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BLEND OF LUXURY

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An eco-friendly retreat where comfort, tranquillity and adventure await, Gorilla Heights Lodge is set in the exquisite Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in South Western Uganda.

The lodge is framed by exquisite vistas from the highest point of the Bwindi sector, overlooking the magnificent Bwindi Impenetrable Forest – home to the mountain gorillas and the great Virunga mountain ranges. On the doorstep of the forest landscape where spectacular gorilla viewing opportunities unfold, you'll be met with warm hospitality and luxurious accommodation and amenities.

ACCOMMODATION

Each of the 15 cottages that are interspersed on a 12-acre estate provides you with a spectacular vantage point of the magnificent Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The units have been thoughtfully designed with large windows and doors that frame the striking natural setting and balconies that overlook the Bwindi Forest. Cottages have been decorated with handcrafted treasures, mostly sourced locally.

STANDARD COTTAGES

- 72m² | Sleeps 1-2
- Private balcony with expansive views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest canopy
- Television with satellite channels
- Seating area
- Fridge with assorted beverages
- Coffee and tea station
- Extra-large king size bed
- Luxurious cotton linen
- En-suite bathroom with a bathtub and shower
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Hairdryer
- Telephone
- Wi-Fi





DELUXE COTTAGES

- 120m² | Sleeps 1-2
- Private balcony with outdoor bathtub and expansive views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest canopy
- Television with satellite channels
- Kitchenette and dining area
- Fridge with assorted beverages
- Coffee and tea station
- Extra-large king size bed
- Luxurious cotton linen
- En-suite bathroom with a shower
- Outdoor bathtub
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Hairdryer
- Telephone
- Wi-Fi



FAMILY COTTAGE

- 165m² | Sleeps 4
- Private balcony with expansive views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest canopy
- Television with satellite channels
- Kitchenette and dining and lounge area
- Fridge with assorted beverages
- Coffee and tea station
- One king size bed in the main room
- Two queen size beds in the second room
- Luxurious cotton linen
- Main en-suite bathroom with a bathtub and shower
- Second en-suite with a shower
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Hairdryer
- Telephone
- Wi-Fi



EXPERIENCES

Discover the best of Gorilla Heights Lodge and the range of activities and amenities to enjoy in the region. For more information, please contact the Gorilla Heights Lodge reception team or Newmark's reservations team.



GORILLA TREKKING

Gorilla Heights Lodge is set in the western sector of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and gives you the opportunity to embrace an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime wildlife encounter with the phenomenal mountain gorillas. The nearest trekking sector, called Nkuringo, is only 15 minutes away from the lodge and is home to four gorilla families. The Posho family has 17 members, the Nkuringo family is made up of 14 members, the Bushaho family has 9 members and the Christmas family, 8.

There is also access to two other trekking sectors, Rushaga and Mgahinga, from the lodge. There are 10 families living in the Rushaga sector, as well as the golden monkey species, habitating the Mgahinga sector. The gorilla trekking experience is led daily, at a maximum number of eight persons per family, per day. These expeditions take place over approximately seven hours.

NOTE:

- Participants must be 15 years or older to participate in the gorilla trekking experience.
- Participants are not allowed to interact with the gorillas but must maintain a minimum distance of 10 metres between themselves and the gorillas.



GUIDED HIKES AND NATURE WALKS

Embark on guided adventures by foot in Buniga Forest. Explore the region's breathtaking wilderness on our guided hiking and nature walks. Traverse ancient, mist-draped forests in the midst of a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is rich in biodiversity and displays stunning flora and fauna at every turn. Each experience is enriched by our knowledgeable experts, who share their insights for a truly memorable experience in the park's tranquil surroundings.



BIRDWATCHING AT GORILLA HEIGHTS LODGE

Enjoy the wonders of the avian diversity in the heart of Bwindi. Each moment is a discovery as you embark on an unforgettable bird-watching experience in this lush forest setting, renowned for its biodiversity, including a rich variety of bird life. As you trek through the dense forests, you'll have the opportunity to spot an array of colourful and rare birds from the 350 species that reside in the region. Guided by one of our expert rangers, you'll learn about the feathered habitants' unique characteristics and behaviours, ensuring an immersive and enriching experience.

EXPERIENCES



GOLDEN MONKEY TREKKING AT MGAHINGA GORILLA NATIONAL PARK

Embark on an unforgettable adventure in the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park. As you trek through lush forests, you will have the opportunity to witness the endangered golden monkeys in their natural habitat, approximately two hours (52 km) from the lodge. An expert guide will lead you through this breathtaking terrain, sharing insights about the flora and fauna that make this area so special. The trekking experience takes place over approximately four hours.

NOTE:

- Participants must be 15 years or older to participate in the golden monkey trekking experience.
- Participants are not allowed to interact with the monkeys but must maintain a minimum distance of 10 metres between themselves and the monkeys. A full briefing will be given by the guides before the outing.



CANOEING AND BIRDWATCHING AT LAKE MUTANDA

Discover the splendour of the Kisoro District and its abundant birdlife from a unique vantage point. Lake Mutanda is an exquisite location for canoeing and birdwatching. Enjoy the tranquil setting, featuring stunning landscapes and vibrant birdlife.

This experience takes place approximately one hour's drive (22 km) from Gorilla Heights Lodge.



WELLNESS SPA AT GORILLA HEIGHTS LODGE

Enhance your relaxation with a selection of therapeutic treatments and facilities offered at IKE Spa and our health club. The IKE Spa, enhanced by the lodge's serene surroundings, welcomes you to unwind and be rejuvenated after a day of gorilla trekking or simply as another means to relax during your stay. Our skilled therapists present you with a variety of treatments and massages, as well as steam and sauna facilities to aid in calming your body and mind.

COMMUNITY VISITS

Immerse yourself in the rich heritage of the Batwa Indigenous Tribe. Join us in preserving the locals' vibrant culture through a showcase of their skills, including old hunting methods, honey gathering, traditional fire making, exquisite basket weaving and traditional dances. Your visit makes a meaningful impact on the Batwa communities, ensuring their traditions continue to thrive.



SERVICES & FACILITIES



Wi-Fi in the cottages and main lounge



Complimentary refreshment and hand massage



Car hire arranged via reception



Secure parking at the lodge



Spa with sauna and steam room



Canopy Bar at the main lounge



Laundry services at an additional cost



Housekeeping twice daily



Swimming pool



Cold plunge pool



Craft shop

DINING



HUMURA RESTAURANT

Delight in seasonal set menus in a serene setting. The restaurant is characterised by its two terraces that invite memorable dining experiences. Bwindi Terrace overlooks the lush forest while the Virunga Terrace offers panoramic views of its namesake, the Virunga Mountains.

Enjoy customised options that cater to individual preferences and allergies, using locally sourced ingredients for an authentic and delectable experience. We also offer a special menu for children.



CANOPY BAR

The captivating Canopy Bar, overlooking the Bwindi Forest, is an ideal spot to savour beverages, coffee and African blended teas, especially in the evenings. At night, the sight of the active Nyiragongo volcano in the Democratic Republic of Congo is truly breathtaking.

SUSTAINABILITY

We put the same effort into prioritising luxury and the comfort of our guests as we do into sustainability, community engagement and conservation practices.

Our desire is to maintain and care for the environment that makes Bwindi the incredible place that it is. We do so in the following ways:

- **Conserving soil and trees:** No trees were cut down during the construction of Gorilla Heights Lodge, in order to conserve the integrity of the area's rich volcanic soils. We also planted bamboo and fruit trees on site.
- **Using sustainable energy sources:** We use briquettes as an alternative source of energy to heat rooms and bath or shower water.
- **Upholding eco-friendly waste management:** We have a "no plastics" policy at the lodge, so we supply our guests with glass containers to drink water from. We have also put a waste management system in place that ensures no waste is dumped in the forest.
- **Harvesting rainwater:** The architectural design of our structures ties in with our conservation efforts. Our cottages' slanted roofs allow for the collection of rainwater, which is stored on site, treated, filtered and pumped back into the facility for use. We also encourage guests to use water sparingly.

We are also passionate about helping surrounding communities to enjoy improved livelihoods. We have done so and continue doing so in the following ways:

- **Employing and empowering local workers:** During the year-long process of constructing the lodge, we employed over 150 people from the community which impacted over 600 family members. We also worked with the community to extract black volcanic stones, known as "Ikoro" from Kisoro and Nkuringo, for use on our structures. These stones are maintenance free, which also helps us conserve water. The rock extraction process also revealed fertile grounds where the community has been able to grow crops.



GENERAL INFORMATION

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES

Check-in: 14H00
Check-out: 10H00

CONTACT

Reservations:

Tel: +27 21 427 5901
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LOCATION

Physical Address:

Nkuringo Bwindi
Kisoro

Postal Address:

P.O. Box 2168
Kampala
South Western Uganda

GPS Coordinates:

1.083565377170246,
29.63173563067992

Distances:

Located within 10 minutes' walk from the starting point of gorilla trekking, Gorilla Heights Lodge occupies the axis of Nkuringo, a gently sloping hill that is at cloud level, 2 400 m above sea level and is the highest vantage point in the southern wing of Bwindi.

Flights:

From Entebbe Airport to Kisoro Airstrip takes 1 hour, then the transfer to the lodge is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes (38km).

Road access:

1. From Entebbe Airport, the transfer to Gorilla Heights Lodge in Kisoro takes 10 hours.
2. From Kigali Airport Rwanda, the transfer to Gorilla Heights Lodge through the Cyanika border takes 4 hours 30 minutes.

CHILD POLICY

- Children of all ages are welcome
- A maximum of two children between the ages of four and nine may share with adults
- Cots are available for children up to the age of three (each cot accommodates a maximum of one child)
- An additional rate is charged per child, per night (Superior Bungalows only)
- A maximum of one adult may qualify for the third person sharing rate (Superior Bungalows only)
- Adult rates apply for children 10 years or older www.newmarkhotels.com



LOCALITY

TEMPERATURE

Average day temperatures:

Bwindi has a mountain forest climate. Average temperatures range from a minimum of 12°C to 20°C to a maximum of 24°C.

The area generally receives over 2 000 mm of rainfall every year, with peak rainy seasons from March to April and September to November.

HEALTH

It is recommended that guests contact their local travel clinic for advice on the necessary precautionary measures for visits to this region.

CURRENCY

Uganda Shillings
US Dollars
All credit cards

ELECTRICITY

220V
International adaptors are available on a returnable deposit basis.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Clothing and shoes suitable for walks and hikes
- Swimwear
- Warm clothing, including items such as a jacket, scarf, and beanie
- Waterproof jacket
- Hat
- Binoculars
- Camera



ABOUT BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site where plain and mountain forests meet. The park spans 32 000 hectares and boasts remarkable biodiversity, including over 160 tree species and more than 100 fern species. The park is home to a variety of birds, butterflies and majestic animal species, including the endangered mountain gorillas. This setting provides the opportunity for unique trekking experiences amid a lush landscape.