

Highlights of this Tour

- Watch the lively chimpanzees feeding and playing in the Forest
- Close encounter with the mystic Mountain Gorillas
- Comfortable mid range accommodation



The many national parks and game reserves testify the natural beauty of Uganda. In the national parks of the country you can experience the real, yet untouched wilderness. There you will find an extraordinary biodiversity, where mountain gorillas and chimpanzees live beside Sitatunga antelope and forest elephant. The glaciers in the Ruwenzori Mountains and their formation at Lake Mutanda in southwestern Uganda are also impressive. You can get in touch with the real rural life in one of the many community projects. Not to forget the many adventure sports opportunities like Rafting, Bungee Jumping, Hiking along the River Nile. Let Uganda inspire you!



Day 1: Arrival in Uganda

On your arrival at **Entebbe International Airport** you will be met by your Manya Africa Tours guide who will greet you and transfer you to your hotel. Depending on traffic this will take between 15 and 40 minutes.

Overnight at Airport Guesthouse (B&B)/ at Karibu Guesthouse



Day 2: Depart for Fort Portal – Kibale National Park

This morning we will depart for **Fort Portal** and explore the area around the base of the Rwenzori Mountains with an (optional) visit to the world-famous Rwenzori Mountain Sculpture Foundation.

Later we drive to Kibale Forest National Park, in **Western Uganda**, an incredibly diverse forest that is home to over 13 species of primates including



chimpanzee, red colobus monkey, the rare L'Hoest monkey, blue monkey, grey mangabey, black faced vervet monkeys, baboons, pottos and bushbabies as well as various forest bird species.

Overnight at Kibale Forest Camp (HB)/ Primate Lodge Luxury cottage (HB)



Day 3: Chimpanzee Tracking in the Jungle (Kibale National Park)

After breakfast, we report to the Ranger Headquarters of **Kibale Forest National Park** at 8 AM to set out to find the **chimpanzees** living there. It's great fun to watch this active apes play and romp in the fruit trees.

The experienced ranger will introduce you to the various family members of the chimpanzee family and show you many more inhabitants of the forest. As you walk through the forest on small trails, you will be told how the locals use the woodland plants, e.g. also to combat some diseases. Even the elusive forest elephant, which is smaller and bears more coat than its brother from the savannah, moves in the Kibale Forest. Sometimes even large mammals such as buffalo, large forest pigs and various antelope species can be admired.

In the afternoon, we will visit the neighboring Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary. Cleverly constructed walking paths guide you through the papyrus that grows above your heads. With over 130 species of birds, colorful butterflies, eight

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species of primates and the rare semi-aquatic Sitatunga antelope, this area is a showpiece of responsible tourism.



Overnight at Kibale Forest Camp (HB)/ Primate Lodge Luxury cottage (FB)

Day 4: Depart for Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is regarded as a UNESCO-Natural-World-Heritage and is one of the richest biological and botanical regions in the world. With its south-west position at the edge of the western Rift-Valley, this forest covers 331 km². The treasures of Bwindi are the approx. **400 wild Mountain gorillas**. They contribute to about half of the world population of these gentle human apes.

Arrival in Buhoma is in the afternoon, the destination of our journey today. Depending on your desire and mood a walk around the area is always worth it. Certainly you will also find something nice in one of the art and handicraft shops.





Overnight Haven Bwindi (HB)/ Mahogany Springs (FB)

Day 5: In touch with the Gorillas in Bwindi

Get up very early for your gorilla tracking and have a well-balanced breakfast in preparation for the day. After the registration at the Uganda Wildlife Authority Ranger Station and a short briefing, your incredible gorilla tracking starts.

Once you've located the gorilla family you'll be asked to leave all your belongings behind and slowly approach these gentle giants armed with only your camera. The guide interprets the behavior of the animals for you. Females and their young ones, young males and even the dominant silverback can be seen feeding, playing and interacting with each other or just relaxing! You will never forget this experience with the gorillas. You can be sure that they are very curious to see you. You have exactly one hour with the gorillas before you return to the base station.

After the exciting encounter with the gorillas you will return to the village. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to see the Batwa, the indigenous people of the forest,

Overnight at Haven Bwindi (FB)/ Mahogany Springs (FB)





Day 6: Transfer back to Kampala with a stop at the Equator

After breakfast, we start our journey back towards Entebbe International Airport, stopping for a picnic lunch and a fun photo opportunity at the Equator.

A dayroom will be organized for you to shower and change in Entebbe. After a farewell dinner, your Manya Africa Tours guide will transfer you to **Entebbe International Airport** for your outbound flight.

Please note that check-in for international flights should be done two hours prior to flight departure. The departures area of the airport has a small restaurant, several duty-free shops and a seating area.

Note: It is also possible to fly back from Bwindi to Entebbe. Please see the optional price for the price under the price list.

Dayroom at Airport Guesthouse (HB)/ Karibu Guesthouse



Option – budget

price per client from	\$ \$1,452.00	\$1,015.00	\$891.00	\$183.00
chimps	\$ \$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Gorillas	\$ \$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	
	2 pax	4 pax	6рах	single

Option – luxury

price per client	\$ \$2,139.00	\$1,734.00	\$1,599.00	\$444.00
chimps	\$ \$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Gorillas	\$ \$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	
	2 pax	4 pax	6pax	single

Flying Option: Entebbe to Kihihi \$273 one way and \$452 return

For Uganda itineraries and costs - customised to your specification and price range - please get in touch with Manya Africa Tours!

Please note:

- 1. Prices are valid for 2022 and 2023, this is an example program which can be tailored to your wishes.
- 2. The Gorilla Tracking included in this safari depends on the availability of gorilla trekking permits at the time of booking. These permits are strictly limited and sold out in advance, especially during peak seasons of Christmas and school holidays. We therefore strongly recommend booking early.
- 3. The safari indicated here is essentially an offer. Changes in the course of the journey, the duration of your tour, the number of travelers, as well as the

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choice of accommodation are subject to availability, although we always endeavour to stick as closely as possible to this programme. For most itineraries, we can offer luxury, midrange or budget versions of this safari upon request.

- 4. Sometimes it is not possible to adhere to the travel plan as described in this itinerary, due to weather and road conditions, authority regulations, organizational requirements, etc. Occasionally, the planned route of the tour has to change according to the situation on the ground. We must therefore explicitly refuse liability for adherence to the journey plan.
- 5. By booking this safari, the client accepts *Manya Africa Tours* terms and conditions of business.

Included

- All accommodation on Half Board (HB), Full Board (FB) or Bed and Breakfast (B&B) basis as quoted in the text
- Safari vehicle and fuel
- English speaking tourist guide (Italian speaking is \$180 more on group price)
- 1 chimp permit per person
- 1 gorilla permit per person
- Entrance fees to the national parks
- Taxes
- Free mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- AMREF emergency evacuation insurance

Excluded

- Visa fees
- Drinks / alcoholic drinks
- Additional meals
- Tips
- Activities not part of the described program

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- International travel insurance

Optional

- German or another language speaking Safari-Guide \$180 per group on top of price
- Other activities highlighted as optional in the itinerary