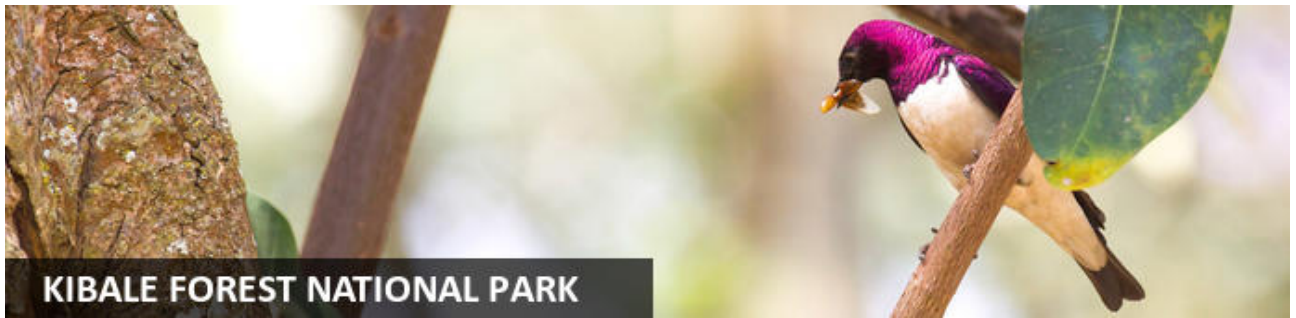
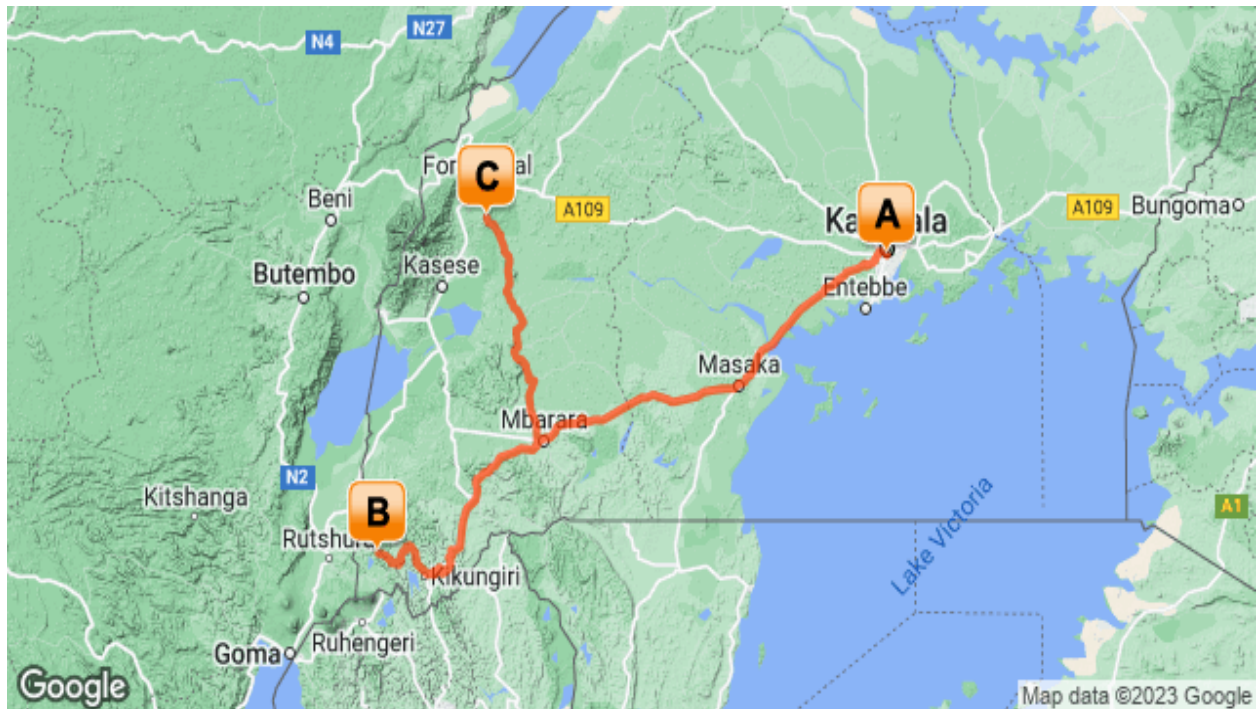




## EPIC PHOTO ESCAPES

### 7-Day Uganda Photography Safari & Workshop





**Kampala | Bwindi Impenetrable Forest | Kibale Forest National Park  
Seven Days & Six Nights**

## Introduction

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### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN KAMPALA

Meet and greet at Entebbe International Airport where your Uganda Adventure Safari starts by our representative who will warmly welcome you and facilitate seamless arrival formalities. You will do a covid test at the airport at your cost. You will then be transferred to your hotel where you will be briefed about your adventure safari.



Depending on the time of arrival you are advised to have money changed on this day and time allowing you may go for city tour with the help of our driver/guide, visit the shopping malls around town and craft villages to get items which you may need while in upcountry. You may visit the Botanical gardens at a supplement of \$10 per person or visit the Uganda Wildlife Educational Centre at a supplement of \$15 per person or a cheese and wine sundowner on Lake Victoria at a supplement of \$85 per person

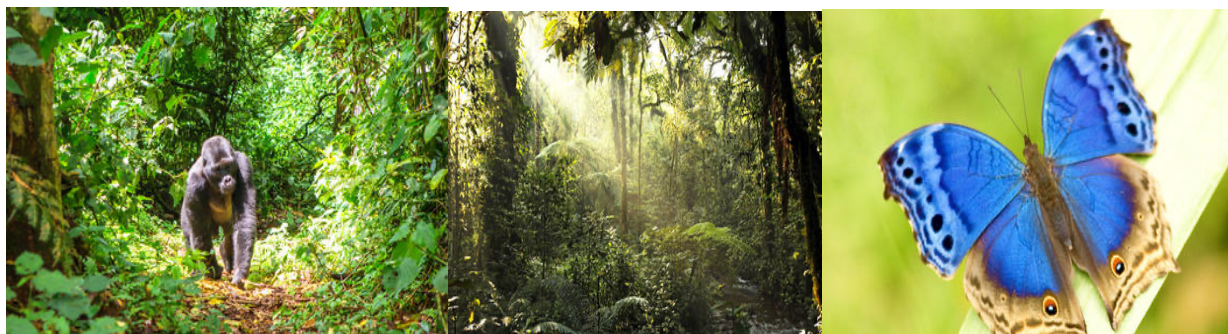
**INCLUDED:**

Airport Transfer

**DAY 2: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST**

Early morning after breakfast, your guide will brief you about the journey and later transfer you to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park which is located in southwestern Uganda. The Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is said to be Africa's oldest rainforest. It is world-renowned for its excellent gorilla-sighting opportunities. The rugged landscape features dense jungle, cascading waterfalls, sparkling mountain streams, deep valleys and steep ridges. This untouched forest has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its breathtaking natural beauty and unique ecological significance. Aside from the amazing gorilla interactions, there are other draws such as a network of forest walks, over 340 species of birds to photograph and a variety of butterflies. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the spectacular Virunga Volcanoes.

You will stop for lunch at the equator for lunch and you will be able to stand in 2 hemispheres at the same time! You will arrive at the lodge in time for dinner.



**EXPERT TIPS**

Details on what to pack for gorilla tracking in Uganda and Rwanda.

When travelling to foreign destinations it is always respectful to dress modestly and we suggest the emphasis is on comfortable clothing. It is often warm on the plains and at lower altitudes but cold in the hilly and mountainous areas of Uganda and Rwanda; a rain jacket, fleece and good quality walking shoes/boots are essential.

When trekking the gorillas and chimpanzees we recommended wearing sturdy clothing to help protect against scratches, i.e. long sleeve shirt, trousers and a good pair of lightweight walking boots. Protective leather gloves or gardening gloves are also useful, as well as a pair of gaiters.

As the temperature is variable and weather conditions can change; we also recommend taking a fleece or light jumper (layers of clothing are best especially with moisture-wicking undergarments) and lightweight breathable waterproof jacket/trousers or poncho. A small backpack is useful to carry your water, pack lunch, camera and binoculars. Walking sticks are available at the park head quarters as are porters (it is worth taking a porter as it provides local people with employment and they will give you a helping hand on any steep terrain).

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### **Miscellaneous**

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**INCLUDED:**

Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest  
Lunch

**DAY 3: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST**

After an early breakfast depart to the starting point for briefing about your gorilla trekking adventure, after which you will be led by experienced gorilla trackers on the slopes of the volcanoes. You will start from the site where the gorillas were encountered the day before and from here the gorilla tracking begins.

Although the hike can be physically demanding, the anticipation of the exciting experience ahead is amazing, and the beauty of the gorilla forest and its inhabitants are fascinating. One of Africa's major highlights is when you encounter these amazing apes. It is a humbling experience to stand just meters from man's distant cousins as they eat rest, play and bond with their young ones.

Follow the mountain gorillas as they range freely in the impenetrable forest and discover their gorgeous natural habitat and the many species they share it with. You are allowed an hour with the gorillas before finally sloping down back to your lodge. If your trek was relatively short, you may opt for optional activities.

*Don't forget to carry your rain gear, packed lunch, plenty of water, gloves, hat, and waterproof bag for protection of your camera in case of rain.*



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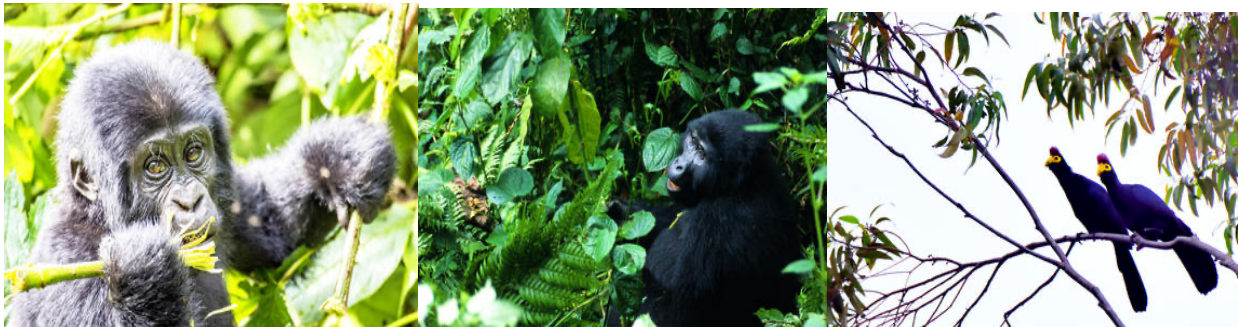
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## ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Gorilla Trekking; Included is 1 Gorilla permit per person

### DAY 4: BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Same as yesterday but a different family group for those interested in a second trekking.



### DAY 5: KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kibale National Park for the night



## DAY 6: KIBALE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at your lodge, transfer to the starting point of your Chimpanzee tracking experience in Kibale Forest National Park which is reputed to have the greatest variety and highest concentration of primates in East Africa. The most famous of its 13 species is the Chimpanzee, man's closest relative. Kibale's 1450 Chimpanzee represent Uganda's largest population of this endangered primate. Kibale is also a home to the rare l'Hoest's monkey. Other primates include the black and white Colobus, Blue monkey, Grey cheeked mangabey, Red tailed monkey, Olive baboon to mention but a few. So you will enjoy a guided nature walk in the tropical rainforest in search of the wild chimpanzees, red-tailed monkeys, black and white colobus monkeys and many others. Although chimp sightings are not guaranteed, visitors stand a good chance of hearing and seeing our distant cousins as they groom and bond with one another.

Alternatively, you may opt for the Chimpanzee Habituation at a supplement of \$50 per person. For the habituation, you stay with the chimpanzees for 4 hours maximum compared to the classic tracking which is maximum 1 hour.

After lunch, head to Bigodi. Bigodi was established by a local development organization to protect the 4sq-km Magombe Swamp that's home to around 200 species of birds (highlights include papyrus gonolek, white-winged warbler and great blue turaco). The highlight of this tour is catching a glimpse of the great blue turaco. The swamp is also good for spotting butterflies and primates, with 8 different species here, including grey-cheeked mangabey. The 2-3 hour guided walk is led by experienced local guides who interact with the guests and make the trip both enjoyable and exciting.



### INCLUDED

- 1 Chimps tracking permit per person
- Bigodi swamp walk

## **DAY 7: END OF ITINERARY**

After breakfast, you will be taken to the Entebbe Airport to catch your international flight to your next destination.

### **Domestic Flights Included:**

Bwindi to Kibale  
Kibale to Entebbe

### **Itinerary Includes:**

- All ground transportation in 4X4 WD Land cruiser with all fuel
- Full time driver/guide with all his associated expenses
- Accommodation on Full board basis as per above itinerary apart from Kampala/ Entebbe where it's on Bed and Breakfast
- 1 Gorilla Permit per person
- 1 Chimps Permit per person
- Drinking water in the vehicle
- Any other items included in the above itinerary

### **Itinerary Excludes:**

- International Air tickets
- Visas. The cost of visa is USD 50 per person
- Personal insurance
- Personal expenses such as drinks, tips, telephone calls, etc
- Any other items which are not included in the above itinerary
- For extra activities a supplement will be paid