

GORILLAS IN THE MIST

Uganda

3 day private fly-in safari
(basic accommodation)



This three day trip offers the most convenient way to visit the rare mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Gorilla trekking in Bwindi takes advantage of Uganda's lower gorilla permit rates and the internal flight from Entebbe to Bwindi return replaces two full days of driving. For those with limited time to enjoy this incredible experience, this short package is perfect.





Cost includes:

- accommodation as specified
- meals as listed
- all park fees and government taxes
- scheduled flight Entebbe to Bwindi return

Cost excludes:

- gorilla trek permit at USD600 per permit, per person (permits are increasing to USD700 per permit, per person for treks from 1 July 2020)
- visas and international flights
- meals not listed, drinks, dining rooms tips, porterage, personal travel, baggage and medical insurance.

Important information:

This is Africa will purchase your permits on your behalf. Gorilla permits are non-changeable and non-refundable. Full payment and a copy of your current passport must be forwarded to This is Africa at the time of booking.

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 if permits have already been issued.

Children under the age of 15 years are welcome on safaris, but they are not able to trek to see the gorillas due to government regulations.

B - breakfast
L - lunch
D - dinner

Entebbe to Entebbe

Accommodation: basic

Departs: daily

Day 1: Uganda, Bwindi Impenetrable Park - Buhoma Community Rest Camp - Bandas

Day 2: Uganda, Bwindi Impenetrable Park - Buhoma Community Rest Camp - Bandas

Day 3: Uganda, Entebbe airport

A similar standard of hotel may be used in cases of non-availability.

Want to trek the mountain gorillas twice?

Additional permits for trekking the mountain gorillas can be purchased. Regulations allow only one visit per day, therefore an additional night needs to be added to facilitate a second trek.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.

Gorilla Encounter Uganda

Day 1: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

This morning fly from Entebbe airport to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. This 320 square kilometre park is home to various species of birds and animals, but it is the park's primate population which has made it popular, in particular the 400 or so Bwindi mountain gorilla. The gorillas found in this park make up nearly half of the world's population of the endangered species. In Bwindi 14 mountain gorilla groups have been slowly habituated, allowing travellers to spend time with them as they go about their daily lives. Your next two nights are spent in the jungle. **Buhoma Community Rest Camp – bandas or similar (LD - lunch is dependent on flight arrival time).**

Buhoma Community Rest Camp – bandas

The Batwa people are the traditional inhabitants of the Bwindi region. This community rest camp, along with a nearby lodge and village, supports the local community by supplying jobs in tourism for its people. The campsite offers sites for camping, six well-furnished and self-contained (en suite) safari tents, three self-contained cottages, and two non-self-contained twin cottage bandas. The bandas are built with local materials and are of African architectural design. A restaurant serving local and western meals, a laundry and a small shop complement the accommodation.

Day 2: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

This morning you leave early, with a packed picnic lunch and drive to the headquarters of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. The park is one of four forests where these primates inhabit. As their name implies, mountain gorillas live in forests high in the mountains, at elevations of 2,500 to 4,000 metres. 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 often 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, such as colds, are not encouraged to visit the gorillas 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 around 1,000 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 45 to 60 minutes are 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 your trek you return to park headquarters, before transferring back to your lodge. **Buhoma Community Rest Camp – bandas (BLD).**

Day 3: Entebbe

Today you are transferred to Kihhi or Kisoro airports to join your flight to Entebbe, where your journey ends **(B).**





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 Uganda office. 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 Ugandan government authority.

Important information

- Prices for airport taxes, park fees, gorilla 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.