

# Gorilla Trekking Uganda & Rwanda

Small selected lodges & camps  
Combination Fly-in safari and privately guided tour

## Bwindi Impenetrable National Park - Volcanoes National Park

### Day 01: Entebbe

You are met on arrival at Entebbe Airport by a representative of our local partner agency for your short 10 minute transfer to The Boma Guesthouse. This is a small and basic guesthouse. *Should you wish, you could still get a dinner served at the restaurant of the guesthouse (dinner to be paid direct).* The Boma Guesthouse

### Day 02: Entebbe – Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Northern Part)

After an early breakfast and your safari briefing your private transfer takes you to Entebbe Airport for your scheduled flight to Kihiki Airstrip. Kihiki is located slightly south of the Queen Elizabeth National Park. On arrival at Kihiki Airstrip you are met by your private guide for your approx. 2½ hours private road transfer further south to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. You leave the Rift Valley at first and then travel through the Kigezi Highlands of South Western Uganda. The scenery gets increasingly breathtaking as you switchback up and down the hills. The mist-swathed mountains of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most biologically diverse areas in the world. Enjoy the typical rural scenery of Buhoma, by which the lodge is surrounded. In addition to the 'ringing cow bells' from the farmers in the neighbourhood you also hear the river running down and have a nice view towards the lush rain forest. Mahogany Springs B,D



### Day 03: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Northern Part) – (Southern Part)

Today your guided walk takes you from Mahogany Springs to Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge, which is located in the Nkuringo area, bordering the south western corner of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. *The walk along the Ivy River Trail takes approx. 6 hours and leads through fascinating rain forest with several viewing points. If preferred, this walk could be shortened to about 4 hours by leaving out the extra loop to the waterfalls. You would be met by a vehicle of Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge for the last bit of the distance from Nkuringo to the lodge.* Your private guide would be driving this distance with your luggage and would need much longer than the walk, only arriving at the lodge in the later afternoon due to the bad conditions of the road. Here at the southern side of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park you overlook the beautiful volcanoes in the distance. As the name implies, you feel on top of the world from your first gaze across the landscape that simply takes your breath away. After arrival in Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge you can enjoy the rest of the afternoon by the fireplace with a nice glass of wine, before a delicious and well deserved dinner is being served. Optionally you could also enjoy a massage treatment. *You would be given a lunch pack today for en-route.* Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge B,L,D



**Day 04: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Southern Part)**

This day activity may be amongst the most exciting one can undertake. The mountain gorillas in Bwindi are part of a worldwide population of just about 800 individuals. The gorillas you are allowed to trek belong to either one of three habituated family groups in this area. For up to five years each of these groups has undergone an extremely delicate process that has gradually brought them to tolerate the presence of humans for a brief period every day. The gorillas are completely wild animals. Experienced guides accompany you on the trekking, many of who have been involved in the habituation process themselves. The guides use their knowledge of the gorillas' habits and information from the previous day to locate the group's whereabouts. The time taken to find the gorillas varies enormously, from as little as half an hour to as much as 9 hours before one returns to camp. Once the gorillas are located, the group is allowed a maximum of one hour to be with them. Viewing the gorillas in their natural habitat is a truly incredible experience. It also brings home the poignant fact that they are on the edge of extinction and that your presence here contributes to ensuring their continued survival. The hour is often over all too quickly and you slowly make your way back to camp to recount the day's adventure. Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge B,L,D



**Day 05: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Southern Part) - Volcanoes National Park**

After breakfast your journey continues from your lodge in the Nkuringo area at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park to your next lodge nearby the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda. This approx. 5 hours drive takes you through absolutely breathtaking landscape with never ending picturesque sceneries of volcanoes, hills and colourful rural areas with naturally friendly people. You also pass the border post from Uganda to Rwanda. The Virungas are a chain of nine impossibly steep and lofty volcanoes straddling the western branch of the Rift Valley from east to west. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to relax. You may feel like having an optional massage or feel like exploring the surrounds on a little walk. After dinner, you retire for the night, lulled to sleep by the sounds of one of Africa's most incredible natural environments. Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge (Chalet) B,L,D



**Day 06: Volcanoes National Park**

Today you participate in your gorilla trekking on the Rwandan side. The gorillas you are allowed to trek belong to one of the habituated family groups on the Rwandan side. An early breakfast and you are off to the park headquarters at Kinigi to register and to be allocated your gorilla family for today. Once this is done, you set out by vehicle to the start of the tracking point, where you meet up with your guides and porters to begin the hike. Just as for your gorilla trekking in Uganda, you can stay and watch the gorillas for an hour, once you have allocated them. The trekking in Rwanda is usually taking place at a higher altitude starting at about 3.000 m above sea level. Also, the vegetation here allows, that with a little bit of luck, the gorillas can be seen in a bit more open terrain, which allows for better photographic opportunities. After returning to the lodge there may be an opportunity to visit the local communities or to take a drive out to the scenic Lakes Bulera and Ruhondo in the afternoon, depending on the time of your return from the trekking. Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge (Chalet) B,L,D

**Day 07: Volcanoes National Park - Kigali**

After a leisurely breakfast it is time to bid farewell, unless you wish to visit the scenic lakes for example together with your private guide. Your approx. 2 hours drive takes you back to Kigali. You may like to optionally visit the Genocide Memorial in Kigali. *We can gladly reserve a dinner table for you at the restaurant of Kigali Serena Hotel, should you wish so (dinner to be paid direct).* Kigali Serena Hotel (Deluxe Room) B

**Day 08: Kigali**

After a leisurely breakfast it is time to bid farewell. Your private road transfer takes you to Kigali International Airport in time for your scheduled international flight out. B

B- Breakfast / L- Lunch / D- Dinner

Season	Rate per person sharing (basis 2 people)	Rate per person sharing (basis 4 people)
Sample period mid season 01.01.2016 – 29.02.2016 01.12.2016 – 15.12.2016	US\$ 8.206	US\$ 7.122
Sample period high season 01.06.2016 – 30.09.2016 16.12.2016 – 31.12.2016	US\$ 8.385	US\$ 7.301

Rates are based on a minimum of 2 people travelling.  
All outdoor activities are weather dependant.

**Included in the costs (as per Itinerary):**

- All transfers, accommodation, meals
- Scheduled flight from Entebbe to Kihikihi
- Transport in a private 4x4 safari vehicle with experienced, English speaking Guide during your safari at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Volcanoes National Park (5-seater for 2 people and 7-seater for 4 people travelling)
- Water, tea and coffee during the drives in your private 4x4 safari vehicle
- 2x Gorilla Trekking Permits per person (1x in Uganda and 1x in Rwanda)
- All National Park entrance fees as well as community fees
- Selected drinks in Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge and Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge
- Laundry service in Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge and Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge
- Temporary membership for medical evacuation service in Uganda and Rwanda
- Certificate of Guarantee (travel price insurance card) (compulsory)

**Not included in the costs:**

- International flights ex/to Europe
- Visa fees for Uganda single entry, currently € 38 per person
- Visa fees for Rwanda single entry, currently € 65 per person
- Any meals not mentioned in the programme
- Drinks, unless advised otherwise
- Tips as well as personal expenses
- Any optional activities
- Any travel insurance

Please note that special conditions apply for the payment of Rwanda & Uganda Safaris:

Gorilla Permit availability cannot be guaranteed until the local authority department receives a non-refundable deposit of per person US\$ 600 for a permit in Uganda and US\$ 750 for a permit in Rwanda. Only after full payment the Gorilla Permit can be guaranteed. There are special cancellation policies for gorilla permits, which basically imply 100% non- refundable payments.

We would gladly assist you with any additional services you may require such a pre or post programme in Africa.  
All rates are subject to change without prior notice.

