographing.

If time allows, we recommend to explore the local community on a guided afternoon walk. Optional activities include visits to a traditional home, local orphanage or school, banana brewing demonstrations and even meeting traditional medicinal healers. This three-to-four-hour walk is easily tailored to your individual schedule and interests.

Activities

Morning	Gorilla Trekking Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
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Optional

Afternoon	Buhoma Community Village Walk
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Gorilla Trekking Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Coming up close to endangered Mountain Gorillas in the forests of Uganda is a thrilling lifetime experience that surely ranks on most people's travel bucket list. Trekking at high altitude (should we say between 1400 – 1900metres) which is much lower than Rwanda.... through dense forests and up steep terrain can be challenging, especially in the African heat, but the hour you get to spend with these gentle giants is worth every step.

Only 8 guests may trek one gorilla family, at a time. One trek per day/per family.

Trekking - is managed fully by Uganda Wildlife Authority, with a head ranger, security personnel (who are armed as a precaution against wildlife etc) and trackers, with optional porters – who walk with the guests until a family is located. Once the gorillas are found, the rangers only take the guests closer to the gorillas – and your viewing time commences – which is one hour.

Porters – they are from the local communities, rotated for revenue sharing which goes directly to them. Recommended at least 1 per person trekking. Fees are usually additional to your tour, and paid directly.

Buhoma Community Village Walk

This walk provides guests with an opportunity to support the local community whilst enjoying visiting various interesting places as you follow a walking trail through the village. Highlights include the traditional healer, banana brewery and Primary school where you may interact with the younger generation children.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch
All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Included

- Packed Lunch
- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Excluded

- Gorilla Permit
- Porters for Gorilla Tracking
- Premium drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Optional activities:

- Buhoma Community Walk

Day 3: End of Itinerary**Day Itinerary**

After breakfast, depart Bwindi Forest and drive to Kihikihi Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Entebbe Airport.

End of services

Optional

Morning	Bwindi Forest Walk
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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge
- Breakfast at Buhoma Lodge

Excluded

- Domestic flight Kihiki - Entebbe
- Premium drinks at Buhoma Lodge
- Lunch and Dinner

Optional Activities:

- Half Day Forest Nature Walk

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Entebbe International Airport [EBB]		Kihiki Airstrip			
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Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Kihiki Airstrip	Buhoma Lodge		Scheduled Transfer
		Buhoma Lodge	Kihiki Airstrip		Scheduled Transfer

Urgent Contact Numbers

Company Name	Telephone	Email Address	Contact Person
Wild Frontiers Uganda	+256 772 721 479	info@wildfrontiers-uganda.com	

Service Provider Directory

Service Provider	Ref. Number	Telephone	Address
Buhoma Lodge		+256 41 4321479	Plot 76B Nakiwogo Road, Entebbe

Travel Information



Uganda, deservedly dubbed the Pearl of Africa, is located in the Great Lakes Region in central Africa and boasts an ecological diversity that rivals many larger countries. Here, Eastern Savannah meets West African jungle. Uganda really does offer visitors incredible diversity with its multitude of varying ecosystems. Bordered by the Rwenzori Mountains (often called the Mountains of the Moon, the 3rd highest in Africa), the Virunga Mountains, and Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, it's a beautiful country bursting with bird and wildlife.

In no other African destination can one see a comparable variety of primates with so little effort - not just the great apes but also more than ten monkey species. And, if Uganda will have primate enthusiasts grinning with satisfaction, it will have birdwatchers doing cartwheels. Uganda is, by far, the smallest of the four African countries in which more than 1,000 bird species have been recorded and it is particularly rich in western rainforest specialists - undoubtedly the finest bird watching in Africa.

For most, the highlight is found amongst the forests in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, where coming face to face with endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat is one of the most profound wildlife encounters you will ever experience. Discover tree-climbing lions around Ishasha in Queen Elizabeth National Park, trek chimps in Kibale Forest or Kyambura Gorge, or snatch massive Nile perch up north at Murchison Falls where the mighty Nile cascades through a gap just seven metres wide. Adrenaline junkies will find Jinja simply exhilarating; with its white-water rafting, kayaking, and bungee jumping activities. Jinja is rapidly emerging as East Africa's answer to the more southerly "adrenalin capital" Victoria Falls.

We invite you to explore Uganda, a diverse landscape with abundant wildlife, plenty to discover, and unique experiences. You'll struggle to find the words that do justice to when recounting your time in this jewel of a country.

Entry Requirements

Your passport must have a **minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months** from the date of entry into Uganda.

Please check visa requirements prior to travel with your booking agent or Wild Frontiers as requirements are regularly changed with little notice.

Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US\$55). **Visas cannot be obtained on arrival.** You must apply and pay for them online at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> **at least two weeks before your arrival.**

You are required to upload clear copies of your current passport, yellow fever certificate and a passport photo.

The online form will ask for your contact in Uganda: **Please use G&C Tours (U) Ltd +256 (0) 772 721 479**

Only Visa and Mastercard cards are accepted for visa payments. Once payment is made, the system will process your application and send you a barcoded email. Print out this email and bring it with you to Uganda. Upon arrival

you should present the barcoded email to the immigration officer, who will scan the barcode, take your finger prints and photo and place a visa in your passport.

Alternatively, the Ugandan High Commissions may issue visas, where such commissions are located.

The following nationalities do not require a visa to enter Uganda: all nationalities from East African countries (Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi), all nationalities from COMESA countries (Angola, Eritrea, Malawi, Madagascar, Seychelles, Swaziland, Zambia, Comoros, Kenya, Mauritius, Zimbabwe), and passport holders from OTHERS (Antigua, Barbados, Fiji, Grenada, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, The Grenadines, Vanuatu, Cyprus, Bahamas, Belize, Gambia, Jamaica, Malta, Singapore, St. Vincent-Tonga and Ireland).

East Africa Tourist Visa

If you are planning an East Africa trip to include Uganda, Rwanda and/or Kenya, it may be better value to apply for a multiple entry visa – valid for 90 days for tourists only. Cost is USD100 per visa. For more information go to: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/apply> if you are entering Uganda first, or alternatively the Government visa site for the East Africa country you will be first entering.

Banking and Currency

US Dollars cash is widely accepted and, in most cases, preferred as the currency that travellers should use to EXCHANGE into UGX on arrival for spending money on the road e.g. for drinks, curios, tips. **Please note that USD bills older than 2009 are not accepted. Ensure your USD bills are 2009 or younger.** Small USD bills are difficult to change – use Uganda shillings for small tips.

Credit Cards: **Credit Cards:** Can be used at some lodges and hotels, but a transaction fee may be charged which can be up to 5%. Ask first.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Flights: Note that baggage allowance on all domestic flights is max 15 kgs in soft bags

Health and Medical Information

Documentary proof of **double vaccination or negative PCR Test is required for entry and exit.** Please check with us directly for the latest Covid updates as they change from time to time.

Travellers require a **Yellow Fever** inoculation more than 10 days prior to your departure. The certificate will be checked on arrival in Uganda. If you have a history of liver disorders (hepatitis etc.) consult your physician first.

Tetanus and Cholera inoculations are recommended but not compulsory.

Hepatitis inoculation is at the discretion of the traveller.

Malaria prophylactics are a must and can be purchased from your local pharmacy. Please consult your pharmacist/doctor.

Diarrhoea / Giardia - Bottled water is readily available throughout Uganda, however, it's advisable to bring medicine just in case.

This is a guide only. Please check with your doctor or travel clinic for the latest information.
