

Gorillas, Rhinos, Chimps & the Nile Scheduled Tour

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest –Murchison Falls National Park

9 Days / 8 Nights

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Embark on a journey showcasing the diverse landscapes and wildlife of Uganda.

Encounter endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Enjoy a boat cruise to the Mabamba Swamps, home to the elusive Shoebill Stork. Continue onto the majestic Murchison Falls, stopping to trek Rhinos on the way. Enjoy game drives, exceptional birdlife, chimpanzee tracking, and Nile River cruises.

Join us on a small group safari rich with unforgettable encounters and outstanding photographic opportunities.

Accommodation	Destination	Meals	Duration
Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park	Full Board including drinks	3 Nights
Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Paraa Safari Lodge	Murchison Falls National Park	Full Board	3 Nights

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2025 scheduled departure dates:

06 February / 06 September

Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Entebbe VIP meet and greet inside airport. Transfer to hotel. Overnight Best Western Hotel, Entebbe.
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bwindi (Kihikihi). Overnight at Buhoma Lodge. Optional forest walk/cultural visit.
Day 3	Gorilla trekking may be done on day 3 or 4, depending on when permits are purchased. If you would like to trek twice, enquire at time of booking – additional permits will need to be pre-purchased. Optional community walk/forest walk/birding. Overnight Buhoma.
Day 4	Gorilla trekking. Overnight Buhoma Lodge.
Day 5	Fly Kihikihi to Entebbe, transfer to hotel, overnight Best Western. Afternoon Mabamba Swamps (looking for Shoebill)
Day 6	Meet your guide. Drive to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. Guided rhino tracking. Continue to Murchison Falls National Park. Top of the Falls walk. Overnight Paraa Safari Lodge.
Day 7	Murchison Falls – game drives / Nile boat cruise to the foot of the Falls. Overnight Paraa Safari Lodge.
Day 8	Murchison Falls – Budongo Chimp trekking (am) Game drives. Overnight Paraa Safari Lodge.
Day 9	Return drive to Entebbe. End of safari.

Detailed itinerary:**Day 1: Best Western Premier Garden Hotel, Entebbe**

You will be met on arrival in Entebbe with a VIP meet and greet inside the airport.

Transfer to Best Western Premier Garden Hotel for overnight.

Set on the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is a small town that is easy to explore on foot or local boda bodas (motorbike taxis). Explore the markets, hunt for souvenirs or crafts, meander through the Botanical Gardens or relax with a boat cruise on Lake Victoria. You'll find a wide variety of restaurants, bars and clubs where you can sample the local beer, catch a game of football and meet the friendly locals.

The Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe is excellently located a few minutes from Entebbe Airport on the Kampala-Entebbe Highway. Set adjacent to the Victoria Shopping Mall, guests have direct access to the mall and all its facilities. The Entebbe Golf Club, Botanical Gardens and Lake Victoria are all nearby.

The Garden Restaurant serves international cuisine, with a Terrace Bar and Coffee shop completing the dining options for guests. The outdoor pool, complete with sun loungers, is a lovely space in which to relax. The hotel offers 51 full service ensuite rooms, equipped with modern amenities and free Wi-Fi.

Overnight: Best Western Premier Garden Hotel

Day 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Transfer after breakfast to Entebbe airport for your flight to Kihhi airstrip (+- 90 min scheduled flight on board a small aircraft with max luggage of 15kgs).

Your guide will meet you on arrival and transfer you through local farmlands and villages to Bwindi - a scenic drive of around 2 hours.

Rest of the day at leisure to relax and explore the local area.

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.

Nestled at the gateway to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Buhoma Lodge is the perfect lodge of choice when embarking on your bucket-list Gorilla trekking adventure. Renowned for its warm welcome and attentive service, guests love the homely ambience of this Africa inspired lodge.

Constructed using sustainable materials, the elevated central lounge, bar and dining area (serving delicious multi-course meals) offers a cosy spot for guests to unwind, and offers amazing uninterrupted views over the forest. The crackling fireplace adds a mystical atmosphere to cooler evenings.

Tranquil and cosy, the ten spacious eco friendly wooden chalets offer a private escape. Fall asleep to the sounds of the forest and awaken to chattering birds and monkeys as day breaks. Enjoy morning tea/coffee on your private verandah with sweeping views over the primal forest– what better way to start the day.

With Buhoma just steps away from the trek start point, gorillas have been spotted popping in for an occasional visit, while our resident L'Hoest's monkey troupe visit the gardens in front of the lodge almost daily, much to the delight of our guests.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge for 3 nights [View iBrochure](#)



Day 3: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Gorilla Trekking - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Encountering mountain gorillas in their natural habitat is an exhilarating experience that defies description. Accompanied by experienced guides and trackers, you will embark on an early morning trek into the lush, dense rainforest on the steep mountain slopes of Bwindi.

Gorilla trekking can be demanding, with treks lasting from 45 minutes to eight hours, often in high altitudes and hot conditions. We recommend hiring a local porter to assist you on your trek. While mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed, the success rate is over 95%,

Once you find your gorilla family, you'll have an hour to quietly observe these magnificent creatures. Time will fly by, so savour every moment, not just through your camera lens.

For our scheduled departures, we typically secure permits for Buhoma & Ruhija, both accessible from the Buhoma area. Some treks require a road transfer to the starting point, offering you the chance to explore different parts of this stunning region.



After your trek, unwind with a complimentary massage at Buhoma Lodge or take the opportunity to explore the vibrant Bwindi community.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 4: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Today, you have the option to embark on another thrilling gorilla trek or indulge in a day of leisure exploring the captivating Bwindi area. Opt for a community village walk, or take a serene forest walk to enjoy the outstanding birdlife and tranquil surroundings.

Please note that additional permits must be pre-purchased, so inform us at the time of booking if you wish to trek again.

Overnight at Buhoma Lodge.

Day 5: Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe, Entebbe

After breakfast, transfer to Kihhi airstrip for your flight back to Entebbe. Transfer to your hotel.



In the afternoon, embark on a fascinating boat excursion to the Mabamba Swamps in search of the elusive Shoebill Stork.

Mabamba Swamp is a large wetland area on the shores of Lake Victoria, west of Entebbe, and is a favourable habitat for 260 recorded bird species. It's a great location for birding enthusiasts who may just spot the intriguing Shoebill - a rare sight indeed. This is a must do tour for avid bird watchers!

Our speedboat seats max 12 people and takes 30-40 mins from Banga Beach pier to the swamp. On arrival, transfer to a small dug-out canoe in which to navigate your way through the swamps. The tour takes approximately 3-4 hours in total and is best enjoyed in the early morning when the Shoebills stalk their prey, or late afternoons when the day cools down.

Overnight: Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe

Day 6: Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park

Your safari guide will meet you after breakfast.

Drive to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary for a guided rhino tracking experience. Continue onto the spectacular Murchison Falls National Park.

Murchison Falls National Park lies at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley. The park is bisected by the Victoria Nile, which plunges 45 metres over the remnant rift valley wall, creating the dramatic Murchison Falls, the centrepiece of the park and the final event in an 80 metre stretch of rapids. The mighty cascade drains the last of the river's energy, transforming it into a broad, placid stream that flows quietly across the rift valley floor into Lake Albert. Regular visitors to the riverbanks include elephants, giraffes and buffaloes while hippos, Nile crocodiles and aquatic birds are permanent residents.

Take a walk to the Top of the Falls, witnessing the stunning power and beauty of the mighty Nile River. A trail runs down the side of the gorge, allowing the opportunity to view the main falls, and the second "Independence" falls. The views are spectacular and the spray of the falls, really refreshing. The walk takes approximately 45 minutes and requires average fitness.

Paraa Safari Lodge offers a unique blend of comfort, relaxation and adventure. Each of the rooms is a haven of style and serenity, complete with balcony and private bathroom. In the standard rooms, you will find a simple safari atmosphere with a level of comfort that will not disappoint. These rooms are perfectly situated to view the swimming pool as well as the Nile river beyond.

Overnight Paraa Safari Lodge.

Day 7: Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park

Begin your day with an early morning game drive through Murchison Falls National Park, where you'll have the opportunity to encounter elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, antelopes, and more in their natural habitat.

Embark on a thrilling afternoon Nile boat cruise to the foot of the falls. Witness the impressive cascade of water and spot hippos, crocodiles, and numerous bird species along the riverbanks.

Overnight Paraa Safari Lodge.

Day 8: Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park

Start your day early with an exciting chimpanzee trekking experience in Budongo Forest.

The Budongo Forest is located just outside Murchison Falls National Park. Home to a community of around 90 wild, yet habituated Chimpanzees, trekking takes place in either the morning or afternoon and generally lasts for half a day. Once located, guests can spend an hour in the presence of the chimps as they go about their daily lives in the forest.



Round off the rest of the day with a game drive.

Overnight Paraa Safari Lodge.

Day 9: End of Itinerary

Return after breakfast to Entebbe for your flight back home.

Please contact us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a detailed quotation

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Yellow fever inoculation is compulsory & malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses. Should you opt to spend time participating in any UWEC Wildlife Integration programme, you may require additional inoculations and health clearances.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Your passport must have a **minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months** from the date of entry into Uganda. **Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US\$55).**

Visas cannot be obtained on arrival. You must apply and pay for them online at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> at **least two weeks before your arrival.**



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