



MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

Africa's Mountain Gorillas (*Gorilla berengei berengei*) are the world's largest primates and the largest gorilla species. Living at high altitude these majestic creatures have longer and more abundant fur than Lowland Gorillas, but unfortunately, like their cousins, they are equally critically endangered, with just 720 individuals remaining. Their habitat has been reduced to a few small national parks in a chain of volcanic mountains, the Virungas, on the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as in Uganda's Impenetrable Forest. These "gentle giants" live on a diet of leaves, stems bark and fruit, but their survival is threatened by loss of habitat, disease and poaching.

Little was known about the Mountain Gorilla until a study by the American naturalist George Shaller in 1959 followed by an 18 year study by the renowned Dian Fossey, who wrote "Gorillas in the Mist".

A guided trek to see the gorillas is an unforgettable experience. Some habituated groups can be visited in Rwanda's Parc des Volcans and Uganda's Bwindi National Park, and although an encounter cannot be guaranteed it is unusual not to see them. Limited gorilla permits are available and need to be purchased well in advance.

KINGS OF THE FOREST





“I had always thought that the ultimate wildlife experience would be a visit to the Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda. Our first gorilla trek involved a 2.5 hour hike up a mountain, along slushy tracks and thick vegetation [before] we reached our group of 22 gorillas who were having a very relaxed siesta around a huge silverback... For most of the time we were right among them and there was considerable interaction between us and them, with some physical contact, always initiated by the gorillas. Have you ever been touched by a gorilla? Magic!”
 - Ron Leahy

Unforgettable encounter with mountain gorillas © Steve Turner

RWANDA

Rwanda’s famous Parc des Volcans is the best place to undertake one of Africa’s great wildlife experiences - an encounter with the magnificent Mountain Gorilla. Other endangered primates which can be visited are Chimpanzees and the diminutive Golden Monkeys.

Highlights

Gorilla Trekking in Parc des Volcans; dramatic mountain scenery; local cultures; Chimpanzee viewing; Golden Lion Monkeys.

Climate in Virungas

Rwanda can be visited at any time of the year. The Virunga mountains where the gorillas are found can be cool to cold. Rain falls throughout the year but is heaviest during Mar-May and Oct-Nov.

RWANDA GORILLAS

**2 or more nights
 Departs daily ex Kigali**

	3D/2N		4D/3N	
	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
Mountain Gorilla View Lodge & Manor Hotel Kigali				
01 Jan-31 Dec	\$2154	\$3010	\$3337	\$4606
Sabinyo Silverback Lodge & Kigali Serena Hotel				
Jan-Mar, 1 Nov-15 Dec			\$4349	\$5722
Apr-May			\$3892	\$4941
Jun-Oct, 16-31 Dec			\$4545	\$5968

Price per person includes: 3D/2N 1 gorilla permit incl 4D/3N 2 gorilla permits incl **Both packages** - Airport transfers in Kigali, city tour; accommodation and meals as per itinerary, transportation by 4WD vehicle, English speaking driver, gorilla permits as indicated, park fees, mineral water, temporary Flying Doctor Service membership.

Price excludes: Virunga Porter fee for the hike (\$20 USD per person per trek) & visa fees.

*Single rates are cheaper if travelling with other people. Children under 15 are not allowed to visit the gorillas.

Travel to Rwanda, just one hour’s flight from Nairobi and immerse yourself in one of the most breathtaking wildlife encounters of your lifetime.

The last remaining Mountain Gorillas live in the Virunga Volcanoes. They were made famous by Dian Fossey who dedicated her life to their future and immortalised them in the film *Gorillas in the Mist*. To make the most of this very special experience we strongly recommend our 4 Day itinerary. For both options we recommend you arrive in Kigali on the morning flight and drive directly to the Virunga area.

BOTH ITINERARIES

Day 1 Parc National des Volcans
 Arrive Kigali on morning flight, city tour followed by lunch and drive 2 hours to your lodge near the Parc National des Volcans for overnight. LD

Day 2 Kigali or Parc National des Volcans
 Early breakfast and 6.15 am departure for park HQ for the start of your Gorilla trek through the thick forest. Once found a maximum of 1 hour can be spent with them. Lunch at your lodge before returning to your Kigali hotel for overnight (3D/2N) or relax at your lodge in the afternoon, dinner and overnight (4D/3N). BLD

Day 3 Tour ends or Kigali
 After breakfast transfer to Kigali airport, tour ends (3D/2N). Second Gorilla trek, lunch, then drive to Kigali for dinner and overnight (4D/3N).

Day 4 Tour ends
 Transfer to airport. Tour ends. B

Gorilla Mountain View Lodge
 The 3 star Gorilla Mountain View Lodge is just 10 minutes’ drive from the park headquarters and offers simple but comfortable accommodation in large stone and thatch cottages with fireplaces and ensuite bathrooms. The main lodge has a dining room, bar and lounge.

Sabinyo Silverback Lodge
 With wonderful views of the Virunga Volcanoes, this luxury lodge is just minutes from the park headquarters. Up to 18 guests are accommodated in picturesque stone cottages with verandas, sitting areas, fireplaces and ensuite bathrooms. The main lodge has a dining room, lounge, library and shop.



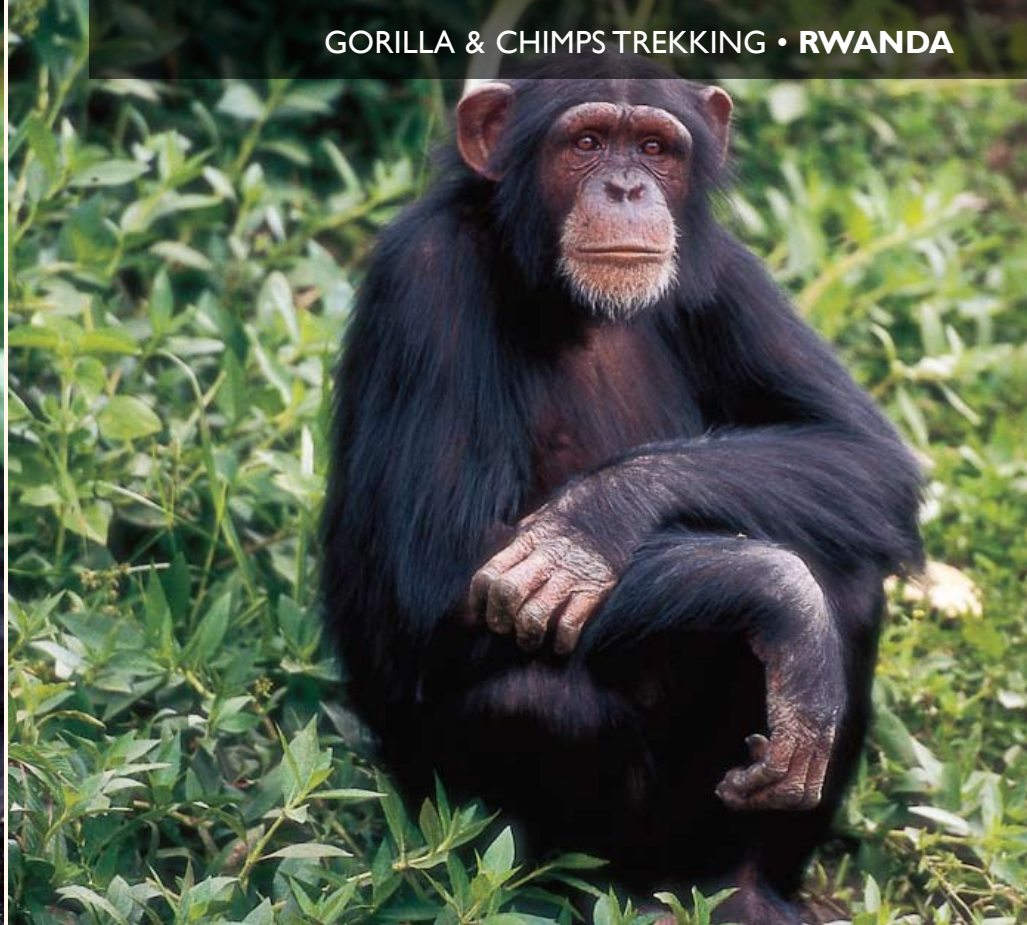
Cute baby gorilla

© Steve Turner



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Meeting the gaze of a mountain gorilla



Chimpanzee © Origins

GORILLAS & CHIMPS

7 days/6 nights
Hotels/Lodges

Departs daily ex Kigali

Tour cost per person:	Twin	Single [^]
Jan-Mar & 01 Nov-15 Dec	\$5868	\$8155
Apr-May	\$5412	\$7374
Jun-Oct & 16-31 Dec	\$6062	\$8400

Children under 15 are not allowed to visit the gorillas.

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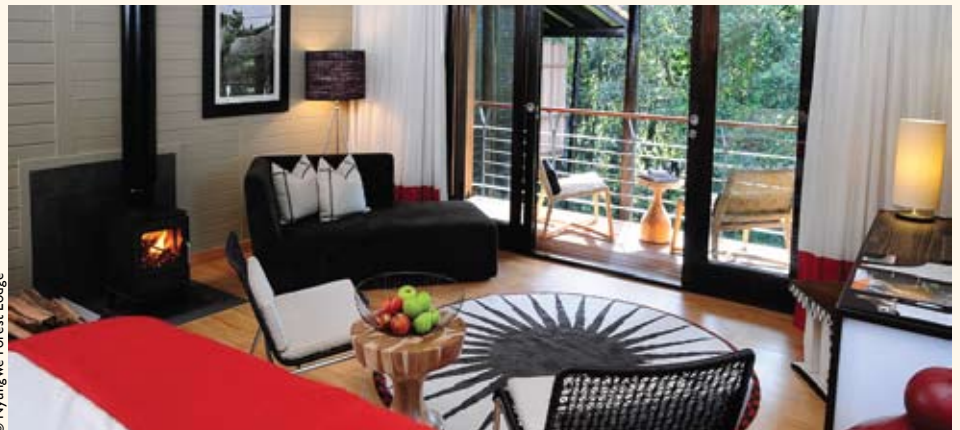
Price per person includes: Airport transfers in Kigali, city tour, accommodation and meals as per itinerary, transportation by 4WD vehicle, English speaking driver, 2 gorilla permits and 1 chimp permit as indicated, park fees, bottled mineral water. Nyungwe Forest Lodge includes house drinks (premium brands excluded) and use of walking sticks. Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge includes house drinks (premium brands excluded) laundry and use of gaiters, raincoats and walking sticks. Also included, portorage and temporary Flying Doctor Service membership.

Price excludes: visa fees.

Walk through pristine rainforest to discover Africa's magnificent but endangered primate species. Rwanda is home to the rare Mountain Gorilla, as well as chimpanzees and many monkeys. Explore this Land of a Thousand Hills on a 7 day itinerary which combines two gorilla treks with a visit to the unique and unspoilt Nyungwe Forest, home to chimpanzees and 12 different monkey species. Chimpanzee tracking can be arduous, even more so than gorillas so you need to be relatively fit and be prepared to hike deep in the rainforest between 2-4 hours.

Day 1 Kigali

Met on arrival in Kigali and transfer to Kigali Serena Hotel for overnight. D



© Nyungwe Forest Lodge

Nyungwe Forest Lodge

Days 2/3 Nyungwe Forest

Morning city tour. Time permitting visit the Genocide Museum and the Royal Palace at Nyanza before departing by road (6 hrs) to the Nyungwe Forest National Park. Next morning depart before dawn for a full day in the forest, searching for chimpanzees as well as huge groups of Colobus monkeys and other primate species. Overnight at the stunning new eco-luxury Nyungwe Forest Lodge. BLD

Days 4/5 Parc des Volcans

Drive one to two hours through the Rift Valley towards the foothills of the Virunga Volcanoes and the Parc des Volcans. Early next morning commence your guided gorilla trek from the park headquarters. In the afternoon explore the scenic rural countryside. Overnight at the luxury Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge. BLD

Day 6 Kigali

Another early morning start for your second gorilla trek. After lunch drive back to Kigali. Overnight Kigali Serena Hotel. BLD

Day 7 Tour end.

After breakfast transfer to airport. B



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Virunga Volcanoes





Up-close with the family © Betty Leahy



Tree Lion - Queen Elizabeth National Park © Wild Frontiers

UGANDA

Uganda, called “The Pearl of Africa” by Sir Winston Churchill, is a country of great natural beauty. The snow capped Ruwenzoris rise above the Queen Elizabeth National Park with its abundant game, and on the forested slopes of the Virunga Volcanoes, in the Bwindi National Park lives the rare Mountain Gorilla.

Highlights
Gorilla trekking; Chimpanzee viewing; beautiful scenery of forests, lakes, cascading waterfalls and mystical mountains; Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Climate
Despite being on the equator the altitude keeps temperatures down (25°-28°C). Mountain areas where the gorillas are found can be cool to cold. Rain falls throughout the year but is heaviest during Mar-May and Oct-Nov.

BEST OF UGANDA

**8 days/7 nights
Hotels/Lodges
Departs ex Entebbe**

06 & 20 Jan, 10 Feb, 02 & 23 Mar, 05[#], 20 Apr, 01, 15 & 29 Jun, 14 & 27 Jul, 10 & 24 Aug, 07 & 21 Sep, 05 & 19 Oct, 2 & 23 Nov, 14 & 21[#] Dec

Tour cost per person (Min 2): Twin Single*
01 Jan-31 Dec \$4922 \$5446
Optional Chimp permit (Chamburu) \$50 USD \$50 USD

[#]Surcharge applies for Easter and Xmas/New Year. Full details on request.

*Single clients may join existing departures.

Children under 16 are not accepted on this tour.

Itinerary may run in reverse order.

Price per person includes: Return airport transfers, full board on safari, breakfast only in Entebbe, services of driver/guide, park fees, Ngamba Chimpanzee Island tour, game activities and walks, 2 Gorilla permits.

This 8 day safari offers you the best of Uganda, from Mountain Gorilla trekking to searching for the famous tree climbing lions in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Depending on where the gorilla permits have been secured for a particular departure, gorilla viewing will take place in either Uganda or Rwanda (2 Gorilla treks are included). The safari operates for a minimum of 2 people travelling together and accommodation is in comfortable hotels and lodges.

Day 1 Entebbe

Arrival transfer from Entebbe airport to Lake Victoria Hotel or similar. Afternoon visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Reserve where orphaned chimpanzees have been relocated.

Day 2 Lake Mburo

Drive to Lake Mburo National Park (4-5 hrs) and overnight at a tented camp. Game viewing or walking with a local guide.

Day 3 Bwindi or Parc des Volcans

Depart Mburo for Bwindi National Park in Uganda or to the Parc National Des Volcans in Rwanda.

Day 4 Bwindi or Parc des Volcans

Accompanied by experienced guides and an armed park ranger, set off this morning on your first trek through the forest to search for the gorillas. These magnificent animals are often deep within the forest and it may take up to six hours to find them. Once you contact the gorilla group you may spend up to one hour watching and photographing them. Mountain Gorillas are wild animals, as such sightings cannot be guaranteed, however the success rate is well over 90%.

Day 5 Bwindi or Parc des Volcans

Set out on your second trek in search of the Gorillas, another opportunity to spend time with these extraordinary animals. Overnight Bwindi, Parc des Volcans or Ishasha.

Days 6/7 Queen Elizabeth National Park

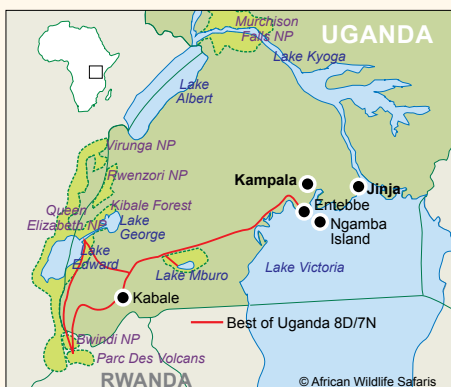
Drive to the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Activities include game drives, a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, famous for hippos and diverse bird life, and a trek to see chimpanzees in the Chamburu gorge (optional and subject to permits being available - additional cost).

Day 8 Safari ends Entebbe

Drive to Entebbe (7 hrs) arriving late afternoon. Transfer to your onward flight from Entebbe.



Stunning birdlife - Queen Elizabeth National Park



Chimpanzee in recline

GORILLAS & CHIMPS EXPRESS

**6 days/5 nights
Departs ex Entebbe**

If your time is limited, our 6 day Gorilla Express is available. It offers the same itinerary as the 8 day safari but excludes Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Departure dates:- 28 Jan, 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 28 Apr, 23 Jun, 07 Jul, 04 Aug, 01 & 15 Sep, 27 Oct, 10 Nov & 08 Dec

Tour cost per person (Min 2): Twin Single
01 Jan-31 Dec \$3212 \$3621

Price per person includes: Return airport transfers, full board on safari, breakfast only in Entebbe, services of driver/guide, park fees, Ngamba Chimpanzee Island tour, game activities and walks, 1 Gorilla permit (additional permits \$500 USD).



Laid back Gorilla



CLASSICAL UGANDA

10 days/9 nights
Lodges/Tented Camps
Departs daily ex Entebbe

12 Jan, 16 Feb, 08 Mar, 12 Apr, 07 & 29 Jun, 14 & 19 Jul,
 10 & 16 Aug, 13 & 21 Sep, 11 Oct, 15 Nov, 27 Dec

Tour cost per person (Min 2): Twin Single
 01 Jan-31 Dec* \$5271 \$5945

Optional extra Gorilla Permit: \$500 USD

Optional Chimp Permit (Chamburu): \$50 USD

Optional Chimp Permit (Kibale): \$90 USD

+Must be purchased at time of booking.

*Surcharge applies for Easter and Xmas/New Year. Full details on request.

Price per person includes: Airport transfers to/from Entebbe, 9 nights accommodation in hotels/tented camps, meals as per itinerary, services of a driver/guide, park entry fees, excursion to Ngamba Chimpanzee Island by boat, forest walk Bwindi or Rwanda, game drives in Lake Mburo and either guided walk or boat excursion. Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park & boat cruise on Kazinga Channel. 1 gorilla permit and 1 Chimp permit (Kibale) included.

This wildlife extravaganza includes Mountain Gorillas tracking, encounters with orphaned chimpanzees, plus trekking to see wild chimpanzees. You will also go big game viewing in Lake Mburo National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park, looking out for elephants, tree climbing lions, and the hippos of the famous Kazinga Channel. The scenery is spectacular and accommodation is in comfortable hotels and tented camps.

We highly recommend taking advantage of the optional extra Gorilla tracking and Chimp tracking excursions.



Mountain Gorillas

Day 1 Entebbe

Transfer from Entebbe airport to Lake Victoria Hotel or similar. Afternoon visit to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Reserve - a sanctuary for orphaned or confiscated chimpanzees.

Day 2 Lake Mburo National Park

Drive to Lake Mburo NP). Afternoon game drive or boat trip and overnight at a tented camp. BLD

Days 3/4 Bwindi or Parc des Volcans

Drive to your lodge in Bwindi NP in Uganda or Parc Del Volcans in Rwanda for gorilla tracking. There are two opportunities to trek to see these magnificent primates (only one permit included in tour cost but we highly recommend you take up the second option). Your guide will lead you through the forest in search of a particular, habituated family group of gorillas. Once found you are allowed to spend 1 hour viewing and photographing them. BLD

Days 5-7 Queen Elizabeth National Park

Optional second gorilla tracking or forest walk/village visit. Drive to Queen Elizabeth NP. Over the next few days you will enjoy game drives in the park as well as a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, renowned for its huge numbers of hippo, crocodiles and amazing birdlife. An optional trek to see the chimpanzees of Chamburu Gorge may also be possible (subject to permits being available - additional cost). Overnight tented camp/lodge.

Days 8/9 Kibale Forest

Drive to Kibale Forest. Afternoon forest walk and overnight at your lodge/camp. Next morning embark on a guided trek through the forest in search of chimpanzees. Chimps are much more vocal, agile and mobile than gorillas and tracking them can be more strenuous.

Day 10 Tour ends Entebbe

Return to Entebbe via Kampala's markets and stalls (Please do not book departure flight before 8pm in the evening).

Note: Itinerary may operate in reverse order.



Lake Kitandara - Bwindi National Park

NGAMBA ISLAND CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY

2 days/1 night

Daily ex Entebbe

Tour cost per person:

01 Jan-31 Dec

Prices on request

Package includes: Scheduled return boat transfers from Entebbe, all meals on the island at Wild Frontiers private tented camp, tea & coffee, bird-watching, fishing, kayaking, watching the chimp feeding sessions from the viewing platform (twice daily).

The Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT) established Ngamba Island in 1998 for the care of orphaned and/or confiscated chimpanzees. An important aspect of the work carried out by the CSWCT is educating visitors and local communities about the threats to chimpanzee survival. All entrance and activity fees go directly to the Trust.

Optional Chimpanzee Programs

Chimp Forest Walk \$400 USD

Join a group of juvenile chimpanzees on a 1 hour walk through the forest in the early morning.

Caregiver Program \$150 USD

for a day

As a chimp caregiver, you will prepare the chimps' food before feeding them.

Combined Forest Walk \$500 USD

& Caregiver Program

Note: The above Chimpanzee programs offer a guaranteed close up experience on Ngamba Island. These activities must be pre-booked with payment made directly to CSWCT on arrival in Entebbe. Chimpanzees are susceptible to many human diseases so with these activities offering such close contact with the chimps, mandatory health checks (including certain inoculations) are required. Please contact us for further information or go to www.ngambaisland.org



Chimps at the waters edge, Ngamba Island