

**Best of Uganda
Gorillas, Chimpanzees & Game
8 days - 7 nights
Entebbe, Bwindi, Ishasha, Mweya, Chamburu
Wildlife, Photography, Discovery, Adventure**

**This program may be operated for individual or for small groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

Searching for the spectacular Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, chimpanzee tracking in Kyambura Gorge, multiple game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park with its amazing selection of wildlife, including the tree climbing lions, and an optional visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on the beautiful Lake Victoria: just some of the very best reasons to visit Uganda. With luxury accommodation, professional guides and custom made safari vehicles - this safari will be the trip of a lifetime.

Day 1: Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be met by a Wild Frontiers representative and transferred to your hotel. Entebbe is a small, quiet town located on the shores of Lake Victoria and is easy to explore on foot, boda bodas (local motorbike) or taxis. Soak up the local markets filled with clothes and crafts, shop for souvenirs in curio shops, or explore the Botanical Gardens on Lake Victoria. Enjoy the wide variety of restaurants serving many different cuisines as well as several bars and clubs where you can sample the local beer, catch a game of football and chat with the local Ugandans, known for their open, friendly nature. Overnight at Boma, a small family run guest house.

Day 2: Entebbe, Bwindi

Transfer from Boma to the domestic airport for your scheduled flight to Kihhi airstrip, which is located between Bwindi/Queen Elizabeth National parks. The flight takes just over an hour. Transfer to Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The drive to the lodge is through local villages and mountain roads – lovely scenery and very interesting en-route! Guests will have the opportunity for two days of gorilla tracking (pre-booking essential). Other optional activities that may be enjoyed in and around the park include forest walks, visits to a local school or orphanage or Batwa pygmy village, and curio shopping. Bwindi National Park, located in south western Uganda on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, is considered the most diverse forest in Uganda. 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. Overnight at Buhoma Lodge. Situated on the slopes of the Forests of Bwindi, this intimate lodge offers uninterrupted views of the pristine rain forest canopy. It's the perfect, tranquil base from which to visit Bwindi. [B/L/D]

Day 3: Bwindi (Gorilla Tracking - Impenetrable Forest National Park)

Today will be a lifetime experience! Coming face to face with mountain gorillas is a rare wildlife encounter. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the mountain slopes. The opportunity to come within meters of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities, is an experience you won't soon forget! Mountain gorillas are extremely rare with only an estimated 880 remaining in the wild. Please note that gorilla tracking may be fairly strenuous with treks ranging from 30 mins up to six hours or longer, at high altitudes. Mountain gorillas are wild animals and, as such, sightings cannot be guaranteed. However viewing success rates are over 95%. Following the trek, return to your accommodation and, if time allows, take an optional guided afternoon forest or community walk. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Bwindi

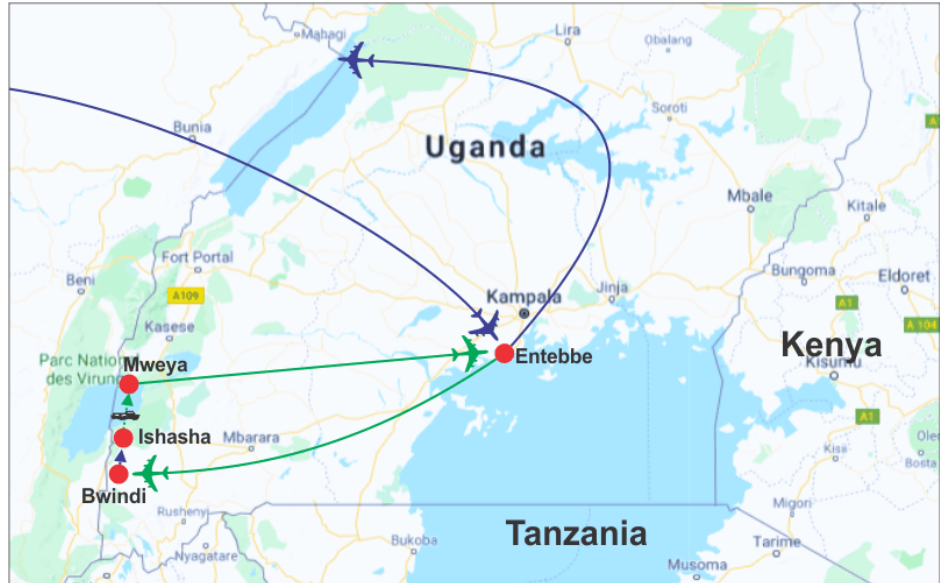
Those with pre-purchased permits will depart for a second gorilla tracking experience following breakfast at the lodge. Depending upon individual itinerary schedules, guests not tracking gorillas

may wish to enjoy other activities available in the area such as a forest walk, a visit to a local school/orphanage/hospital, or Batwa pygmy village, and some local curio shopping. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Bwindi, Ishasha

This morning we depart Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and travel (2-3 hours) to Ishasha in the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Time permitting, we may visit a Community Project en-route. 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, and visit the local elephant trench project – which stops elephants coming into the village and raiding crops. Afternoon game drives will be enjoyed 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 at Ishasha Wilderness Camp. This exclusive 10 tented camp offers the only luxury accommodation in the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth. Queen Elizabeth National Park spreads over 1,978sq km in the western arm of the Great Rift Valley and is home to a wide variety of wildlife including elephants, leopard, lions, hippos, buffalo, Uganda kob, baboon, and many species of birds. With both a riverine and savannah habitat, the park includes the southern Ishasha area with the massive Maramagambo, one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda. [B/L/D]



Day 6: Ishasha

Spend the day enjoying game drives in the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park and visit the Ishasha Community Project. Enjoy scenic sundowners with drinks/ snacks included. Overnight at Ishasha Wilderness Camp. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Ishasha, Mweya (Game Drives & Boat Cruise)

Today we depart Ishasha to the 'Mweya' sector of the National park to enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel. Kazinga's shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a spectacular view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks. Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge, located on a peninsula overlooking the Kazinga Channel on one side and the Rwenzori Mountains on the other. [B/L/D]

Day 8: Mweya, Chamburu, Entebbe

This morning we will travel early to the Chamburu Gorge (Kyamaburu) to enjoy Chimpanzee trekking. The forest is alive with noise - chimpanzees can be quite active and may move quickly through the forest canopy... or, if you are lucky, you may find them resting or eating near the forest floors. It's an exhilarating walk, in beautiful scenery. Sightings cannot be guaranteed even though they are habituated to humans. After this activity, we depart to the airstrip nearby for the flight to Entebbe. In case of delays, we suggest booking a later (evening) flight out if you plan to depart tonight. We can, of course, arrange additional accommodation or safaris after this trip. [B/L]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
 - Entebbe - 1 night
 - Bwindi – 3 nights
 - Ishasha - 2 nights
 - Mweya – 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 7 lunches
 - 6 dinners
- Community visit en-route from Bwindi to Ishasha
- Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
- Batwa pygmy village
- Gorilla Tracking
- Ishasha game ride
- Chamburu Chimpanzee tracking
- Mweya National Park
- Boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- 4x4 transport vehicle
- English speaking local driver/guide
- Domestic flights Entebbe/Kihikihi and Mweya/Entebbe
- All park entrance fees

- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- Full liability insurance cover
- 24 hour emergency contact

Tour does not include:

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to international airfares
- Gorilla Permit per trek in Bwindi
- Chamburu (Kyamburu Gorge) chimpanzee permits
- Optional extra of Forest Walk Bwindi
- Optional extra of Community Visit Bwindi
- Optional extra of Batwa Pygmies Community Visit
- Park fees and entries (listed separately with Tour Prices)
- Optional tours or activities listed in the itinerary
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Meals and drinks not mentioned under inclusions
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Accommodation	Tripadvisor
Entebbe	Boma Lodge	4.5
Bwindi	Buhoma Lodge	5
Ishasha	Wilderness Camp	4.5
Mweya	Mweya Safari Lodge	4

Accommodations will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Price:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and long-time relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

Important Notices:

Travel insurance: Is compulsory for all guests traveling to Uganda.

Health: Yellow fever inoculations are compulsory and malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla/chimp trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses. Should you opt to spend time participating in the UWEC Wildlife Integration programs, you may require additional inoculations and health clearances.

Visas: Most nationalities require a visa to enter Uganda which can be obtained on arrival for \$50 per person, single entry. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months or 12 months in the case of UK nationals. The newly established EAC Visa allows entry into Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya for one fee of \$100 – handy if you are visiting all three regions.

Flights: It is imperative that you reconfirm your onward/return flights. Our office in Uganda can assist you with this.