
Active Uganda Private Adventure

Southern Uganda (Kisoro) - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
7 Days / 6 Nights

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This exciting offering is aimed at those fit and active travellers who want to experience the best of Southern Uganda "up close and personal". Climb the Mt. Gahinga volcano, explore ancient Batwa trails, cross through the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest on foot, and trek endangered Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi.

It's a fantastic way to immerse yourself in the fauna and flora of this East African gem, whilst experiencing one of the greatest wildlife encounters on the planet – coming face to face with a mountain gorilla.

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Highlights:

Day 1	Arrival and overnight Entebbe. Afternoon Mabamba Swamp Cruise, looking for the rare Shoebill
Day 2	Fly to Southern Uganda. Overnight Lake Chahafi Resort x 3 nights
Day 3	Mt Gahinga Volcano climb.
Day 4	Batwa trail.
Day 5	Hike the Nkuringa Trail to Bwindi. Overnight Buhoma Lodge x 2 nights
Day 6	Gorilla trek
Day 7	Flight from Kihhi to Entebbe

Accommodation:

Karibu Guest House	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Lake Chahafi Resort	Uganda	All meals	3 Nights
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	All meals including local drinks	2 Nights

Itinerary:

Day 1: Karibu Guest House, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met and transferred to Karibu Guest House for overnight.

Set on Lake Victoria's shores, Entebbe is a lively town that's easy to explore on foot or boda boda (motorbike taxi).

Mabamba Swamp is a vast wetland on the edge of Lake Victoria, renowned for its rich birdlife with over 260 recorded species. It's a favourite among birding enthusiasts, especially for the chance to spot the rare and elusive Shoebill, one of Uganda's most iconic birds. Transfer to Banga Beach Pier for your 30-minute speedboat ride (max 12 passengers) to the swamp. On arrival, you'll transfer into a traditional dugout canoe, ideal for quietly navigating the narrow channels of the swamp. The full experience lasts around 3–4 hours.



Karibu Guest House is a charming boutique stay just 10 minutes from Entebbe Airport. Each of the eight en-suite rooms is uniquely styled, with king beds, powerful showers, and locally grown Arabica coffee.

Relax by the secluded pool with natural waterfall, explore the bird-filled gardens, or unwind with a spa treatment. The open-air restaurant serves fresh, Mediterranean-inspired dishes and classic favourites — many ingredients straight from their organic garden.

Overnight: [Karibu Guest House](#)

Day 2: Lake Chahafi Resort

Transfer from hotel to Entebbe airport to scheduled flight to Kisoro (light aircraft). Transfer to Lake Chahafi Resort.

Lake Chahafi Resort is a relaxed, no-frills lodge set in a stunning lakeside location, with views of the water and distant volcanoes. With just eight spacious chalets, a cosy restaurant and a well-stocked bar, it offers warm hospitality in a peaceful, scenic setting. While simple, it's comfortable and well-positioned for exploring Mgahinga National Park—with beautiful sunrises and sunsets to start and end your day.



Overnight: [Lake Chahafi Resort](#) x 3 nights

Day 3: Mt Gahinga Climb - Lake Chahafi Resort

Mgahinga Gorilla National Park may be Uganda's smallest park, but it's rich in biodiversity and cultural heritage. It was established to protect the endangered mountain gorillas and golden monkeys that live in its dense forests. The park is dominated by three extinct Virunga volcanoes, and its slopes hold deep cultural significance for the indigenous Batwa Pygmies.

Take on the challenge of Mt. Gahinga—at 3,474m, it's the smallest of the Virunga peaks. The return hike takes around six hours, winding through lush bamboo forest where you may spot golden monkeys, before reaching the summit's unique swamp-filled crater, fringed with giant lobelia.

Day 4: Batwa Trail - Lake Chahafi Resort

Head out today on the intriguing **Batwa Trail**. At the base of the Virunga Volcanoes lies the ancestral forest home of the Batwa – hunter-gatherers and skilled warriors who lived in harmony with the land for generations. This immersive experience offers a glimpse into their traditional way of life in Mgahinga. Walk in their footsteps, share a meal, hear ancient legends and songs, and join a mock hunting party — you can even try your hand with a Batwa bow and arrow. Your visit directly supports the Batwa community, helping fund land purchases, education, and cultural preservation.

Day 5: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Set off after breakfast on the **Nkuringo–Buhoma walking trail**, a wonderfully immersive way to journey from southern to northern Bwindi. While your driver takes the long, winding road with your luggage to Buhoma Lodge, you'll trek 3–4 hours through the heart of this ancient forest.



The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park lies in southwestern Uganda on the edge of the Rift Valley. Its mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests, with almost 400 species of plants. This 'impenetrable' forest is also home to an estimated 460 mountain gorillas - including several habituated families.

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 6: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Gorilla Trekking - Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park



Coming face to face with mountain gorillas is a rare and exhilarating wildlife encounter that is hard to capture in words. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the steep mountain slopes.

Please note that gorilla trekking can be strenuous, with treks ranging from 45 mins up to eight hours, at high altitudes in often hot conditions. We do recommend hiring a local porter to assist you on your trek. Although mountain gorillas are wild animals and sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are over 95%. Once you have located your gorilla family, spend an hour quietly observing them. The time passes so quickly; be sure to enjoy this experience fully and not just through your camera lens.

Head back to Buhoma Lodge for a complimentary massage after your trek or explore the surrounding Bwindi community.

Overnight: Buhoma Lodge

Day 7: End of services

Transfer after breakfast to Kihiki airstrip, about 90 minutes from Buhoma Lodge, for your light aircraft scheduled flight to Entebbe. Approximate flying time: 90 minutes. **End of services**

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Included:

- Meet & greet at Entebbe Airport, with return airport transfers
- 1 night accommodation at Karibu Guest House in Entebbe including breakfast
- Afternoon Mabamba Swamp Cruise
- Transport in our specially adapted safari vehicles with English speaking local private driver/guide
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 3 nights at Lake Chahafi Lodge on a full board basis
- Mgahinga Volcano Climb
- Batwa Trail
- Nkuringo Forest walk from Nkuringo to Bwindi
- 2 nights at Buhoma Lodge on a full board basis including 3 meals daily and local drinks
- Community fees and contribution to the [Future Generations Trust](#)
- Scheduled charter flight from Kihiki to Entebbe in a light aircraft (15 kg luggage restriction)
- Full liability insurance cover and 24 hour emergency contact

Excluded:

- Gorilla Permit
- All international flights and airport taxes
- Visa, Health requirements, Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses such as porters, tips
- Services/activities/meals/drinks not included above

Note: Should gorilla permits be booked at Ruhija, there is an additional shared vehicle transfer fee of USD 250 /vehicle return.

We have included lead in, budget accommodation option in Kisoro, however there are many other accommodation options from budget to luxury.

We can tailor-make this itinerary to suit your exact requirements.

POPULAR TRIP EXTENSIONS:

KIBALE: Chimpanzee trekking and Bigodi Swamps for birding

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK: Game drives, Kazinga Channel Boat Cruise

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 experts at designing your own private tailor-made trip to meet your personal interests.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

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.

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