Classical Uganda Small Group Safari

Bwindi |Queen Elizabeth National Park |Kibale Forest
10 Days |9 Nights

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This ten-day safari includes a visit with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, chimpanzee tracking in both Kibale National Park and Kyambura Gorge, multiple game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park and boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel.

Uganda boasts some of the best bird watching in Africa, with over 1000 different species, including the rare shoebill and the remarkable grey crowned crane. With excellent accommodation, professional guides and custom-made safari vehicles, this safari will be the trip of a lifetime.

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2026 scheduled departure dates: 09 Jan/ 06 Mar/ 15 May/ 06 Jun/ 22 Jul/ 25 Aug/ 16 Oct/ 13 Dec

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Best Western Premier Garden Hotel	Entebbe	Breakfast	**1 Night**
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Full board + local drinks*	**2 Nights**
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board + local drinks*	**2 Nights**
Elephant Plains Lodge	Northern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board + local drinks*	**2 Nights**
Primate Lodge Kibale	Kibale Forest National Park	Full board + local drinks*	**2 Nights**

Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Entebbe airport VIP meet and greet. Transfer to Entebbe.
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bwindi (Kihihi) – transfer to Buhoma lodge (90mins)
Day 3	Gorilla trekking
Day 4	Travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park. Ishasha Community project visit en-route. Afternoon game drive.
Day 5	Game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Sundowners with drinks/snacks.
Day 6	Game drive and boat cruise on Kazinga Channel.
Day 7	Chimpanzee trekking at Kyambura.
Day 8	Morning game drive in QENP. Guests on the 8-day will be taken to the airport for flight to Entebbe. Drive to Kibale area.
Day 9	Chimpanzee trekking. Bigodi Swamp visit.
Day 10	Return to Entebbe by road. Optional flight may be booked. DO NOT BOOK A FLIGHT OUT BEFORE 19h00.

Detailed tinerary:

Day 1: Best Western Premier Garden Hotel, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport, a friendly Wild Frontiers representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel.

Set on the shores of Lake Victoria, Entebbe is a relaxed town that's easy to explore on foot or by local boda bodas (motorbike taxis). Browse colourful markets or take a leisurely boat cruise on Lake Victoria.

Just minutes from the airport, the **Best Western Premier Garden Hotel** is ideally located next to Victoria Shopping Mall, with the Entebbe Golf Club, Botanical Gardens, and lakeside all close by. The hotel's Garden Restaurant serves up international favourites, with a laid-back terrace bar and coffee shop for lighter bites. Cool off in the outdoor pool, unwind on a sun lounger, or catch up online with free Wi-Fi. With 51 modern, ensuite rooms and all the comforts you need, it's the perfect start to your Ugandan journey.

Overnight: Best Western Garden Hotel

Day 2: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

This morning, a scenic light aircraft flight takes you to Kihihi airstrip—just over an hour—followed by a 90-minute drive through local villages and winding mountain roads to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Bwindi is Uganda's most biologically diverse forest and one of East Africa's richest ecosystems. It's home to over 120 mammal species, 345 bird species, 200 types of butterflies, and 160 tree species—and shelters roughly half of the world's remaining endangered Mountain Gorillas.

Tucked at the edge of the forest, Buhoma Lodge is one of only two lodges located inside the national park gate and offers the ultimate base for your once-in-a-lifetime Gorilla trek.

Built with sustainable materials and full of character, the lodge's elevated lounge, bar and dining area serve up hearty multi-course meals and stunning views over the forest canopy. A crackling fireplace sets the tone for cosy evenings.

Ten spacious, eco-friendly chalets offer privacy and comfort. Wake to birdsong and monkey chatter, sip coffee on your verandah and take in sweeping views of the forest. With the trek start point just steps away, even the gorillas occasionally drop by—while the resident L'Hoest's monkeys are regulars in the garden.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge **View iBrochure**

Day 3: Gorilla Trekking & Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Coming face to face with a mountain gorilla is a rare encounter— and one of Africa's wildlife experiences that's hard to sum up in mere words. Accompanied by experienced guides and trackers, you'll set off early for a trek through the dense rainforest, navigating steep slopes in search of your allocated gorilla family.

Trekking can be strenuous, lasting anywhere from 45 minutes to 8 hours, often in hot, high-altitude conditions. Hiring a local porter is highly recommended—they'll lighten your load and enrich your experience. While sightings can't be guaranteed, the success rate is over 95%.

Once found, you'll spend a magical hour observing the gorillas up close. Time flies—so take a few photos, then soak up the experience fully.

On scheduled departures, permits are typically secured for Buhoma and Ruhija regions, both accessible from Buhoma. Some treks start with a road transfer—offering the bonus of exploring more of this beautiful region. Permits are usually scheduled for day 3 or 4, depending on availability.

After your trek, return to Buhoma Lodge for a well-earned complimentary massage, or spend time exploring the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 4: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Depart Bwindi and head to Ishasha in southern Queen Elizabeth National Park—a scenic 2–3 hour drive with a stop at a local community project near Ishasha Village.

Set within the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, Queen Elizabeth National Park boasts a rich tapestry of wildlife, including elephants, buffalo, hippos, leopards, Uganda kob and over 600 bird species. The remote Ishasha sector, characterized by its unique blend of savannah and riverine forest, is renowned for its tree-climbing lions which often seek refuge in the branches of sycamore fig and acacia trees.

Tucked beside the Ntungwe River, the eco-sensitive **Ishasha Wilderness Camp** offers an idyllic blend of seclusion, comfort and outstanding service. The thatched lounge and dining area is cosy and relaxed, with meals often served al fresco by the river. Come evening, unwind by the fire with sundowners and stories under the stars.

Ten spacious, en-suite canvas tents are tucked along the riverbank, each with a private verandah—perfect for morning coffee as the surrounding bush stirs to life. Colobus and Vervet monkeys play nearby, and you might spot Henry, the resident hippo, lazing below the deck. Elephants often wander through camp, adding a wild touch to your stay.

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp View iBrochure

Day 5: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

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Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in Ishasha, rounding off the day with scenic bush sundowners including drinks and snacks. Whether beside the river or atop a ridge, soak in the breathtaking views and tranquil atmosphere. This is what safari memories are made of!

Overnight: Ishasha Wilderness Camp **View iBrochure**

Day 6: Elephant Plains, Northern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Head north to the Mweya sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park, passing crater lakes, mountains and thickets of the unique Euphorbia "candelabra" trees along the way.

In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a 32-kilometre waterway linking Lake Edward and Lake George. Glide past fishing villages, buffalo herds, wallowing hippos and crocodiles basking on the shore, while birdlife flourishes along the banks. *(Cruise usually departs at 14h00 — no drinks/snacks included.)*

Your base for the night is **Elephant Plains**, a small luxury lodge perched on a hilltop with endless views over open grasslands to Lake George. Nestled beside Lake Kikorongo, where elephants often gather to drink, the lodge features six spacious cottages and two family units—each with a large private veranda and panoramic windows for soaking up the views. The lodge runs on solar power and offers an eco-friendly pool, stylish lounge, restaurant with outdoor deck, and a well-stocked bar with wine cellar.

Overnight: Elephant Plains Lodge OR SIMILAR

Day 7: Elephant Plains Lodge, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Head out for an exhilarating chimp trek in Kyambura Gorge. The forest is alive with sound—chimpanzees call, chatter and swing through the canopy, though you might spot them resting or feeding closer to the forest floor. It's a scenic walk through varied terrain, and while sightings aren't guaranteed, the experience is well worth it.

Afternoon game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Overnight: Elephant Plains Lodge OR SIMILAR

Day 8: Primate Lodge, Kibale Forest National Park

Start the day with an early game before heading to Kibale.

Kibale Forest is a lush mix of tropical rainforest, montane forest and swampy grasslands—home to 13 species of primates, including chimpanzees, olive baboons, red-tailed and diademed monkeys, and the striking black-and-white colobus. Bird lovers will find nearly 300 bird species here, plus 144 butterflies and a variety of forest insects.

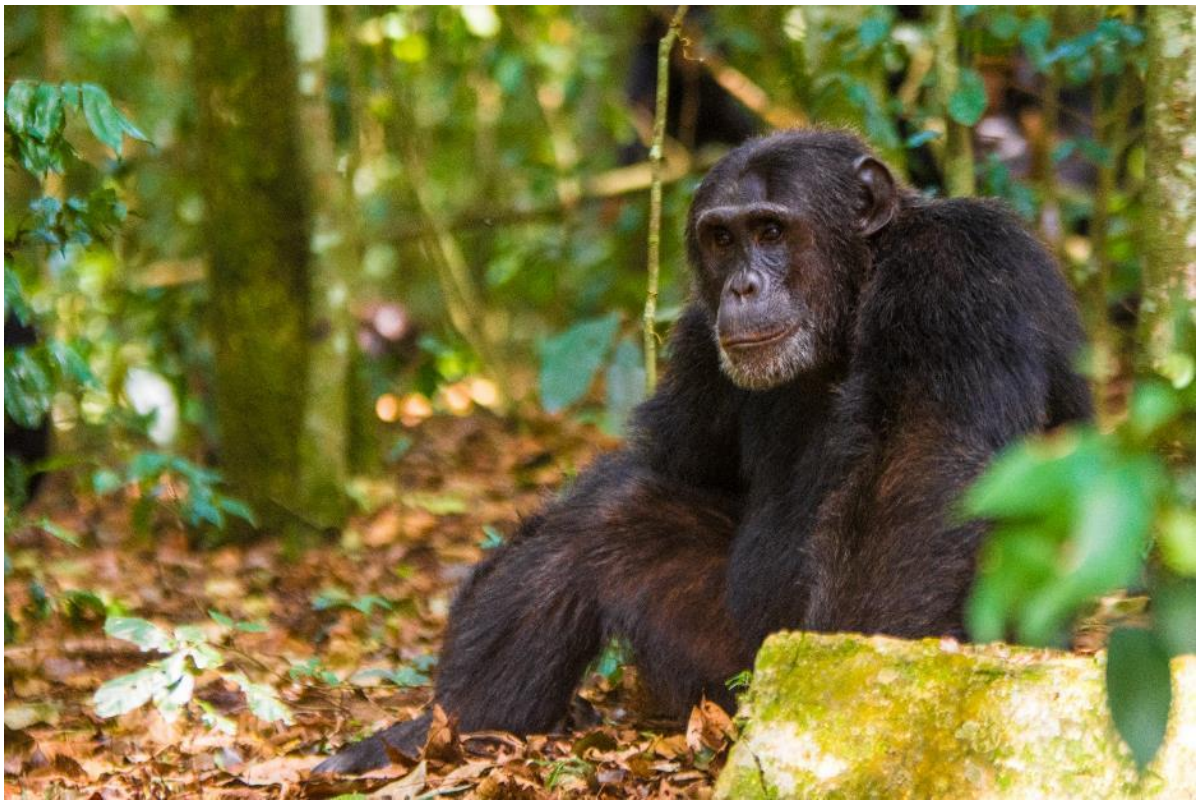
Overnight: Primate Lodge Kibale **View iBrochure**

Nestled right beside the chimp trekking start point, this eco-lodge blends perfectly into the forest surroundings. The main lodge features an airy lounge with comfy sofas and a small library — ideal for relaxing after a day in the wild. Enjoy local and international cuisine in the spacious dining room, sip a coffee or cold drink at the bar, and unwind by the evening campfire. Free Wi-Fi is available in public areas.

Each of the nine secluded Luxury Forest Cottages offers total privacy, with forest views, a cosy sitting area, large veranda and an en-suite bathroom finished with local stone and bamboo accents.

Day 9: Primate Lodge, Kibale Forest National Park

Your chimpanzee trek kicks off in the morning, when the forest is alive with chatter and calls. Chimps can move fast through the treetops — or, if you're lucky, you'll find them lounging or feeding closer to the ground. It's an exhilarating walk through lush, scenic forest. While sightings aren't guaranteed (even with habituated chimps), the experience is always rich — your expert guides will point out rare birds and fascinating plant life along the way. Once you find the chimps, you'll spend an unforgettable hour observing them in their natural habitat.



Afternoon Bigodi Swamp visit. Considered one of Uganda's best bird watching locations, Bigodi Swamp's rich ecosystem makes it a spectacular venue for viewing numerous primate and bird species in their natural habitat. This two to three-hour walk can be tailored to individual schedules and interests.

Overnight Primate Lodge (or similar)

Day 10: End of Itinerary

Depart after an early breakfast for the drive back to Entebbe, arriving late afternoon.

End of safari.

Please check the exact timing of your flight with us before booking your international departure flight.

Package price:

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2026 LOW season (May)	USD 6700 per person sharing USD 785 single room supplement
2026 SHOULDER season (March & October)	USD 7085 per person sharing USD 870 single room supplement
2026 HIGH season (Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec)	USD 7700 per person sharing USD 1425 single room supplement
Gorilla & Chimpanzee permits excluded	USD 800 per person (Gorilla) International Passports USD 500 per person (Gorilla) African Citizens USD 100 per person (Chimp) Kyambura Gorge USD 250 per person (Chimp) Kibale

***NB Permit rates are subject to change without notice, dependent on prices issued by Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA).** Extra permits attract a booking & transport fee of USD 50 per person per permit.

We accept children of 16 years and older on our scheduled departures (with an adult/guardian).

Included:

- Small group scheduled safari, min 2 max 7 participants per vehicle
- Meet & greet at Entebbe airport
- Airport transfers throughout
- 1 night at Best Western Premier Garden Hotel Entebbe, or similar, including breakfast
- Scheduled flight from Entebbe to Kihihi (light aircraft)
- 4x4 transport with English speaking local driver/guide as above
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 2 nights at Buhoma Lodge including all meals and local drinks*
- Community visit enroute from Bwindi to Ishasha
- 2 nights at Ishasha Wilderness Camp including all meals and local drinks*
- 2 nights at Elephant Plains Lodge or similar including all meals and local drinks*
- 2 nights at Primates Lodge or similar including all meals and local drinks*
- All park entrance fees
- Boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel
- Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Community fees and contribution to the Future Generations Trust
- Full liability insurance cover and 24-hour emergency contact

Note: Select local drinks are included at Buhoma, Ishasha, Elephant Plains and Primates. Should alternate hotels be booked, drinks may NOT be included.

Excluded:

- Gorilla & Chimp Permits
- All international flights and airport taxes
- All health entry requirements including Yellow Fever inoculations where required
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals not included above

Note: Should gorilla permits be booked at Ruhija, there is an additional shared vehicle transfer fee of USD 205 /vehicle return.

POPULAR TRIP EXTENSIONS:

MURCHISON FALLS: River Nile, game drives, chimpanzee trekking, fishing, birdwatching.

JINJA: Source of the Nile, adventure activities including white water rafting, quad biking.

ENTEBBE: City life and local craft shopping, boat cruises or fishing on Lake Victoria, Botanical Gardens, Uganda Wildlife Education Centre/ Ngamba Island.

We offer 8, 9 and 10 day small group, set departures as well as combination Uganda/Rwanda private trips. We are also experts at designing your own private tailor-made trip to meet your exact personal interests.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:
Yellow fever inoculation is compulsory & malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses. Should you opt to spend time participating in any UWEC Wildlife Integration programme, you may require additional inoculations and health clearances.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:
Your passport must have a minimum of at least two full clear pages for visas and stamps and be valid for more than 6 months from the date of entry into Uganda. Most passports need a single-entry visa (cost US$55). Visas cannot be obtained on arrival. You must apply and pay for them online at https://visas.immigration.go.ug at least two weeks before your arrival.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.

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