

People and Primates Rwanda and Uganda



7 day private safari
(standard accommodation)

Combining a visit to the mountain gorillas, a trek to see chimpanzees, and primate jungle walks, this seven day tour is perfect if you wish to visit our closest cousins. This magical journey really does give you an insight into the people, primates and animals in two of the friendliest countries in central Africa.



**Cost includes:****Rwanda and Uganda (private safari)**

- meet and greet services with assistance and arrival transfer in Kigali
- all safari transport in 4x4 safari vehicles with English speaking driver-guide
- accommodation as specified
- meals as listed
- game drives and boat safaris listed
- all park fees and government taxes
- golden monkey trail permit and guided trek
- chimpanzee tracking, primate walk
- city tour of Kigali on day one if arrival time is prior to 12:00pm

Cost excludes:

- gorilla trek permit at USD700 per permit *
- visas and international flights
- drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Important information:

*gorilla permits are non-changeable and non-refundable. Full payment must be made at the time of booking.

*children under the age of 15 years are welcome on safaris, but they are not able to trek some primates due to government regulations.

B - breakfast L - lunch D - dinner

Kigali to Entebbe

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily

Day 1: Rwanda, Parc National des Volcans - Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel

Day 2: Uganda, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge

Day 3: Uganda, Kabale - Bird Nest Bunyoni

Day 4: Uganda, Queen Elizabeth National Park - Ihamba Safari Lodge

Day 5: Uganda, Queen Elizabeth National Park - Ihamba Safari Lodge

Day 6: Uganda, Kibale National Park - Primates Lodge Kibale

Day 7: Uganda, Entebbe airport - ends

Due to the limited size of many lodges in Uganda and Rwanda a lodge of similar standard may be offered as a replacement to the above lodges due to non-availability

A valid Yellow Fever Certificate is currently required to enter Rwanda and Uganda.

Day 1: Parc National des Volcans

On arrival in Kigali you will be met and greeted by our representative and taken on a city tour (if arriving prior to 12:00pm). Kigali is a sprawling city set amongst a series of hills. The tour includes a poignant visit to the Genocide Memorial which was erected on the 10th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide in April 2004. The memorial is built on the site where 250,000 people were buried. After the tour you will be transferred to Parc National des Volcans, which takes about three hours. **Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel or similar (LD*)**. *Lunch inclusion is dependent upon time of flights.

Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel

Located on the road leading to Kinigi, the main town at the base of Volcanoes National Park, Five Volcanoes Hotel is a relatively new hotel, with a high standard of service for this region. The hotel consists of 11 double and twin rooms, a family suite and a cottage. The friendly bar and restaurant are adjacent to a lounge terrace which has incredible views of the distant volcanoes. A pool surrounded by lounge covered teak decking and tropical gardens offers an additional place to relax after your treks. Popular nearby activities include trekking to see the rare mountain gorillas and golden monkeys, canoeing in the Musanze River, visiting local communities and cycling.

Day 2: Parc National des Volcans - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

This morning you trek to see the elusive golden monkey. Golden monkeys are one of the rarest primates in Africa. They are found in highland forest in parts of Rwanda, Uganda and the Congo, and are ubiquitous to the Albertine Rift. Golden monkeys are an endangered species due to the gradual destruction of their habitat and are therefore considered a privilege to view. Golden monkeys live in various group sizes, ranging from four to thirty. They are often found relaxing at the top of tall bamboo plants, which they also like to eat. Named after their orange patch coat, this inquisitive primate will warm your heart with its infectious stare. After your trek you transfer to Uganda in preparation for your mountain gorilla trek tomorrow morning. **Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge or similar (BLD)**.

Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge

Located only ten minutes' walk to the Rushaga gate, Ichumbi Gorilla Lodge offers spectacular views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park right from your room. Each chalet has a wrap-around balcony, mosquito netted beds and a private en-suite. The lodge's restaurant serves hearty meals and the friendly bar offers even greater views across the forest. The lodge has Wi-Fi, hot water and a stand-by generator.

Day 3: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - Kabale

This morning you leave early, with a packed picnic lunch, and drive to the headquarters of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The park is one of four forests where these primates inhabit. At the park headquarters you are briefed by the park rangers who will guide you on your gorilla trek. Travellers are sorted into small groups of eight and guided into the park to visit the gorilla troop. Two rangers accompany the trekkers to ensure safety. The trek usually takes between 45 minutes and four hours. The duration of your trek is dependant upon the location of the troop on the day. The trek is through jungle, and at a high altitude, and therefore requires a good level of fitness. Travellers with contractible illnesses are not encouraged to visit as this can be detrimental to the gorilla's health. Mountain gorillas are the largest of the great apes. They live in family groups of 10 to 30 members. It is believed that there are less than 750 mountain gorillas left in the wild. Your trek, to one of the families living in the park, is through thick jungle. When you first sight the troop it is common for the alpha male silverback to beat his chest at your group as a warning. Around one hour is spent with the troop. Gorillas pass their time eating, playing and interacting while you sit only metres away. Spending time with a gorilla troop is one of the world's greatest wildlife experiences. It is an activity reserved for a privileged few each year.





After trekking you will be transferred to Kabale. Your scenic two hour drive arrives at your lodge in time for dinner. **Bird Nest Hotel Bunyoni or similar (BLD).**

Bird Nest Hotel Bunyoni

Located on the shores of Lake Bunyoni in south west Uganda, Birds Nest Hotel offers a spectacular view of the amazing surroundings and direct access to the lake. This region is truly rural, with farmland and green terraced land surrounding the hotel. The region offers a variety of experiences, from visiting the Batwa people and the blacksmiths of Bukona, to canoeing on the lake and viewing its extensive bird life.

Birds Nest Hotel is also a popular base for those wishing the trek to spend time with the mountain gorillas. The Hotel has all the facilities a traveller in this region requires, a restaurant, comfortable rooms with balconies, a swimming pool to cool off in on those hot Ugandan afternoons and a travel desk to assist you with any excursions you would like to discuss.

Day 4: Queen Elizabeth National Park, Mweya

Today we depart for the Queen Elizabeth National Park. We arrive at the park in time for lunch. In the late afternoon, or early evening we enjoy a game drive with the opportunity to see the different wildlife animals in the park. This park is home to a variety of animals, among which are kobs, elephants, buffaloes, many birds and more. Later, we return to the lodge for dinner and time to relax. **Ihamba Lakeside Safari Lodge or similar (BLD).**

Ihamba Lakeside Safari Lodge

Ihamba Lakeside Safari Lodge is situated on the shores of Lake George in Queen Elizabeth National Park, near Kahendero fishing village. Lodge facilities include individual huts complete with a balcony with seating, a private bathroom with bath robes and slippers and a hot tub. The property has an outdoor pool, an on-site restaurant and bar and free Wi-Fi in the communal areas. Born out of love for nature and animal preservation, the lodge is a perfect location for those who want to experience the tranquillity of unspoiled Africa, untouched by mass tourism. The Lodge's unique charm is in the atmosphere created by its friendly staff and management, making it a popular choice for travellers visiting this beautiful area of Uganda.

Day 5: Kazinga Channel, Mweya

This morning enjoy a game drive along the Kasenji track to see herds of Cape buffalo, elephant, warthog, Defassa waterbuck, giant forest hogs, leopards, Uganda kob, elephants, topi, bushbuck and possibly prides of lion. After the game drive return to the lodge for a mid-morning breakfast and time to relax. After lunch we take a two-hour launch cruise along the Kazinga Channel giving us the unique opportunity to encounter hippo and a variety of bird species common to the park. The prolific bird life is colourful and astonishing with well over 550 resident species. Enjoy an evening game drive before returning to the lodge for dinner with views overlooking the lake. **Ihamba Safari lodge or similar (BLD).**

Day 6: Kibale National Park, Fort Portal

Today you travel to Kibale National Park where you will undoubtedly experience the real highlight of the trip - chimpanzee tracking. These cheeky primates, who are considered to be our closest cousins, will enthrall you with their daily routine, family life and quirky sense of humour. During your trek you can also expect to encounter grey-cheeked mangabey and red-tailed monkey. This primate walk affords an insight into the general mannerisms of primates which can be strangely familiar. **Primates Lodge Kibale or similar (BLD).**

Primates Lodge Kibale

Tucked away deep in the heart of Kibale rainforest National Park, Uganda's primates' paradise and home to over 13 different species of primates and numerous other mammals, this friendly lodge is right next door to the starting point for Chimpanzee tracking excursion as well as the incredible Chimpanzee Habituation. The nine spacious and en-suite luxury cottages, each secluded deep in the forest for maximum privacy and a natural 'living in nature' feel, come complete with a sitting area with two comfortable arm chairs, a reading table and an adjoining large veranda with excellent views to the forest. The seven mid-level forest cottages are private and en-suite with spacious bathrooms as well as a spacious veranda over-looking the rain-forest with lounge chairs. The popular double storied 'Elephant Banda' has an upstairs bedroom fitted with a king size bed and a downstairs living room where we can also place a smaller extra bed.

Day 7: Entebbe

Today your road transfer of five hours takes you to Entebbe airport for your onward flight (flight not included) (BL).

Gorilla trek permits

Gorilla permits are not included in this tour price. This is Africa will purchase the trekking permits on your behalf at the time of booking. A copy of your current passport is required to issue permits. If you require your passport to be reissued prior to your visit, permits can be issued on your current passport. Your new passport details will then be forwarded to our permit supplier. Full payment for the permit must be made at the time of booking. Once the permit is issued it is non-changeable and non-refundable. There are no exceptions made to this rule as they are issued by a Uganda government authority. Prices of gorilla permits may be increased without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on to the client, even when applicable to permits already issued.

Golden Monkey and Chimpanzee trek permits

Golden Monkey and Chimpanzee tracking permits are included in your tour price. Once the permit is issued it is non-changeable and non-refundable. Prices of primate permits may be increased without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on to the client, even when applicable to permits already issued.

Important information

- Prices for airport taxes, park fees, wildlife permits and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on to the client.
- Distances and times mentioned within the itinerary may vary due to local conditions at time of travel. At times the sequence of locations and excursions may need to be altered from that of the original itinerary due to flight times and permit availability.
- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.





- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- Transfers may be in a two-wheel drive or minibus
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Children younger than 15 years of age are unable to trek to see the Mountain Gorillas however we would be pleased to book this safari for families with younger children with a child minder to be arranged during your trek.
- Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.