

# TRIP ITINERARY

# Bwindi by Air

# Uganda





This short fly-in trip offers an opportunity to trek to see the mountain gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda. It is the perfect add-on to a trip to Kenya.

### Day 1

Upon arrival at Entebbe airport, you will clear customs and immigration and then you will be met by our representative outside the baggage hall area and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight at in Entebbe/Kampala on a bed and breakfast basis

### Day 2

After an early breakfast, you will be transferred to Entebbe Airport for a scheduled flight (ETD 0830hrs ETA 1035hrs) to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. You will be met on arrival and transferred to the camp/lodgein time for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure for taking part in any optional activities (at an additional cost payable directly to the lodge). Dinner will be provided at the camp/lodge.

## Overnight in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest on full board basis (excludes drinks and laundry)

#### **BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST**

Well-trained guides lead you to the site where the gorillas were encountered the day before and from here the tracking begins. The gorillas, whose continuous search for food requires a nomadic lifestyle, determine the duration of the hike. The trek can take between one and six hours, sometimes more, at elevations in excess of 7,500 feet and over rough terrain. Although the hike can be physically demanding, the anticipation of the exciting experience ahead is invigorating, and the beauty of the forest and its inhabitants are fascinating. When the gorillas are encountered, any fatigue is quickly forgotten. Observing a wild gorilla family in its natural habitat and on its terms is considered by many naturalists to be the most profound natural history experience in the world. Few who have had this rare privilege would disagree. It is important to recognize that these gorillas have only recently been habituated to tourists.

Their curiosity is obvious, but they have only begun to grow accustomed to humans. Each strictly regulated 60-minute visit passes all too quickly, and you depart leaving the gorillas to their fragile existence. After time with the gorillas and a picnic lunch, you return to camp with hopefully a few unforgettable memories of a rare and wondrous experience. If the gorilla groups are relatively close, you'll also have the chance to hike nearby forest trails to obtain a better understanding of the forest and its other inhabitants. These hikes provide the opportunity to observe smaller primate species and regional, endemic birds.

## Day 3

After breakfast you will be taken on a short drive to the park headquarters where you will begin your Gorilla trekking experience. This generally takes an entire day and you will return to your camp/lodge in the late afternoon. A late lunch will be provided and the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner will be provided at the camp/lodge.

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### Day 4

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for the morning scheduled flight to Entebbe ETD 1055hrs ETA 1155hrs). You will be met on arrival and assisted to connect to your departure flight.

#### Please note that once you confirm the itinerary, the Gorilla Permits are non-refundable and non - changeable. Correct passport details including passport numbers are required to issue permits. Permits are \$600 per person, per trek.

There are a number of hotel options in each location, depending on budget.