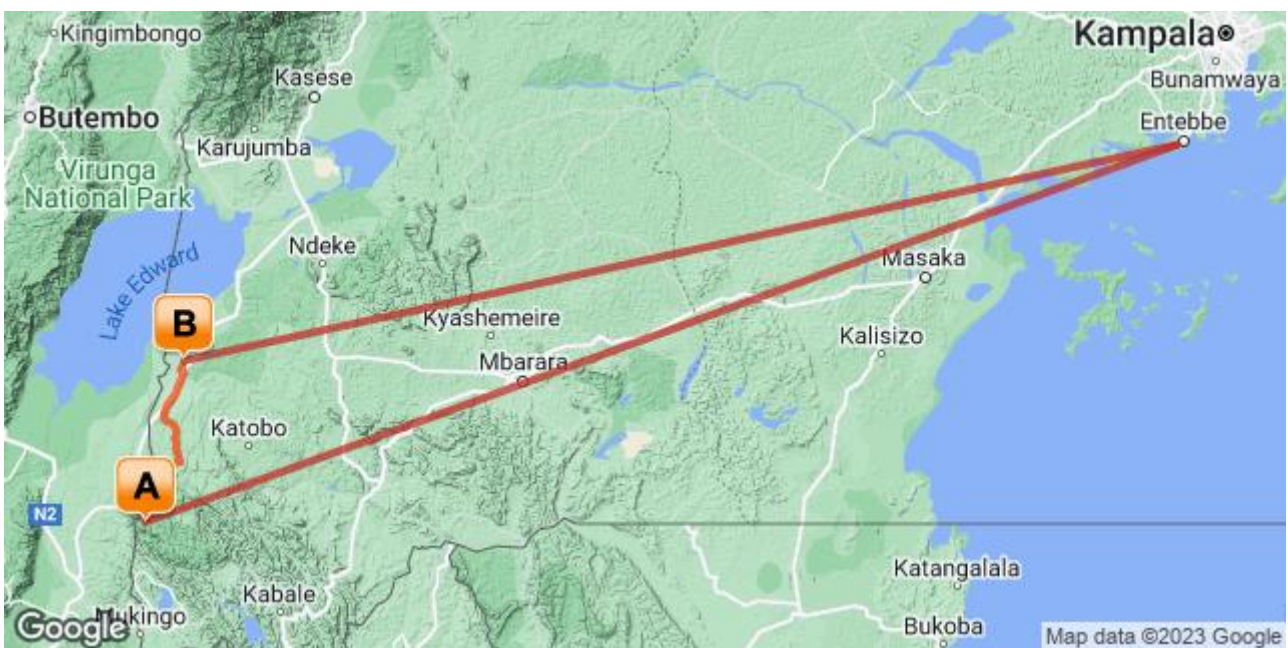


4 Day / 3 Night Gorilla and Game Safari

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park - Africa
4 Days / 3 Nights



Introduction

This 3 night /4 day fly-in safari, is a fabulous safari – specifically designed for those who want to see the rare and endangered Mountain Gorillas and are keen to see some game and wildlife too, but have a short time available.

This safari includes flights over the beautiful highlands of Uganda boasting incredible scenery. Beginning with two nights in the Buhoma sector of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest for a thrilling visit with the Mountain Gorillas and then driving through local villages to the Ishasha the southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park allowing for multiple game drives and a chance to spot tree climbing lions.

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 can be a trip of a lifetime.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	FB	2 Nights
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	FB	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

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

Price

- On application

Included

- Scheduled return domestic flights between Entebbe and Kihikihi Airstrip
- Scheduled lodge transfers in customised 4x4 vehicles with services of experienced English speaking driver/guide
- All National Park entrance fees
- Accommodation and Full Board Meals
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge and Ishasha Wilderness Camp
- Drinking water in the vehicles
- Full liability insurance cover
- 24-hour emergency contact

Excluded

- Scheduled return domestic flights between Entebbe and Kihikihi Airstrip
- Gorilla permit - needs to be prebooked
- Premium Drinks at Buhoma Lodge & Ishasha Wilderness Camp
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses such as porters, 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 rainforests, 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).

Meet your Wild Frontiers guide and transfer to Buhoma Lodge on the perimeter of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, home of the Mountain Gorilla, approximately 90minutes driving time through rural villages along maram roads.

Bwindi National Park, located in south western Uganda on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, is considered the most diverse forest in Uganda. The area, one of the few large expanses of forest in East Africa, where lowland and montane habitats meet, contains a dense ground cover of herbs, vines, and shrubs. Home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies, and 160 species of trees, Bwindi is one of the richest ecosystems in East Africa. The park contains almost one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, making it an extremely valuable conservation site. Bwindi is also home to several endangered bird species with very limited ranges, and acts as an important catchment area for many rivers, supplying water for agriculture in the surrounding region.

Optional activities available, time permitting.

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.



Activities

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Optional

Afternoon	Batwa Empowerment Village (BEV) Cultural Experience - Buhoma
	Bwindi Community Village Walk

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 Community Village Walk

Bwindi Village Visit is a 3 - 4-hour community walk through the local villages surrounding Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Optional activities include visits to a traditional home, local orphanage or school, banana brewing demonstrations and even meeting traditional medicinal healers.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Included

- Transfer from Kihiki Airstrip to Buhoma Lodge
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Excluded

- Premium drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Optional Activities:

- Batwa Experience
- Village Visit

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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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.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Included

- Packed Lunch
- Transfer to Buhoma Gorilla Trekking Starting point
- House drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Excluded

- Gorilla Permit
- Porters for gorilla tracking
- Premium drinks at Buhoma Lodge

Day 3: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park**Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Surrounded by other wonderful parks in the western region of Uganda, the Queen Elizabeth National Park is known for its rich biodiversity, wildlife and history. In the southern part of the park, the remote Ishasha sector is home to tree-climbing lions who spend long lazy days dozing in the pretty fig trees. The Uganda Kob, which they watch from the branches, graze the plains, enjoy game watching - make sure to look out for elephants, topi, and perennial and migratory bird species.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast transfer to Ishasha Wilderness Camp in Ishasha the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park approximately 1-2 hours' drive away.

Time permitting, during the drive there is an optional activity to visit a Community Project – Agatha’s Taste of Uganda Tour - on the border of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Here the local people allow you to enjoy some time in their homesteads, as well as see some of the crops and curios they produce, how they prepare their food while sharing stories about the Bakiga people and lifestyle.

Enjoy an afternoon game drive 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.

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp

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 veranda.

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.



Activities

Ishasha Game Drives

Optional

Wild Frontiers Ishasha Community Visit – Agatha’s Taste of Uganda Tour

Ishasha Wilderness Camp Sundowner Drinks

Ishasha Game Drives

Enjoy exploring this savannah wilderness in your safari vehicle, looking for the huge herds of buffalo, elephant, Uganda Kob and of course, the famous tree-climbing lions. Seeing these mighty predators fast asleep up a fig tree, with their bellies hanging over the branches is a truly magnificent sight!

Wild Frontiers Ishasha Community Visit

Agartha's Taste of Uganda tour is a community project near Ishasha Village. Agartha is a craftswoman, tailor and organic subsistence farmer who welcomes you into her homestead and shares with you how the women of the Bakiga tribe prepare their local food. During this 30-45 min tour Agartha weaves in stories of life as a Bakiga wife whilst encouraging you to taste what you have prepared together. A fun, educational tour for the inquisitive visitor who wonders how a rural Ugandan lady lives.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp Sundowner Drinks

Guests can enjoy late afternoon sundowners beside the Ntungwe River, or from a scenic viewing point along the ridge overlooking Ishasha. The activity includes local drinks and snacks, and also invites guests to enjoy the vast vistas, sunset and atmosphere of this beautiful area of the park.

Basis

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

Included

- All transfers and activities as described in the itinerary
- Park entry Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Afternoon game drive
- House Drinks at Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Excluded

- Domestic flight Entebbe - Kihhi
- Premium drinks at Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Optional Activities:

- Ishasha Community visit – Agartha's Taste of Uganda tour
- Ishasha Sundowners

Day 4: End of Itinerary**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

Should you wish to extend the itinerary with an additional night at Ishasha Wilderness Camp that is possible as it could allow additional time to explore the area as well as options for activities such as a riverside walk or Bush Breakfast within the park.

Transport

Flight Information

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

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Buhoma Lodge	Ishasha Wilderness Camp		Transfer

Urgent Contact Numbers

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Service Provider Directory

Service Provider	Ref. Number	Telephone	Address
Buhoma Lodge		+256 414 321 479	Plot 76B Nakiwogo Road, Entebbe
Ishasha Wilderness Camp		+256 414 321 479	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**

Should you have any problems in the online application process please request assistance from us.

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.