

Day 1

Arrive Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be met by Goway's local representative and transferred to the Boma Guest Lodge. Depending on your arrival time, a half day trip to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary may be arranged at an additional cost. This could also be arranged at the end of your safari if you prefer. This evening, you will receive a short pre-trip briefing at the hotel.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation

No. 5 Boutique Hotel

Day 2

Entebbe to Bwindi

This morning's flight on a light aircraft to Kihhi airstrip takes just over an hour. Transfer through local villages and along mountain roads to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a World Heritage site (a drive of +- 90 mins).

Considered the most diverse forest in Uganda, Bwindi is one of the richest ecosystems in East Africa and home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies and 160 species of trees. The park contains an estimated one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, making it an extremely valuable conservation site.

Set within the forest and just steps away from the Gorilla Trekking headquarters, Buhoma Lodge offers cozy accommodation in wooden chalets with uninterrupted views of the pristine rain forest canopy. Renowned for its warm welcome and attentive service, Buhoma is an eco friendly lodge operating on solar power, and has been constructed using sustainable local materials. Each of the ten wooden chalets has a private verandah and enormous windows, giving spectacular views. Awaken to chattering forest birds, and watch out for the occasional mountain gorilla that has ventured right in to visit the lodge.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Duration 3 Nights

Accommodation

Buhoma Lodge

Day 3

Gorilla Tracking

You will be escorted to the National Parks headquarters to meet your guides for your gorilla tracking experience. An early morning trek into the forest on the slopes of the volcanoes, led by experienced trackers will bring you amongst a family of Mountain Gorillas. These massive primates are extremely rare, only approximately 650 remaining. You will get within metres of the family, and be privileged to spend time amongst them. The trekking may be fairly strenuous; up to six hours or longer is not uncommon - at relatively high altitude. Mountain Gorillas are wild animals, as such sightings cannot be guaranteed; however the success rate is well over 95%.

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Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4

Bwindi

Today you will have the option of a second Gorilla Trek or Forest Walk in Bwindi. Please inform at the time of booking. In the afternoon relax or explore the local area on foot.

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Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5

Bwindi and Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park this morning and travel to Ishasha in the southern part of Queen Elizabeth National Park (a 2-3 hour drive), with a brief stop enroute at a community project near Ishasha Village. This afternoon, enjoy a game drive in the park.

Located in the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, the park 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 southern Ishasha area includes the massive Maramagambo, one of the largest surviving natural forests in Uganda, and is home to the tree climbing lions typically found in the area. 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.

This exclusive 10 tented camp offers the only luxury accommodation in the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth. Set on the banks of the Ntungwe River, the eco-friendly Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy remote wilderness. The thatched central lounge and dining area offers a comfortable area for guests to enjoy wholesome dining, although meals are often served "al fresco" next to the river. The outdoor fireplace is the perfect place for guests to relax with sundowners and wind down after an exciting days game viewing.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Ishasha Wilderness Camp

Day 6

Queen Elizabeth National Park

A second day in Queen Elizabeth National Park with more game viewing opportunities available to you.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Duration 0 Days

Day 7

Queen Elizabeth National Park

From Ishasha, you drive approximately 2 hours to the Mweya region of Queen Elizabeth National Park. During your visit here you will have time to enjoy game drives, a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel and an opportunity to trek chimps in Chamburu Gorge (subject to permits being available and group size). Located on a peninsula overlooking the Kazinga Channel on one side and with spectacular views towards the Ruwenzori Mountains on the other, this upgraded and renovated lodge provides some of the best accommodation and service facilities in Uganda.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation

Mweya Lodge

Day 8

Kibale Forest

Today you will travel on a 2-3 hour drive from Queen Elizabeth National Park (north) on good roads. On a clear day you may get views of the Rwenzoris in the distance. Two nights spent in the area to allow time for chimpanzee tracking in the forest, (permits must be pre purchased). You can also do a forest walk (guided) during your stay, or simply enjoy the area and perhaps visit the Bigodi Swamps, or the Vanilla Farm close to Ndali. Kibale, 766 km² is one of Uganda's enchanting forested parks. Here, you can hike in the park for hours observing the drama of life in a rain forest. The park contains pristine lowland tropical rain forest, montane forest, and mixed tropical deciduous forest. In addition to forest, you will also notice areas of grassland and of swamp. The forest is rich in wildlife. It is most noted for its primate population. Some of these are red-tailed monkey, diademed monkey, olive baboon, chimpanzee, black and white colobus. Some of the other mammals you might see are bushbuck, Harvey's red duiker, blue duiker, bush pig, and African civet. More difficult to spot are buffalo, waterbuck, hippo, warthog, and giant forest hog. Herds of elephant once travelled back and forth through the area. These elephants have become more and more rare, and now are seldom seen. The birdlike in the forest and grasslands of the forest is abundant. There are almost 300 species, which have been identified here. One particularly worth noting is the endemic to Kibale forest. There are 144 species of butterfly in the park and a diverse population of moths and other insects. A system of trails has been developed within the park, and tour guides are available to guide visitors.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Primate Lodge

Day 9

Kibale Forest

This activity will generally take place in the morning. You will either be driven or walk down to the Kibale Forest National Parks' headquarters to meet your guides for your morning's chimp tracking experience

(depending which lodge you are staying at). The forest is alive with noise and you should be lucky enough to see the habituated chimps during your trek.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10

Return Entebbe

After an early breakfast for the drive back to Entebbe, stopping for curio shopping on the roadside and a quick photo stop at the Equator. Arriving back in Entebbe, late afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (Departing flights to be booked to depart for after 8pm)

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch