Game & Gorillas: Uganda & Rwanda Safari

Queen Elizabeth – Bwindi Forest – Volcanoes National Park
8 Days/ 7 Nights

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This unforgettable journey takes you through Uganda — the Pearl of Africa — and remarkable Rwanda for one of the most powerful wildlife experiences on Earth: coming face to face with endangered mountain gorillas.

In Uganda, explore Queen Elizabeth National Park, home to elephants, hippos and the famous tree-climbing lions. Then head into the misty Bwindi Forest for your first gorilla trek.

Cross into Rwanda to discover Volcanoes National Park, where more gorilla encounters await. Or choose to track golden monkeys or hike to Dian Fossey's grave. End in Kigali with a moving visit to the Genocide Memorial — a haunting reminder of Rwanda's dark past and its incredible recovery into one of the most well-kept, forward-thinking countries in Africa.

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Accommodation :

The Boma Hotel	Entebbe	Breakfast	1 Night
Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park	Full board & local drinks	2 Nights
Buhoma Lodge	Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	Full board & local drinks	2 Nights
Tiloreza Volcanoes EcoLodge	Volcanoes National Park	Full board	2 Nights

Brief Itinerary :

Day 1	Meet and greet on arrival. Transfer to hotel. Overnight Entebbe.
Day 2	Flight to Kihihi. Overnight Ishasha Wilderness Camp x 2 nights. Game drives.
Day 3	Game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Sundowners on the plains.
Day 4	Drive to Bwindi, option of visiting the Ishasha Community Project en route. Overnight Bwindi x 2 nights.
Day 5	**Gorilla trekking**
Day 6	Drive via Kisoro to Rwanda. Beautiful scenery on this long drive. Overnight Ruhengeri area x 2 nights.
Day 7	**Gorilla trekking** OR Golden Monkeys/forest walk.
Day 8	Depart to Kigali airport, with Kigali city and genocide museum tour.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: The Boma Hotel, Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe Airport, you will be met and transferred to The Boma Hotel for the night.

Entebbe sits on the shores of Lake Victoria — a relaxed town that's easy to explore. Visit local markets, stroll the Botanical Gardens, take a boat cruise, or hop on a boda boda (motorbike taxi) for a quick tour.

The Boma is Entebbe's original hotel, set in lush gardens just a few minutes from the airport. It blends 1940s charm with simple modern comforts, with rooms that are all individually styled in a mix of African and European décor.

Overnight: The Boma Hotel

Day 2: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Transfer to the airport for your short flight to Kihihi, the gateway to Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Set within the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, the 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 3: Ishasha Wilderness Camp, Southern Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day at leisure to enjoy game viewing in Queen Elizabeth National Park, looking out for huge herds of buffalo, elephant and of course the famous tree-climbing lion typically found in the area. Enjoy late afternoon sundowners and snacks beside the Ntungwe River, or from a scenic viewing point along the ridge overlooking Ishasha. Drink in the vast vistas and atmosphere of this beautiful area of the park.

Overnight Ishasha Wilderness Camp.

Day 4: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Continue your journey onto Bwindi, with a brief stop en route at a community project near Ishasha Village (drive +- 3 hours). 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 5: Buhoma Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Gorilla Trekking

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. Gorilla trekking is 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. Optional activities that may be enjoyed in and around the park include forest walks, visits to a local school/ orphanage/Batwa pygmy village/ Ride for a Woman project, or curio shopping. **Overnight Buhoma Lodge**

Day 6: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge, Volcanoes National Park

Travel through the lush highlands of southwestern Uganda — often called the 'Little Switzerland of Africa' — along winding mountain roads and through rural villages en route to Rwanda. On clear days, the towering Virunga Volcanoes line the horizon like silent sentries. It's a scenic but full travel day, with around 7–8 hours on the road and a +- 1-hour border crossing.

Straddling the Rwandan border with the DRC, Volcanoes National Park is a refuge for rare mountain gorillas. Treks through the jungle-covered slopes offer the chance to spend another unforgettable hour with these gentle giants in the wild. Beyond gorilla tracking, you can hike to Dian Fossey's tomb, visit the Karisoke Research Centre, track Golden Monkeys or climb Mount Bisoke to its stunning crater lake.

Overnight: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge

Set in Ruhengeri, Tiloreza is a modest boutique hotel with 22 simple, comfortable rooms in lush garden surroundings, with hammocks to laze in, a restaurant, heated pool, massage service, bicycle hire and friendly staff.

Day 7: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge, Volcanoes National Park

Set off to Volcanoes National Park and the trekking start point. After an early coffee, you'll be grouped according to fitness level and head into the forest with expert guides and scouts. Trek times vary depending on the gorilla family's location — from a quick half-hour to a full day of hiking through bamboo forest and up into steep, dense forest.

Not trekking today? Choose between a golden monkey walk or a hike to Dian Fossey's grave — both offer a different glimpse into this remarkable region. Just note: all activities start in the morning and must be pre-booked.

Overnight: Tiloreza Volcanoes Ecolodge





Day 8: End of Itinerary

After lunch, we drive to Rwanda's capital, Kigali. Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial — a powerful and moving tribute to the lives lost in 1994. It's a place of remembrance, reflection and learning, also highlighting other global tragedies.

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. End of safari.

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Includes:

- Airport transfers in Entebbe and Kigali
- Vehicle with English speaking local driver/ guide throughout
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- 1 x overnight The Boma Hotel including breakfast
- Domestic flight from Entebbe to Kihihi
- Game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- All park entrance fees
- 2 x overnights Ishasha Wilderness Camp on a full board basis including local drinks
- Community visit en route from Ishasha to Bwindi
- 2 x overnights Buhoma Lodge on a full board basis including local drinks
- 2 x overnights Tiloreza Volcanoes EcoLodge on a full board basis
- Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum tour
- Full liability insurance cover & Compulsory emergency evacuation insurance in Rwanda

Excludes:

- **Gorilla Permits in UGANDA and RWANDA**
- All international flights and airport taxes
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas, health requirements and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals not included above

We offer 8,9 and 10 day small group safaris to Uganda (min 2, max 7 pax) and are experts at designing tailor-made trips to meet your exact 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:
Most nationalities require a visa to enter Uganda and Rwanda. For this itinerary, an **East African visa** (USD 100) is required. All visitors who require a visa should apply through the online application system prior to arrival at **https://visas.immigration.go.ug**. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after return date of travel, and have at least 3 blank pages in it.

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