



## SAFARI OVERVIEW

Our gorilla and tree climbing lions safari presents you with the opportunity to explore two of the most popular national parks Uganda has to offer. The first part of your safari takes you to the southern sector of the Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP) and the exhilarating search for the famous tree-climbing lions of Ishasha.

Your journey continues to the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (BINP) to track a group of mountain gorillas in their natural habitat of lush green tropical rain forests and bamboo thickets. There are more than 15 habituated gorilla families in the four main sectors of the national park, and a close-up encounter with the endangered gorillas is a once in a lifetime experience.

### **Day 1 - Kampala to Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Transfer from Kampala to the Queen Elizabeth NP. Game drive.

### **Day 2 - Queen Elizabeth NP to Bwindi Impenetrable NP**

Game drive. Transfer to the Bwindi Impenetrable NP.  
Trekking the Batwa Cultural Trail.

### **Day 3 - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**

Gorilla tracking in the Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

### **Day 4 - Bwindi Impenetrable NP to Lake Mburo National Park**

Transfer to Lake Mburo NP. Game drive.  
Nature walk & boat cruise.

### **Day 5 - Lake Mburo National Park to Kampala**

Game drive. Return drive to Kampala.



## SAFARI FEATURES

### Services & Safari Activities Included

#### Safari Activities in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Game Drive x 2.

#### Safari Activities in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

Gorilla Tracking Permit PP.

Visit Batwa Cultural Trail.

#### Safari Activities in Lake Mburo National Park.

Game Drive x 2.

Nature Walk.

Boat Cruise.

Entrance fees for national parks listed in itinerary.

Return transfers with 4x4 safari vehicle.

English speaking driver / tour guide.

Meals as specified in itinerary and mineral water.

FB - Full board includes bed, breakfast, (packed) lunch and dinner.

HB - Half Board includes bed, breakfast and dinner.

BB - Bed & Breakfast includes bed and breakfast only.

#### 5 Star Accommodation Option Included

1 night accommodation Ishasha Wilderness Camp - HB.

2 nights accommodation Bwindi Lodge - FB.

1 night accommodation Mihingo Lodge - FB.

#### 4 Star Accommodation Option Included

1 night accommodation Ishasha Jungle Lodge - HB.

2 nights accommodation Gorilla Safari Lodge - FB.

1 night accommodation Rwakobo Rock - FB.

### Services & Safari Activities Not Included

All international flights, all internal flights unless specifically listed.

Cost of entry visas, Yellow Fever and COVID-19 certificates.

Travel, baggage, medical and / or personal insurances.

Gratuities and items of a personal nature.

Optional Activities not listed as Services & Safari Activities Included.

## SAFARI PRICE

The price tables listed here are subject to availability at the time of booking and changes without prior notice. The prices stated are **PPS - Per Person Sharing in a Double / Twin Room**, with the **Single Supplement** cost listed at the end of each table. Activities and accommodation options of this safari itinerary can be tailored to individual requirements and preferences.

## 5 Star Accommodation Option

### Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

#### Transport Options 5 / 7 Seater Land Cruiser

2 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 4,169	
3 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 3,905	
4 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 3,773	
5 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 3,693	US \$ 65 (7 seater)
6 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 3,640	US \$ 61 (7 seater)
7 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 3,602	US \$ 59 (7 seater)

Single supplement from US \$ 432

## 4 Star Accommodation Option

### Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

#### Transport Options 4x4 Safari Minibus 5 / 7 Seater Land Cruiser Supplement

2 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 2,518	US \$ 120 (5 seater)
3 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 2,295	US \$ 95 (5 seater)
4 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 2,184	US \$ 96 (5 seater)
5 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 2,117	US \$ 95 (7 seater)
6 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 2,072	US \$ 86 (7 seater)
7 pax travelling / PPS from	US \$ 2,040	US \$ 80 (7 seater)

Single supplement from US \$ 236

## SAFARI ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Kampala to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP) is situated in south-western Uganda and covers an area of 1,978 square kilometers. The park was founded in 1952 as the Kazinga National Park but was renamed only two years later to commemorate a visit by England's Queen Elizabeth II. It offers a diverse ecosystem, from the crater dotted landscapes of the Katwe peninsula below the Rwenzori Mountains, to the wetlands of the Kazinga Channel connecting Lake George and Lake Albert, and on to the rolling savannahs stretching to the Ishasha River in the far south of the park. The region around QENP is also famous for its volcanic features, such as volcanic cones and crater lakes found in the Katwe peninsula on the west side of the Kazinga Channel. For centuries, these craters have been used by local villages to extract salt.

Another primary attraction of QENP is the Kyambura Gorge, also known as the Valley of the Apes located in the north-west sector of the park. The gorge is about 1 km across at its widest point, and only about 100 meters deep and is home to a few dozen chimpanzees. Tracking these through the gorge is one of the highlights of your visit to QENP. Also not to be missed during your visit to the park is a boat cruise on the famous Kazinga Channel, a 32 km long waterway connecting Lake Edward and Lake George, and known for its large populations of hippos, crocodiles, and elephants, combined with an extraordinary variety of tropical bird species.

Today's game drive in the southern Ishasha sector of the park takes you on an exhilarating search for the famous tree-climbing lions as there are only two places in the world where you can find these. The park's remarkable wildlife diversity, complemented by an impressive list of 95 species of mammals and over 600 bird species, make it the ideal location for classic big game safaris and extensive birding tours.



### 5 Star Accommodation Options

Ishasha Wilderness Camp

### 4 Star Accommodation Options

Ishasha Jungle Lodge  
At the River Ishasha

## Day 2 - Queen Elizabeth NP to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Situated in south-western Uganda on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (BINP) covers an area of 321 square kilometers and consists mostly of montane and lowland tropical rain forest dating back to the last ice age. The mist-covered hills and ancient forests of Bwindi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to the world's largest population of mountain gorillas. Of the 780 gorillas in the world, more than half live in the Bwindi Impenetrable NP and the Mgahinga Gorilla NP in Uganda.

Bwindi is also known as Birder's paradise, featuring many forest trails and over 350 recorded tropical bird species, of which 14 have no record anywhere else in the country. The park is one of the most ecologically diverse in Africa and home to 120 species of mammals, 220 species of butterflies, 27 species of frogs, chameleons, geckos, many of these are endangered species.

At the BINP, you can choose one of four sectors and corresponding trailheads for your once in a lifetime adventure of tracking mountain gorillas in their natural habitat of a lush green tropical rain forest and dense bamboo thickets. There are more than 15 habituated gorilla families in the four main sectors of the park, and a close-up encounter with the endangered gorillas is a memorable and spectacular experience.

Also, there are two forms of gorilla tracking in the Bwindi forest, the standard version available for US \$ 700 per person/gorilla permit allows a group of 8 visitors to have 1-hour contact with a habituated gorilla family. Additionally, the expanded gorilla habituation experience costs US \$ 1,500 per person/gorilla permit, allowing a group of 4 to join researchers for a 4-hour visit to a gorilla family in the Rushaga sector of the BINP that also houses the research center for the entire park.

The following optional activities at cost are available for the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Please see the section [Services & Safari Activities Included](#) for optional activities included in the price for this itinerary.

**Optional Activity - Gorilla Habituation Experience:** The expanded gorilla habituation experience costs US \$ 1,500 per person/gorilla permit, allowing a group of 4 to join researchers for a 4-hour visit to a gorilla family in the Rushaga sector of the BINP that also houses the research center for the entire park.

**Optional Activity - Batwa Cultural Trail:** This option takes you on a visit to the Batwa Cultural Trail, initiated by the Batwa Forest People of southwestern Uganda and supported by the International Gorilla Conservation Programme in a partnership with the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA). Batwa guides take visitors on an extensive hike along the mountain trails of the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park to share with them the secrets of this primeval forest, with the additional opportunity to experience the life and culture of their people.

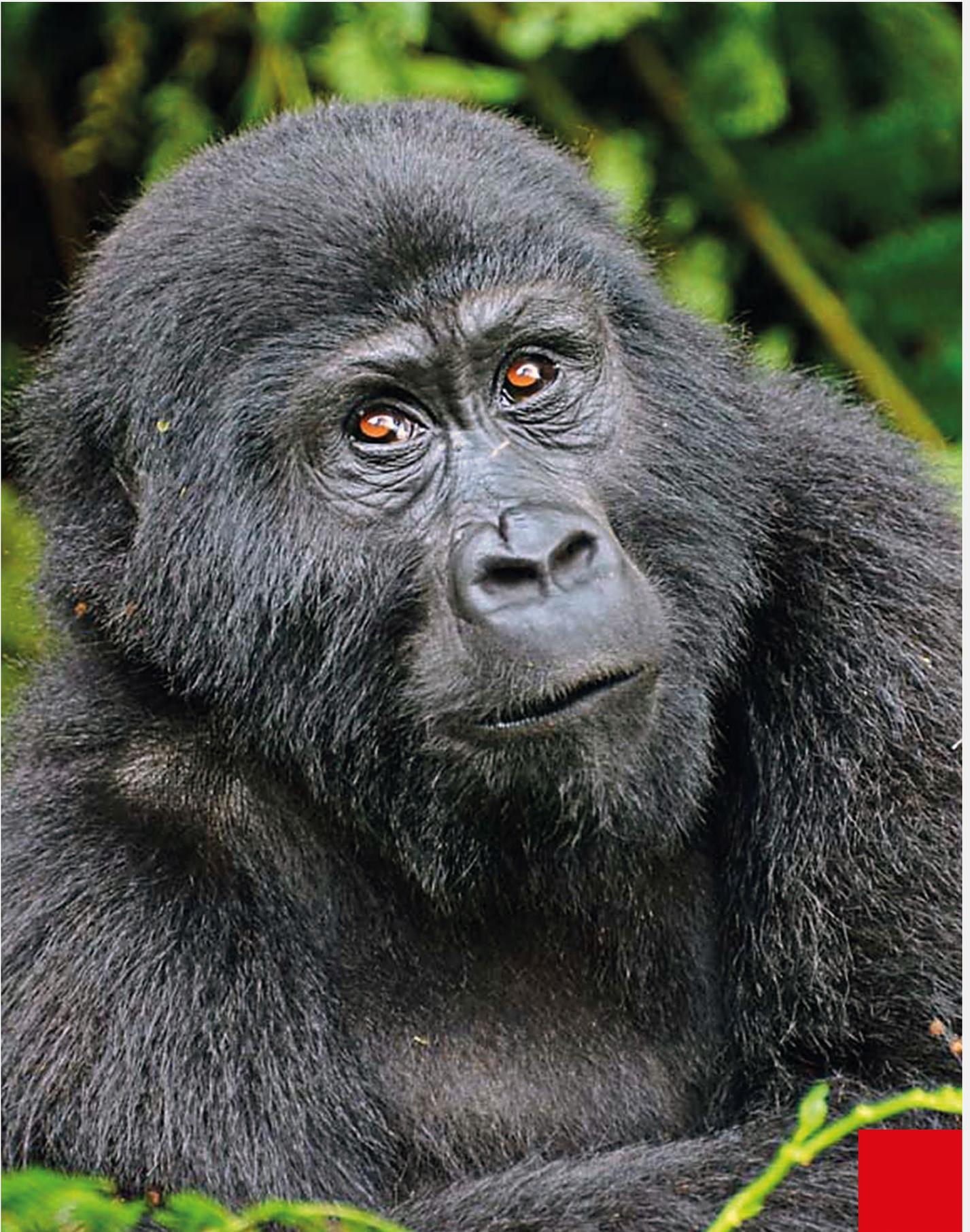
**Optional Activity - Bwindi Forest Trails:** This option takes you on a hike through the Bwindi Forest on one of the many trails, offering views of spectacular jungle canopies with sensational forest landscapes and enchanting waterfalls. The Bwindi forest features over 350 species of tropical birds, including 23 endemics to this area. In addition to the mountain gorillas, you can also encounter a variety of other primates and monkeys such as chimpanzees, L'Hoest's monkey, blue monkey, as well as the black and white colobus monkey.

### 5 Star Accommodation Options

Bwindi Lodge  
Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp  
Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge  
Buhoma Lodge

### 4 Star Accommodation Options

Silverback Lodge  
Mahogany Springs  
Gorilla Safari Lodge  
Gorilla Valley Lodge



### Day 3 - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Today, you venture on a lifetime adventure into the tropical forest of Bwindi, past waterfalls and bamboo thickets, in search of the famous mountain gorillas. Other safari activities in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park continue as per the activities listed as included in this safari itinerary.

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Bwindi Lodge  
Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp  
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Silverback Lodge  
Mahogany Springs  
Gorilla Safari Lodge  
Gorilla Valley Lodge

### Day 4 - Bwindi Impenetrable NP to Lake Mburo National Park

Lake Mburo National Park (LMNP) is the smallest savannah type park in Uganda and is also considered the most family-friendly as it features no big cats, which allows for walking, horseback, and cycling tours. Lake Mburo NP was originally gazetted in 1933 as a hunting area, was then upgraded to a game reserve in 1963 and finally declared a national park in 1983.

With a landscape consisting of acacia woodland and savannah, Lake Mburo NP is the only park to feature both eland and impala antelopes and shares the Burchell's zebra with the Kidepo Valley NP. The Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) also translocated Rothschild giraffes from the Murchison Falls NP to complement larger wildlife species such as buffaloes, crocodiles, and hippos, which are mostly seen around the central lake. In addition, the park also features more than 300 bird species, including the rare shoebill stork.

The following optional activities at cost are available for the Lake Mburo National Park. Please see the section [Services & Safari Activities Included](#) for optional activities included in the price for this itinerary.

**Optional Activity - Boat Cruise Lake Mburo:** A boat cruise on Lake Mburo allows for a closer look at flora and fauna, such as hippos, crocodiles, and the abundant birdlife of the park.

**Optional Activity - Nature Walk:** Enjoy a nature walk with a ranger guide to discover the wildlife wonders of LMNP.

**Optional Activity - Mountain Bike:** Some of the lodges in the park also offers mountain biking on one of the many trails accompanied by a ranger guide.

**Optional Activity - Horse Back:** Depending on the lodge you had chosen, a horseback ride can also be made available.

#### 5 Star Accommodation Options

Mihingo Lodge

#### 4 Star Accommodation Options

Eagle's Nest  
Rwakobo Rock

### Day 5 - Lake Mburo National Park to Kampala

Time to say goodbye to the impalas and giraffes of the Lake Mburo NP. The drive back to Kampala offers the additional opportunity for a photo op at the Equator crossing.

# HABITUATED GORILLA FAMILIES IN BINP

## **Mubare Gorilla Family**

Buhoma • Count: 9 with 1 Silverback

## **Habinyanja Gorilla Family**

Buhoma • Count: 18 with 2 Silverback

## **Rushegura Gorilla Family**

Buhoma • Count: 21 with 1 Silverback

## **Katwe Gorilla Family**

Buhoma • Count: 7 with 1 Silverback

## **Oruzogo Gorilla Family**

Ruhija • Count: 25 with 2 Silverback

## **Bitukura Gorilla Family**

Ruhija • Count: 14 with 4 Silverback

## **Kyaguliro Gorilla Family**

Ruhija • Count: 20 with 2 Silverback

## **Nshongi Gorilla Family**

Rushaga • Count: 26 with 3 Silverback



## **Mishaya Gorilla Family**

Rushaga • Count: 7 with 1 Silverback

## **Kahungye Gorilla Family**

Rushaga • Count: 13 with 3 Silverback

## **Busingye Gorilla Family**

Rushaga • Count: 9 with 1 Silverback

## **Bweza Gorilla Family**

Rushaga • Count: 7 with 1 Silverback

## **Nkuringo Gorilla Family**

Nkuringo • Count: 19 with 2 Silverback

## **Bikingi Gorilla Family (Habituation)**

Rushaga • Count: 15 with 1 Silverback

## **Kyaguriro Gorilla Family (Research)**

Ruhija • Count: 14 with 2 Silverback

# SAFARI TERMS

## General Terms

This safari proposal is subject to availability at the time of booking and may be subject to changes without prior notice.

If accommodation options or safari activities listed in this itinerary are not available at the time of booking, suitable alternatives will be offered.

The following wildlife permits are required to be paid together with the deposit for this safari:

Gorilla Tracking BINP US \$ 700 per person / permit Foreign Non Resident (FNR).

Gorilla Tracking BINP US \$ 600 per person / permit Foreign Resident (FR).

Gorilla Habituation Experience BINP US \$ 1,500 per person / permit FNR.

Gorilla Habituation Experience BINP US \$ 1,000 per person / permit FR.

Chimp Tracking KNP US \$ 200 per person / permit FNR.

Chimp Tracking KNP US \$ 150 per person / permit FR.

Chimp Habituation Experience KNP US \$ 250 per person / permit FNR.

Chimp Habituation Experience KNP US \$ 250 per person / permit FR.

Golden Monkey Tracking MGNP US \$ 60 per person / permit FNR.

Golden Monkey Tracking MGNP US \$ 60 per person / permit FR.

Golden Monkey Habituation Experience MGNP US \$ 100 per person / permit FNR.

Golden Monkey Habituation Experience MGNP US \$ 100 per person / permit FR.

The cost for the above permits is non-refundable. In case of cancellation, we shall endeavour to resell tickets through the available official channels. A language specific tour guide is available against a surcharge.

## Payment Terms

Deposit: 30% of the safari price within 7 days of written tour confirmation.

Balance: Full balance due within 56 days prior to arrival.

Reservations within 45 days or less prior to arrival: Immediate full prepayment due.

Cancellations fees:

30 days before safari date 20% cancellation fee.

30 to 15 days before safari date 50% cancellation fee.

15 to 05 days before safari date 70% cancellation fee.

05 to 01 days before safari date 90% cancellation fee.

No Show 100 % cancellation fee.

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