



# UGANDA GORILLA TREKKING Short Stay | 5 Days

Discover the natural beauty of Uganda, known as the "Pearl of Africa." Journey through lush forests and rolling landscapes before experiencing one of the world's most unforgettable wildlife encounters — trekking majestic mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. Embark on an adventure that combines breathtaking scenery, rich culture, and the thrill of meeting these gentle giants face-to-face.

- Trek through the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park
- Spend an hour with a mountain gorilla family
- Take a speedboat across Lake Victoria, Africa's largest body
- Visit the residents of Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary

## **INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation (2 nights Entebbe/2 nights Bwindi)
- · Return domestic flights Entebbe Kihihi
- Meals as specified
- All sightseeing and entrance fees with English speaking guide
- All transportation and transfers
- 1 gorilla trekking permit per person



#### **PHYSICAL LEVEL:**

The physical level of this trip is difficult to determine, as it will depend on the location of the gorilla family that you will visit and the weather conditions. Treks can take anywhere from 30 min up to 5 hours, and involves hiking through dense rainforest with uneven path, that also can be slippery when wet.

The park rangers and guides are very experienced at splitting people into groups based on their physical abilities and assigning what gorilla family will each group visit.

Solid walking shoes and sturdy clothing with long sleeves and long pants to protect against stinging nettles are essential. Gardening or leather gloves are useful as well as a lightweight waterproof jacket in case of rain.

Please note: THE MINIMUM AGE LIMIT TO TRACK GORILLAS IS 15 YEARS OLD



#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

# Days 1: Arrive in Entebbe

Meals: D

Meals: B, L, D

Arrive at Uganda's Entebbe International Airport, set on the shores of Lake Victoria, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Settle in and enjoy a welcome dinner as you prepare for the adventure ahead.



# **Destination Information**

**Entebbe** - Located on the northern shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is home to Uganda's main international airport and serves as the country's primary point of entry. The town offers a relaxed atmosphere, with key attractions including the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, Entebbe Botanical Gardens, and access to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

## Day 2: Fly to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board your domestic flight to Kihihi Airstrip. On arrival, transfer through scenic countryside to your lodge. Here, you are on the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage old-growth forest, known for its incredible biodiversity and its population of endangered mountain gorillas. Take some time to relax and soak in the serene forest surroundings.



#### **Destination Information**

**Bwindi Impenetrable Forest** — a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Africa's most biologically diverse rainforests. It's best known as home to nearly half of the world's remaining mountain gorillas, making it a premier destination for gorilla trekking. The forest spans steep hills and dense vegetation, supporting over 120 mammal species, 350 bird species, and countless plants and butterflies. In addition to gorilla tracking, visitors can enjoy guided nature walks, birdwatching, and cultural experiences with local communities.



# Day 3: Gorilla Trek Meals: B, L, D

Rise early and ready for an unforgettable day. Head to the headquarters of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park to carry out the formalities and get a detailed briefing from your ranger guide. The forest here is only accessible on foot, so you'll trek through the dense foliage, admiring the treescape and looking out for signs of one of the area's habituated gorilla families. Once you find them, you will have a magical hour spent observing them in their natural habitat - one of the greatest wildlife encounters on the planet. After bidding the gorillas farewell, trek back to headquarters and return to your lodge for a well-earned rest.



# Day 4: Return to Entebbe

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, transfer to Kihihi Airstrip for your flight back to Entebbe. On arrival, your driver will transfer you to your hotel. This afternoon, board a speedboat across Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake, for a visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Spend time learning about chimpanzee conservation and watching these fascinating primates in their lakeside refuge. This evening, spend time relaxing at your hotel.



#### **Destination Information**

**Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary -** Ngamba Island is currently home to 52 orphaned and confiscated chimps, rescued from the illegal pet and bushmeat trade. Founded in 1998, the island offers 95 acres of natural forest where the chimps roam and forage daily.

#### Day 5: Depart Entebbe

Meals: B

Enjoy breakfast before checking out. Your driver will transfer you to Entebbe International Airport for your onward flight.



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