

Uganda/ Rwanda Gorilla Safari (Private)

Queen Elizabeth National Park – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest –
Volcanoes National Park

8 Days / 7 Nights

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One of the most incredible wildlife experiences you will ever encounter awaits you on this trip of a lifetime that combines Uganda - the Pearl of Africa – and remarkable Rwanda.

Coming face to face with endangered mountain gorillas is a truly unforgettable experience. Explore Queen Elizabeth National Park with its amazing selection of wildlife including tree climbing lions and trek gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

Crossing the border into Rwanda, discover Volcanoes National Park, where you can trek gorillas, take a forest walk in search of golden monkeys, or hike to Dian Fossey's grave. A visit to the genocide memorial in the capital city of Kigali gives a haunting insight into the dark past from which Rwanda has risen to become one of the cleanest, safest African countries.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
The Boma Hotel	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board plus local drinks	2 Nights
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Full board plus local drinks	2 Nights
Tiloreza Volcanoes EcoLodge	Volcanoes National Park	Full board	2 Nights

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Brief itinerary:

	Activity & Accommodation option
Day 1	Entebbe VIP meet and greet inside airport. Transfer to hotel. Overnight Entebbe.
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Kihiki. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness Camp. Game drives in the park.
Day 3	Game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Overnight Ishasha. Sundowners on the plains.
Day 4	Drive to Bwindi, option of visiting the Ishasha Community Project en route. Overnight Bwindi.
Day 5	Gorilla trekking. Overnight Bwindi.
Day 6	Drive via Kisoro to Rwanda. Beautiful scenery on this long drive. Overnight Ruhengeri area.
Day 7	Gorilla trekking in Rwanda. Or, Golden Monkeys/forest walk. Overnight Ruhengeri area.
Day 8	Depart to Kigali airport, with Kigali city and genocide museum tour. End of tour

Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: The Boma Hotel, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be met by a Wild Frontiers representative and transferred to The Boma 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 Boma is Entebbe's original hotel, set in tropical gardens in a leafy suburb, a few minutes' drive from Entebbe Airport. The rooms combine the modern comforts one expects today with the charm and character of the original 1940s home. All the rooms are individually decorated in a mixture of African and European decor, and have been designed to reflect the original colonial architecture.

Overnight: The Boma Hotel

Day 2: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Transfer to airport for your short flight to Kihikihi, from where you will explore **Queen Elizabeth National Park**. This park set in the Great Rift Valley is home to a wide variety of wildlife including elephants, lions, hippos, buffalo, Uganda kob, baboon, and many bird species.

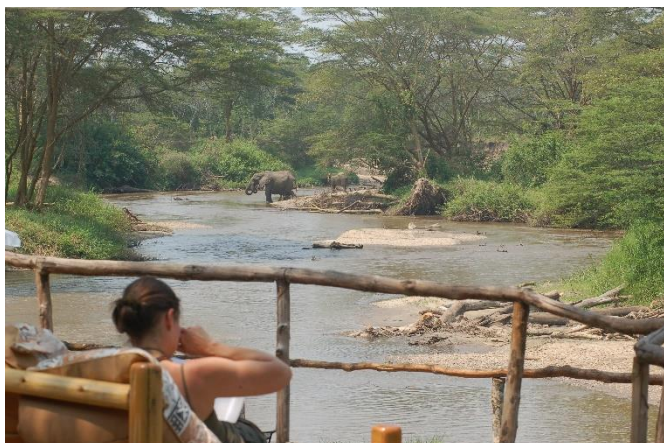
Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Ishasha Wilderness Camp is an idyllic retreat for people who truly enjoy the wilderness, coupled with superb accommodation and exceptional service.

The thatched central lounge and dining area provides a cosy and relaxed space for guests, although meals are often served 'al fresco' beside the river. In the evening, the outdoor fireplace beside the river is the perfect place for guests to relax over sundowners and share their day's experiences.

Each of the ten spacious framed canvas rooms, privately nestled along the riverbank, is comfortably furnished and feature en-suite bathrooms. Wake to the delicious aroma of morning coffee served on your private verandah.

Resident troops of Black-and-White Colobus and Vervet monkeys abound and if you are lucky you'll spot Henry, the lone hippo, wallowing lazily below our viewing deck. Game roams freely through camp, with Elephant making frequent guest appearances. Designed to respect and complement the environment, this low impact, eco-sensitive camp is really something special, and after a few days unwinding here, you may well not want to leave.



Day 3: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day at leisure to enjoy game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park, looking out for huge herds of buffalo, elephant and of course the famous tree-climbing lion typically found in the area.

Guests can enjoy late afternoon sundowners beside the Ntungwe River, or from a scenic viewing point along the ridge overlooking Ishasha. The activity includes local drinks and snacks, and also invites guests to drink in the vast vistas and atmosphere of this beautiful area of the park.

Overnight Ishasha Wilderness Camp.

Day 4: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

A 2-3 hour drive through scenic country brings you to Bwindi Forest National Park. Time permitting, you may visit a Community Project en route. Immerse yourself in Agatha's 'Taste of Uganda' tour – it's a fun, educational experience for the inquisitive visitor who wonders how a rural Ugandan lady lives. Watch how the local crops are transformed into local staples such as millet porridge and *kalo* bread.

Continue to **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**, a World Heritage site. 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.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Nestled at the gateway to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges set within the national park, and 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 set 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.



Day 5: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

One of the most humbling and enthralling wildlife experiences imaginable awaits your discovery. Coming face to face with an endangered mountain gorilla is something words cannot aptly describe.

Please note that **gorilla trekking** is strenuous with treks ranging from 45 mins up to eight hours, at high altitudes in hot African conditions. The thrill of the hour you spend quietly observing these gentle giants once you find them is well worth the hike to get there! Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and it should be noted that sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are well over 95%.

Head back to Buhoma Lodge for a complimentary massage after your trek, or explore the surrounding Bwindi community. Optional activities that may be enjoyed in and around the park include forest walks, visits to a local school or orphanage or Batwa pygmy village, and curio shopping.

Overnight Buhoma Lodge

Day 6: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge, Volcanoes National Park

From Bwindi, we drive through the 'Little Switzerland of Africa' along winding mountain roads, and through rural villages, to the border of Rwanda, Kisoro. Here, on a clear day, the Virungas can be seen 'standing sentry' along the border – a row of massive, dormant volcanoes watching over the region. It's a long day – approx 7-8 hours on the road with a +- 1 hour border crossing.

Bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo in Rwanda, the Volcanoes National Park is best known as a sanctuary for the region's rare mountain gorillas. Visitors flock here to experience a face to face encounter with these intriguing creatures. The park is set high on the jungle-covered slopes of the volcanic Virunga Mountains. Highly regulated treks through the reserve allow visitors to spend an hour at a time with these incredible primates in their natural habitat. While the gorilla's are without a doubt the main drawcard, visitors can also look forward to exploring a network of scenic hiking trails, visiting the tomb of the world-famous Dian Fossey and the Karisoke Research Centre, and enjoying a beautiful day hike to the crater lake on Mount Bisoke.

Overnight: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge

Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge is a modest boutique hotel located in the town of Ruhengeri, offering 22 simple rooms set in gardens with hammocks for guest's relaxation. Well positioned as a base for gorilla and golden monkey trekking, facilities include a restaurant, heated swimming pool, basic fitness centre, massage service and bicycle hire. The lodge is known for its friendly and helpful staff, good food and cozy atmosphere.



Day 7: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge, Volcanoes National Park

Gorilla Trekking in the Volcanoes National Park offers visitors the unique opportunity of discovering the 10 families of gorillas that live within the national park. Visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee before the trek starts and will be separated into groups of 8 depending on their physical abilities. Each group is guided by a guide and two scouts who are well trained in emergency situations. The amount of time set aside per trek is different depending on where the gorilla family is situated. Some trips may take as little as half an hour and some taking the better part of the day.

If you've opted not to trek today, take a hike to Dian Fossey's grave or enjoy forest walk with Golden Monkeys. You will only be able to enjoy one of these activities (as they all take place in the morning) and pre-booking is essential.

Overnight: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge

Day 8: End of Itinerary

After lunch, we drive to Kigali, the bustling capital of Rwanda. Optional visit to the haunting Genocide Museum.

The Kigali Genocide Memorial site is a grim reminder of the senseless massacre of innocent's lives in 1994. The memorial is the final resting place for more than 250 000 victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi, a place for remembrance and learning. The Memorial also sheds light on other massacres including Cambodia, the Balkans and the Holocaust.

Drop off at airport – please book a late flight home or overnight in Kigali.

End of safari.

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Included:

- Airport transfers in Entebbe and Kigali
- Vehicle with English speaking local driver/ guide throughout
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 1 x overnight The Boma Hotel including breakfast
- Domestic flight from Entebbe to Kihikihi
- Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- All park entrance fees
- 2 x overnights Ishasha Wilderness Camp on a full board basis including local drinks
- Community visit en route from Ishasha to Bwindi
- 2 x overnights Buhoma Lodge on a full board basis including local drinks
- 2 x overnights Tiloreza Volcanoes EcoLodge on a full board basis
- Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum
- Full liability insurance cover
- Compulsory emergency evacuation insurance in Rwanda

Excluded:

- **Gorilla Permits**
- **Dian Fossey Grave Hike / Golden Monkeys**
- All international flights and airport taxes
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas, health requirements and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals not included above

We offer 8 and 10 day small group safaris to Uganda (max 7 pax), and are experts at designing tailor-made trips to meet your exact personal interests.

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:

Most nationalities require a visa to enter Uganda and Rwanda. For this itinerary, an **East African visa** (USD 100) is required. All visitors who require a visa should apply through the online application system prior to arrival at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after return date of travel, and have at least 3 blank pages in it.

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



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