

Best of Uganda Small Group Safari

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest –
Queen Elizabeth National Park
8 Days / 7 Nights

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GORILLAS, CHIMPS & GAME ...

Searching for endangered Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, chimpanzee tracking in Kyambura Gorge, multiple game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park with its amazing selection of wildlife - including tree climbing lions, and an optional visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on the beautiful Lake Victoria are just some of the very best reasons to visit Uganda.

With luxury accommodation, professional guides and custom-made safari vehicles – this fully hosted eight-day safari through the Pearl of Africa is really something special.

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2025 departures: 01 Jun/ 25 Jul/ 01 Aug/ 11 Oct/ 12 Dec

2026 departures: 09 Jan/ 06 Mar/ 15 May/ 06 Jun/ 22 Jul/ 25 Aug/ 16 Oct/ 13 Dec

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Best Western Premier Garden Hotel	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Full board	2 Nights
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board	2 Nights
Elephant Plains Lodge	Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board	2 Nights

Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Entebbe airport VIP meet and greet. Transfer to Entebbe.
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bwindi (Kihikihi) – transfer to Buhoma lodge (90mins)
Day 3	Gorilla trekking
Day 4	Travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park. Ishasha Community project visit en-route. Afternoon game drive.
Day 5	Game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Sundowners with drinks/snacks.
Day 6	Game drive and boat cruise on Kazinga Channel.
Day 7	Chimpanzee trekking at Kyambura.
Day 8	Transfer to Mweya airstrip for your flight back to Entebbe.

Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: Best Western Premier Garden Hotel, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport, a friendly Wild Frontiers representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel.

Set on the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is a relaxed town that's easy to explore on foot or by local boda bodas (motorbike taxis). Browse colourful markets or take a leisurely boat cruise on Lake Victoria.

Just minutes from the airport, the **Best Western Premier Garden Hotel** is ideally located next to Victoria Shopping Mall, with the Entebbe Golf Club, Botanical Gardens, and lakeside all close by. The hotel's Garden Restaurant serves up international favourites, with a laid-back terrace bar and coffee shop for lighter bites. Cool off in the outdoor pool, unwind on a sun lounger, or catch up online with free Wi-Fi. With 51 modern, ensuite rooms and all the comforts you need, it's the perfect start to your Ugandan journey.

Overnight: Best Western Garden Hotel

Day 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

This morning, a scenic light aircraft flight takes you to Kihikihi airstrip—just over an hour—followed by a 90-minute drive through local villages and winding mountain roads to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Bwindi is Uganda's most biologically diverse forest and one of East Africa's richest ecosystems. It's home to over 120 mammal species, 345 bird species, 200 types of butterflies, and 160 tree species—and shelters roughly half of the world's remaining endangered Mountain Gorillas.

Tucked at the edge of the forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges located inside the national park gate and offers the ultimate base for your once-in-a-lifetime Gorilla trek.

Built with sustainable materials and full of character, the lodge's elevated lounge, bar and dining area serve up hearty multi-course meals and stunning views over the forest canopy. A crackling fireplace sets the tone for cosy evenings.

Ten spacious, eco-friendly chalets offer privacy and comfort. Wake to birdsong and monkey chatter, sip coffee on your verandah and take in sweeping views of the forest. With the trek start point just steps away, even the gorillas occasionally drop by—while the resident L'Hoest's monkeys are regulars in the garden.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge [View iBrochure](#)



Day 3: Gorilla Trekking & Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Coming face to face with a mountain gorilla is a rare encounter— and one of Africa’s wildlife experiences that’s hard to sum up in mere words. Accompanied by experienced guides and trackers, you’ll set off early for a trek through the dense rainforest, navigating steep slopes in search of your allocated gorilla family.

Trekking can be strenuous, lasting anywhere from 45 minutes to 8 hours, often in hot, high-altitude conditions. Hiring a local porter is highly recommended—they’ll lighten your load and enrich your experience. While sightings can't be guaranteed, the success rate is over 95%.

Once found, you’ll spend a magical hour observing the gorillas up close. Time flies—so take a few photos, then soak up the experience fully.

On scheduled departures, permits are typically secured for Buhoma and Ruhija regions, both accessible from Buhoma. Some treks start with a road transfer—offering the bonus of exploring more of this beautiful region. Permits are usually scheduled for day 3 or 4, depending on availability.

After your trek, return to Buhoma Lodge for a well-earned complimentary massage, or spend time exploring the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge



Day 4: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart Bwindi and head to Ishasha in southern Queen Elizabeth National Park—a scenic 2–3 hour drive with a stop at a local community project near Ishasha Village.

Set within the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, Queen Elizabeth National Park boasts a rich tapestry of wildlife, including elephants, buffalo, hippos, leopards, Uganda kob, and over 600 bird species. The remote Ishasha sector, characterized by its unique blend of savannah and riverine forest, is renowned for its tree-climbing lions which often seek refuge in the branches of sycamore fig and acacia trees.

Tucked beside the Ntungwe River, the eco-sensitive **Ishasha Wilderness Camp** offers an idyllic blend of seclusion, comfort and outstanding service. The thatched lounge and dining area is cosy and relaxed, with meals often served al fresco by the river. Come evening, unwind by the fire with sundowners and stories under the stars.

Ten spacious, en-suite canvas tents are tucked along the riverbank, each with a private verandah—perfect for morning coffee as the surrounding bush stirs to life. Colobus and Vervet monkeys play nearby, and you might spot Henry, the resident hippo, lazing below the deck. Elephants often wander through camp, adding a wild touch to your stay.

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp

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Day 5: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in Ishasha, rounding off the day with scenic bush sundowners including drinks and snacks. Whether beside the river or atop a ridge, soak in the breathtaking views and tranquil atmosphere. This is what safari memories are made of!

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp

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Day 6: Elephant Plains, Northern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Head north to the Mweya sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park, passing crater lakes, mountains and thickets of the unique Euphorbia “candelabra” trees along the way.

In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a 32-kilometre waterway linking Lake Edward and Lake George. Glide past fishing villages, buffalo herds, wallowing hippos and crocodiles basking on the shore, while birdlife flourishes along the banks. *(Cruise usually departs at 14h00 — no drinks/snacks included.)*

Your base for the night is **Elephant Plains**, a small luxury lodge perched on a hilltop with endless views over open grasslands to Lake George. Nestled beside Lake Kikorongo, where elephants often gather to drink, the lodge features six spacious cottages and two family units—each with a large private veranda and panoramic windows for soaking up the views. The lodge runs on solar power and offers an eco-friendly pool, stylish lounge, restaurant with outdoor deck, and a well-stocked bar with wine cellar.

Overnight: Elephant Plains Lodge OR SIMILAR



Day 7: Elephant Plains Lodge, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Head out for an exhilarating chimp trek in Kyambura Gorge, followed by game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

The forest is alive with sound—chimpanzees call, chatter and swing through the canopy, though you might spot them resting or feeding closer to the forest floor. It’s a scenic walk through varied terrain, and while sightings aren’t guaranteed, the experience is well worth it.

Overnight: Elephant Plains Lodge OR SIMILAR

Day 8: End of itinerary

Depart to the nearby Mweya airstrip for your return flight to Entebbe.

Please check the exact timing of your flight with us before booking your international departure flight.

Package price:

June to December 2025	USD 6175 per person sharing USD 923 single room supplement
2026 LOW season (May)	USD 5925 per person sharing USD 550 single room supplement
2026 SHOULDER season (March & October)	USD 6170 per person sharing USD 635 single room supplement
2026 HIGH season (Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec)	USD 6605 per person sharing USD 1000 single room supplement
Gorilla & Chimpanzee permits excluded	USD 800 per person (Gorilla) International Passports USD 500 per person (Gorilla) African Citizens USD 100 per person (Chimp) Kyambura Gorge

***NB Permit rates are subject to change without notice, dependent on prices issued by Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA). Permit pricing is currently valid until June 2026, awaiting further rates from UWA for travel after this date.**

Extra permits attract a booking & transport fee of USD 70 per person per permit.

We accept children of 16 years and older on our scheduled departures (with an adult/guardian). This has been implemented out of courtesy to other guests.

Included:

- Small group scheduled safari, min 2 max 7 participants per vehicle
- Meet & greet at Entebbe airport
- Airport transfers throughout
- 1 night at Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe, or similar, including breakfast
- Return domestic flights from Entebbe to Kihhi/ Kasese to Entebbe on a scheduled flight (light aircraft)
- 4x4 transport with English speaking local driver/guide as above
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 2 nights at Buhoma Lodge including all meals and local drinks
- Community visit enroute to Ishasha
- 2 nights at Ishasha Wilderness Camp including all meals and local drinks
- 2 nights at Elephant Plains Lodge or similar including all meals and local drinks
- All park entrance fees
- Boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Community fees and contribution to the [Future Generations Trust](#)
- Full liability insurance cover and 24-hour emergency contact

Note: select local drinks are included at Buhoma, Ishasha and Elephant Plains. Should alternate hotels be booked, drinks may NOT be included.

Excluded:

- Gorilla Permit
- Chimp permit
- All international flights and airport taxes
- All health entry requirements including Yellow Fever inoculations if required
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals not included above

POPULAR TRIP EXTENSIONS:

- **MURCHISON FALLS:** River Nile, game drives, chimpanzee trekking, fishing, birdwatching.
- **KIBALE:** Chimpanzees and other primates, forest walks, crater lakes.
- **JINJA:** Source of the Nile, adventure activities including white water rafting, quad biking.
- **ENTEBBE:** City life and local craft shopping, boat cruises or fishing on Lake Victoria, Botanical Gardens, Uganda Wild Life Education Centre/ Ngamba Island.

We offer 8, 9 and 10 day small group, set departures as well as combination Uganda/Rwanda trips. We are also experts at designing your own private tailor made trip to meet your exact personal interests.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Please contact us for updated health requirements to ensure you have the latest information prior to travelling.

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.**

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



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