GORILLA ADVENTURE AND WILD LIFE SAFARI IN UGANDA 10-17 AUGUST 2019



Gorillas In The Mist Adventure is an incredible experience. It's an exceptional package and combination of **gorilla trekking and wildlife safari**. Be amazed by the astounding beauty of East Africa's landscapes: verdant highlands, steamy rainforests, tropical beaches and waving grasslands that sprawl into the horizon.

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa whose diverse landscape encompasses the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and immense Lake Victoria. Its abundant wildlife includes chimpanzees as well as rare birds. Remote Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is a renowned mountain gorilla sanctuary. Murchison Falls National Park in the northwest is known for its 43m-tall waterfall and wildlife such as hippos.

Uganda has the highest percentage of Mountain Gorillas in the world. There are currently less than 1000 mountain gorillas left in the world and almost half of the population reside in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

DETAILED ITINERARY:

Day 1: August 10th, Saturday

- Arrive at the airport and transfer to the hotel in Kampala.
- Overnight at Holiday Express Hotel

Day 2: August 11th, Sunday

In the morning right after breakfast, we'll drive to Kibale National Park. The drive will take about 5 to 6 hours. After lunch, we go for a nature walk in Bigodi wetland. Overnight at Chimpanzee view guest House.



Kibale National Park contains one of the loveliest and most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda. Forest cover, interspersed with patches of grassland and swamp, dominates the northern and central parts of the park on an elevated plateau. The park is home to a total of 70 mammal species, most famously 13 species of primate including the chimpanzee. The Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary is a fascinating area, located in Magombe swamp, this area is recognized for an extensive array of biodiversity among which are several primates species like the red colobus monkey, baboon, black & white colobus monkey, blue monkey grey-cheeked and the red-tailed monkey.

Day 3: August 12th, Monday

In the morning after breakfast, we'll to the park headquarters for a briefing, after which we'll start the guided nature walk and search for chimpanzees. The trekking time ranges between 2 and 4 hours. Then we'll spend about an hour following them and taking pictures before returning.



CHIMPANZEE HABITUATION EXPERIENCE (Optional)

During the experience you can also spend a full day with the chimpanzees, following them and learning more about them from the time they leave their nests to the time they make their nests for a night's rest. however, this activity starts as early as 6 am.

Day 4: August 13th, Tuesday

In the morning we'll drive to Bwindi. The drive will take 6 to 7 hours, arriving in the afternoon. Overnight at Buhoma Community Bandas or Nshongi Gorilla camp or Gorilla Valley Lodge.

The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is a biodiverse, mountainous area in southwest Uganda. It's home to many of the world's remaining mountain gorillas, who feed on roots, leaves, and fruits from the park's many tree and fern species. Restricted numbers of viewing permits help protect the endangered gorilla families. In the park, rough paths weave amid dense forests, which are home to many butterflies and birds.



Day 5: August 14th, Wednesday

After breakfast and with packed lunch we head to the park headquarters for a briefing before our walk along different trails trekking the gorillas. Following the spot that the gorillas were left the previous day, we will track down the gorillas to meet/find them and then spend some time with them. We'll watch, take photographs of these great giant primates as they feed, play and care for their young. After spending an hour or so with the gorillas we'll transfer back to our lodge, ending one of the most exhilarating wildlife experiences on earth.

Overnight at previous lodge.





Day 6: August 15th, Thursday

After breakfast, we drive to The Queen Elizabeth National Park.



The drive will take you through the Ishasha sector where we'll have a game drive and en route see animals such as the tree climbing lions. We'll reach Mweya safari lodge in the afternoon to check and have lunch and later go for a boat ride on the Kazinga channel.

Overnight at the Bush Lodge.



Queen Elizabeth national park is Uganda's most famous national park. The presence of varied bio-network to mention the beautiful lakes, extensive savanna, the natural forests, and fertile swamps hence making it ideal for wildlife, it also has ten primate species including chimps and 600 bird species.

Day 7: August 16th, Friday

Early morning, we go for a game drive which will provide excellent opportunities to see Uganda Kobs, Spotted Hyena, leopard, antelope, elephant and then drive back to the lodge for a late breakfast. Later drive to Kampala and flight back.



COST

£1995 (For payment before March 10th 2019)

£2195 (For payment before May 10th 2019)

£2395 (For payment before June 10th 2019)

Recommended flights:

9th August, Emirates, London Gatwick-Entebbe, 21:45-13:50; 17th August, Emirates, Entebbe-London Gatwick, 16:20-07:20;

What's included:

- Full board accommodation
- Transport in 4-wheel drive
- English speaking driver guide
- 1 gorilla tracking permit
- Chimpanzee tracking
- Game drives
- Boat ride
- Park entrance fees
- Bottled drinking water

What's excluded:

- drinks/beverages
- laundry
- visa fees
- airfares and any other item of personal nature
- Chimpanzee habituation experience

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