

TRIP ITINERARY

Glimpses of Gorillas

Uganda





This short trip offers an opportunity to trek to see the mountain gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda. You travel by road to Bwindi from Entebbe. 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 drive to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The drive is a full day taking approximately 9 -10 hours. Leaving the Lake Victoria basin, you pass through Ugandan villages and beautiful agricultural countryside where you see people tending their traditional crops of millet, sorghum, beans and maize. Upon reaching Kyanjojo, in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains (Mountains of the Moon), you drive through a sea of green tea plantations. After check in and a chance to freshen up there will be dinner.

Overnight at your lodge on a full board basis

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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Overnight

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

Day 4

After breakfast you will be transferred back to Entebbe, Again this will be a full day drive arriving back at your hotel in the evening. **Overnight at your Entebbe area hotel on a bed and breakfast basis**

Day 5

After breakfast you will be transferred to Entebbe 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.