



GORILLA TREKKING

Day 1: Welcome to Entebbe

Arrive in Uganda and breathe in the warm equatorial air as you land in Entebbe, a lakeside town on the shores of Lake Victoria. After your transfer to the hotel, take time to relax and settle in before the adventure begins.

Day 2: To the Power of Murchison Falls

After breakfast, set out for Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda's oldest and largest conservation area. Arrive in time for lunch at your lodge, then take in the drama of the Victoria Nile plunging 45 meters through a narrow gorge to create the thunderous Murchison Falls – the “World's Most Powerful Waterfall.” With over 76 species of mammals and 451 bird species, this park is a paradise for wildlife and nature lovers.

Day 3: Safari & the Nile's Majesty

Rise early for a game drive across sweeping savannas, where lions, elephants, giraffes, leopards, and countless antelope roam. After lunch, board a boat and cruise along the Nile to the foot of the falls. From here, a hike leads you to the very top of the cascade, where the sight and sound of the river exploding through the gorge is nothing short of breathtaking.

Day 4: Journey to Kibale Forest

This morning, journey south toward Kibale Forest National Park, one of the best places in the world to track wild chimpanzees. Along the way, drive past lush tea plantations – emerald-green fields stretching to the horizon. If time allows, pause for a visit at one of the plantations before continuing into the forest.

Day 5: Chimpanzee Tracking & Into the Mountains of the Moon

After an early breakfast, set out with your guide for a chimpanzee tracking adventure. The forest is alive with sound – hooting, rustling, and birdsong – as you search for our closest relatives, encountering red colobus, mangabeys, and blue monkeys along the way. Later, drive toward Queen Elizabeth National Park, passing volcanic crater lakes with views of the legendary Rwenzori Mountains, the fabled “Mountains of the Moon.” An evening game drive welcomes you to the park.

Day 6: Queen Elizabeth National Park – Big Game & the Kazinga Channel

Spend the morning exploring the savannas, forests, and wetlands of Queen Elizabeth National Park, a landscape teeming with wildlife. Lions laze under acacia trees, elephants stride across open plains, and over 600 bird species color the skies. After lunch, take a boat safari along the Kazinga Channel, famous for having the world’s largest concentration of hippos. Crocodiles bask on the banks, buffalo come to drink, and countless waterbirds thrive in this rich ecosystem.

Day 7: To the Impenetrable Forest of Bwindi

After breakfast, travel into the mystical Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to roughly half the world’s critically endangered mountain gorillas. Dense and ancient, this forest shelters chimpanzees, colobus monkeys, hornbills, turacos, and more. In the afternoon, visit the Batwa community, learning about the culture and traditions of the forest’s original inhabitants.

Day 8: Gorilla Trekking – A Once-in-a-Lifetime Encounter

This morning, anticipation builds as you gather at the ranger station for a gorilla trekking briefing. Then, with expert guides, set off into the forest, pushing through thick undergrowth and parting tangled vines in search of the gorillas. When you finally come face-to-face with these gentle giants, watching them feed, play, or simply rest, it is a moment of pure awe – one of the most profound wildlife encounters on Earth. In the afternoon, cross into Rwanda’s Volcanoes National Park.

Day 9: In the Footsteps of Dian Fossey

Rise early for a hike to Dian Fossey's tomb, a pilgrimage to honor the legendary primatologist whose life's work was devoted to protecting mountain gorillas. Walking through the misty forests of Volcanoes National Park, you gain a deeper appreciation of the extraordinary conservation efforts that continue her legacy.

Day 10: Golden Monkeys & Farewell in Kigali

On your final morning, enjoy a trek to see the playful and endangered Golden Monkeys, found only in the Virunga Mountains. Then transfer to Kigali for your international flight, carrying with you memories of a journey through Africa's wild heart – and a life-changing encounter with the mountain gorillas.