Gorilla 4 day Fly-in safari: Buhoma Lodge

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
4 days/3 nights

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A fly-in safari from Entebbe to Bwindi is perfect for those short on time and keen to experience one of the most thrilling wildlife encounters on earth, trekking Mountain Gorillas. Perched just inside the park gate, Buhoma Lodge boasts sweeping forest views — and yes, gorillas and other primates do wander into the garden!

Want more? Add on game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park or chimp trekking in Kibale. Let's plan your perfect Uganda adventure ...

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Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Transfer from your Entebbe hotel to the airport for your flight to Kihihi (about 90 mins). You will be met on arrival at Kihihi airstrip and transferred through local villages and along mountain roads to Bwindi (a drive of +- 90 mins).

The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in southwestern Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley. Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests, with almost 400 species of plants. This 'impenetrable' forest is also home to an estimated 460 mountain gorillas - including several habituated families.

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 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

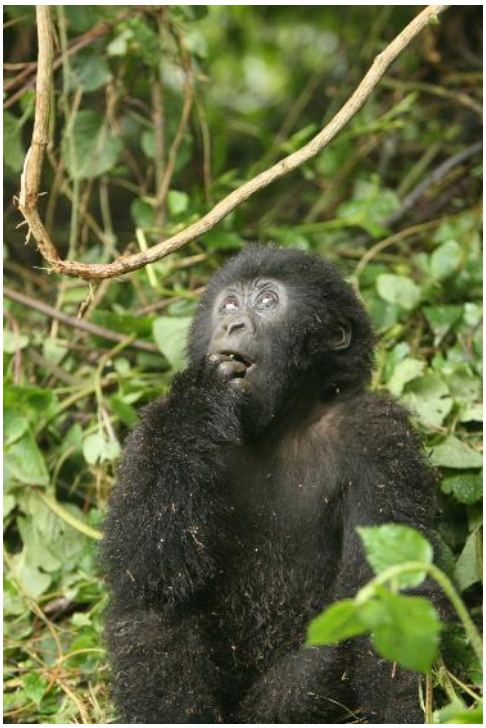
Gorilla Trekking

Coming face to face with a mountain gorilla is a once-in-a-lifetime experience — an encounter so powerful, it's hard to put into words. With expert trackers and guides leading the way, you'll set off early to trek through thick rainforest, tackling steep terrain as you search for your assigned gorilla family.

The trek can be physically demanding, taking anywhere from 45 minutes to 8 hours, often in hot and high-altitude conditions. Hiring a local porter is strongly recommended—they'll lighten your load and quite literally give you a hand, offering a push or pull as you navigate the impenetrable forest. While nature offers no guarantees, the chances of a sighting are above 95%.

When you do find them, you'll have a magical hour to observe these incredible creatures at close range. Be sure to snap a few photos — but mostly, just take it all in.
On scheduled trips, permits are usually secured for the Buhoma and Ruhija sectors. Some treks include a road transfer to the trailhead, an added chance to enjoy more of the region's scenery. Trekking permits are generally arranged for day 3 or 4, depending on availability.

After the trek, return to Buhoma Lodge for a well-deserved complimentary massage, or take time to explore the vibrant Bwindi community nearby.



Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 3: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Those with additional pre-purchased permits will depart for a second gorilla trekking experience. Or spend the day at your leisure exploring the Bwindi area – optional activities include forest walks, a visit to a local school/ orphanage/ hospital or Batwa pygmy village, Ride for a Woman or some local curio shopping.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 4: Entebbe - End of itinerary

Transfer to the airstrip for your return flight Kihihi to Entebbe International airport. **End of safari**

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Included:

- Transfer from Entebbe Hotel to Entebbe airport
- Flight Entebbe – Kihihi with shared transfer Kihihi airstrip to Buhoma Lodge
- 3 nights at Buhoma Lodge including all meals (full board) and local drinks
- Shared transfer Buhoma Lodge to Kihihi airstrip for flight Kihihi – Entebbe
- Comprehensive passenger / public liability insurance
- Community service fee and contribution to The Future Generations Trust

**Important:* *Scheduled flight from Entebbe to Kihihi return is included. Total baggage limit is 15kg in soft bags. Please check at time of booking whether the flight price has increased for any reason beyond our control. Should gorilla permits be booked at Ruhija, there is an additional shared vehicle transfer fee of USD 250 per vehicle return.*

Excluded:

- Gorilla permit
- International flights and airport taxes
- Visa, Travel insurance, Health requirements (including Yellow Fever inoculation)
- Services/activities/drinks/ meals not included above
- Gratuities and personal expenses

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 Wildlife 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:

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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