

US\$3,957 per person sharing
US\$425 single room supplement

The ultimate Mountain Gorilla
experience - we pay homage to
them in their last sanctuaries

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Day 1 Arrival in Entebbe and transfer to Lake Mburo National Park

Today you arrive at Entebbe International Airport, where we will meet you for a welcome drink and a briefing, and transfer you to your hotel to freshen up. We then drive west (**5 hours, 250km, 150 Miles**) to Lake Mburo National Park, where we check in to our lodge

Lake Mburo Lodge

Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 Lake Mburo National Park

This morning we enjoy a game drive by ATV. These specially silenced vehicles give on the opportunity to approach wildlife to within distances not normally possible with normal game viewing jeeps. Our experienced guides and rangers will ensure that this will be a highlight of your trip. Alternatively, you can experience the park on horseback—another unique activity for Uganda

This afternoon, we enjoy an optional boat trip on Lake Mburo to view the area's hippo and birdlife population, or laze by the pool overlooking the plains far below.

Lake Mburo Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 3 Lake Mburo - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

We continue our journey west (**8 hours, 285km, 171 Miles**) to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Engagi Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 4 Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

The Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi are part of a worldwide population of just 720 individuals. The gorillas we are allowed to track belong either one of 6 habituated family groups. For up to five years each, these groups have undergone an extremely delicate process that has gradually brought them to tolerate the presence of humans for a brief period every day and allowed a few privileged visitors to interact with them in the wild.

The time taken to track the gorillas varies enormously, from as little as half an hour to as much as 9 hours before one returns to camp. Once the gorillas are located, our group will be allowed a maximum of one hour with them.

Engagi Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 5 Bwindi Impenetrable Forest—Volcanoes National Park

We leave early and drive (**8 hours, 230km, 138 Miles**) to Rwanda. We drive across the breathtaking scenery of the Kigezi Highlands, through the Kanaba Gap to the foothills of the Virunga Massif. Our journey to this second "Island in the Sky" takes us 1 hour back in time. We check in to our lodge this evening for a well earned rest.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 6 Volcanoes National Park

Today we have the options of a rest day, doing some local hiking, visiting with the local villages, visiting the Golden Monkeys, or even doing an additional gorilla track.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 7 Volcanoes National Park—Kigali

The grand finale of our trip— our encounter with the other half of the Mountain Gorilla population. Tracking in Rwanda takes place at higher elevations, and the vegetation tends to be more open, offering potentially clear sightings of gorillas. It is just as physically demanding as in Uganda, but just as rewarding, and the location is simply spectacular.

After tracking, we have lunch and drive (**2 hours, 115km, 68 Miles**) back to Kigali and check in to our hotel

Kigali Serena

Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 8 Kigali—Departure

If time allows, this morning we will do a city tour, before our departure for our flight home

Meal Plan: Breakfast

PRICE

US\$3,957 per person in twin

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US\$85 optional ATV safari or horseback riding on day 2

Subject to availability at the time of booking:

US\$150 Optional Golden Monkey tracking on day 6

US\$600 Optional Gorilla Tracking on day 6

Each departure will run with a minimum of 2 travelers, and will be limited to a maximum of 6 travelers.

We retain the right to substitute the accommodations shown above with other suitable accommodations if there is no availability, and we retain the right to run the itinerary in a reverse direction to fit the availability of accommodations.

TAILOR MADE

We can run this itinerary as a private tour if you wish - supplements will apply

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation in standard twin rooms

Meals as indicated in the daily meal plan

All road and air transfers as indicated

2 gorilla permit per person.

Services of an English speaking driver guide

Park fees

All activities described in the itinerary, unless specified as extras

Mineral water, tea and coffee in the vehicle

Medical Evacuation to a hospital in Nairobi

EXCLUSIONS

International Air Fares, entry visa fees, domestic and international departure tax

Beverages other than those in the vehicle

All expenses of a personal nature

Tips and gratuities to your driver/guide hotel/camp staff etc.

DEPARTURE DATES

Updated lists of available tours are available on request