



Baby Mountain Gorilla

GORILLA TREKKING

Tracking mountain gorillas in the wild is one of the most thrilling experiences to be had in Africa, and the reason why most people choose to visit Rwanda and Uganda. Around 880 mountain gorillas live in the mountainous regions of these countries and are split into family groups. In Uganda they are found in Bwindi National Park and Mgahinga National Park, and in Rwanda they are found in Parc National des Volcans (PNV).

A pre-purchased permit is required to visit these magnificent creatures with the cost of the permit depending on whether you choose to visit Rwanda or Uganda. In both instances the money you pay goes towards conserving these primates for future generations. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest has nine habituated families and PNV in Rwanda has ten. Both countries have 8 permits available daily for each group and can easily sell out so it is essential to book this activity well in advance.

The terrain for both countries is similar with the groups living at high altitudes although Bwindi is considered more challenging due to the denseness of the forest and steeper hills. You don't need to be super fit to embark on this adventure but a general level of fitness is required for your own enjoyment. Depending on the time of year and which family group you track you could be walking for several hours before you find them. Once you do find the group you will have one precious hour to spend in their company before returning to your accommodation.

Please note that mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed however viewing success rates are over 95%.

GORILLA FLY-IN SAFARI

This safari is tailor-made for those with limited time, allowing you to experience the beauty of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park over two days. This is the best place in Uganda to see the gorillas in their natural habitat or to see the chimpanzees on an excursion to Ngamba Island. It is essential that you purchase your gorilla permits when you book.

DAY 1: ENTEBBE

Upon arrival to Entebbe airport you will be met and transferred to HOTEL NO. 5 for your overnight stay. A visit to Ngamba Island can be arranged if time permits.

DAY 2: ENTEBBE – Bwindi NATIONAL PARK

This morning you will be taken to your scheduled flight to Kihiki airstrip, where you will be met and transferred to BUHOMA LODGE for your two-night stay. An afternoon forest walk or cultural visit may be done at additional cost. (FI)

DAY 3: Bwindi NATIONAL PARK

Today you can take an early morning trek into the forest on the slopes of mountains in search of the mountain gorillas (excludes Gorilla Trek permit cost). You will return either in time for lunch or later depending on the location of the gorillas. (FI)

DAY 4: Bwindi – ENTEBBE

After breakfast you will be transferred to Kihiki airstrip for your scheduled flight to Entebbe. (B)



Buhoma Lodge



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4 Days / 3 Nights

UGANDA

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

Low Season \$3,595
High Season \$3,990

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights accommodation on a twin share basis
- Arrival transfer
- Flights Entebbe – Kihiki return
- Meals as indicated FI (Fully inclusive - all meals, local wine and spirits)
- Shared return airstrip transfers
- Buhoma trekking transfer

NOTE:

Excludes gorilla trekking permits – current price USD 700. Prices increasing to USD 800 from 01 July 2024. Minimum age for gorilla trekking is 15 years.

There is also an optional forest or community walk in Bwindi, and an optional excursion to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary from Entebbe (time permitting).

