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Gorilla and Chimpanzee Safari Day by Day Itinerary

DATE	ACCOMMODATIONS	ACTIVITES
Day 1	Travel day	International flight
Day 2	Sheraton Hotel Kampala	Arrive Entebbe Airport. Pickup by Deeper Africa guide after clearing customs. Your Deeper Africa guide will have a sign that has your name on it. He will transport you to the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala in our 4 x 4 safari vehicle. Dinner and overnight at the Sheraton Hotel
Day 3	Mihingo Lodge Lake Mburo National Park	Breakfast at Sheraton Hotel in downtown Kampala. Enjoy the morning drive to Lake Mburo National Park. Pass through beautiful agricultural countryside where fruits and vegetables grow in abundance. Turn off the main road to look for herds of Ankole cattle famous for their long horns, raised by the Banyankore people. We'll do traditional wildlife viewing throughout the park's ecosystems which include savannah, acacia woodland, swamp, and lake environments. This Ugandan park is the only reserve in Uganda to support a population of impalas. There are plentiful topi, bushbuck, zebra, buffalo, eland, reedbuck, and warthogs. Viewings of predators are rarer, but the water environments bring abundant sightings of hippos. At least 315 bird species have been recorded in Lake Mburo National Park with many East African bird species present at the very northern limit of their range. Your lodge is set in a series of rugged hills on the west side of the park with majestic views of Lake Mburuo and the undulating grassy valleys that hold wonderful wildlife viewing opportunities. Hiking and walking are available from the lodge. Dinner and overnight at Mihingo Lodge. Swimming pool available.
Day 4	Ndali Lodge Near Kibale National Park	Breakfast at Mihingo Lodge. Spend the morning wildlife viewing in the park or hiking, as you choose. Begin the drive after lunch to Ndali Lodge toward Kibale Forest National Park and the Bunyaruguru Crater Lake region. Make your way to the colonial homestead of the Price family, which is set just above Lake Nyinambuga. Aubrey Price is our host for a relaxing and comfortable stay. There is no electricity at this lodge, but ample candle and oil lamps provided in the evening create a romantic feel of "old Africa." Activities available at Ndali Lodge include: Walking around Lake Nyinambuga or through the 1,000 acre farm to Mahoma Waterfall; Relaxing on the verandah of this old African homestead with views of the Rwenzoris and the western corridor of the Great African Rift Valley; Bird watching from the cottages or out on the trails; Hiking into the nearby organic farm or to tea and vanilla fields. Ndali is a working farm and they organically grow much of the fruits and vegetables served at the lodge. Dinner and overnight at Ndali Lodge.

Day 5	Ndali Lodge Near Kibale National Park	<p>Breakfast at Ndali Lodge. Up early after breakfast to drive to Kibale Forest National Park. Enter the forest at Kanyanchu with rangers from the Ugandan Wildlife Authority who are actively engaged in the primate research at Kibale. Trek out in search of the park's chimpanzees and other primates. Several families of chimpanzees have been habituated by the researchers. Over 325 bird species are reported in the Kibale area. Kibale Forest supports one of the highest primate densities in the world, including chimpanzees, red colubus, black and white colubus, red tailed monkeys, blue monkeys, vervet monkeys, l'hoests monkeys, grey cheeked mangabey, and olive baboons.</p> <p>Short drive to the home of Tinka John, a community leader of the Bigodi Community Project. You will join Tinka for a traditional lunch served in typical Ugandan fashion. Tinka will tell you about his work in the local community, getting tourism projects started, and sharing the profits from those projects with the local farming people in the area. These ecotourism projects have built a local library and a new secondary school. This grass roots community effort, run by the Kibale Association for Rural and Environmental Development, is a successful conservation and tourism endeavor.</p> <p>After lunch, you'll hike around the Bigodi Swamp with one of the community guides. Walk through local crop lands at the edge of the Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary. The Sanctuary trails are considered some of the finest birding trails in Uganda. With luck, you will see one of the forest's great blue touraco. The wetlands also support many small primates, including vervets, colubus, and blue monkeys. Late afternoon activities at Ndali Lodge, as you choose.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Ndali Lodge.</p>
Day 6	Jacana Lodge Queen Elizabeth National Park	<p>Breakfast at Nadali Lodge. Drive out after breakfast for the famous savannahs and lakes of Queen Elizabeth National Park, home to herds of the Ugandan national animal, the Ugandan kob. You'll be right at the equator and the foot of the snowcapped Rwenzoris, the "Mountains of the Moon", once thought to be the source of the Nile. Queen Elizabeth National Park is split into distinct sectors by water, the most important being the Kazinga Channel, Lake Edward, and Lake George. Today you will be exploring the savannah and wetlands ecosystems in the north sector of the park. Populations of Ugandan kob, buffalo, bushbuck, waterbuck, elephant, giant forest hogs and warthog were hit hard by poaching in Uganda, but wildlife populations are rapidly increasing.</p> <p>Lunch at Jacana Lodge overlooking Lake Edward in the central area of the park. This afternoon you will board the Queen Elizabeth launch and spend about two hours on the boat. View some of the largest concentration of hippo in the world; along with good sightings of waterbuck, buffalo, and other game that come to the water to drink. There are many fish in the channel which attract substantial populations of aquatic birds.</p> <p>At the end of the afternoon you will move to the northern end of the park near Maramagambo Forest. In this area the biodiversity and animals show greater affinity to Central African than East African forests. Your lodge overlooks the forest fringed Lake Nyamasingiri. The cottages and open sided bar and restaurant are suspended over the lake making this a sheltered and relaxing wilderness retreat.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Jacana Lodge.</p>
Day 7	Gorilla Forest Camp Bwindi Impenetrable Forest UNESCO World Heritage Site	<p>Breakfast at Jacana Lodge. Drive out after breakfast south into the remote and open Ishasha plains in the southwest of Queen Elizabeth National Park. Famous for tree climbing lions in the fig trees, the Ishasha plains are also home to elephants, Ugandan kob, topi, eland, buffalo, wart hogs, and other savannah</p>

wildlife. The Ishasha River supports a healthy hippo population. Wildlife view with a picnic lunch.

After lunch, continue the drive south into the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest region. Late afternoon arrival at the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest park gate.

Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp.

Day 8 Gorilla Forest Camp
Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Breakfast at Gorilla Forest Camp. After breakfast you will attend an introductory session at the park headquarters to learn about forest and gorilla trekking etiquette. Ugandan park guides will be taking you into the rain forest, and there will be park guides in your party who work daily with the gorillas in Bwindi. You'll hike to the point where the gorillas were seen the day before and track from that point. Trekking can range from 1 to 5 hours as you move into the gorilla's home range. The terrain is rough and sometimes muddy. Picnic lunches are provided. Birds abound with over 350 species sighted.

Close to half of the world's mountain gorilla populations (approximately 320) reside in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Mountain gorillas' larger size and thicker fur coats distinguish them from their lowland counterparts. Seeing mountain gorillas is considered to be the most profound wildlife viewing experience in the world.

Afternoon activities can include:

Relaxing on the verandah or soaking in the tub after gorilla trekking; Hiking on the Waterfall Trail, which follows the Munyaga River; or Community Village Cultural Walk through the local Buhoma Village. This walk is led by a community guide who will take you through the Buhoma market area and out on the local trails to meet the village banana brewer and a traditional medicinal healer. Along the way you see traditional farms and homes. Villagers may come out to greet you. If you choose, arrangements can be made for you to visit the people of the local Batwa tribe. These people were displaced out of their traditional forest habitat by the Ugandan government in 1991 when Bwindi Forest was declared a World Heritage site.

Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp.

Day 9 Gorilla Forest Camp
Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Breakfast at Gorilla Forest Camp. Today you will visit a different gorilla family residing in the rain/montane forest of Bwindi.

- No more than eight guests are allowed to view each of the three habituated gorilla families at any one time.
- You should maintain a distance of at least 7 meters from the gorillas. Do not touch the gorillas or try to make contact. The gorillas will break the rules occasionally. In such cases, don't increase the distance between you and them, but drop back as soon as you can without disturbing them.
- Do not use flash cameras.
- Do not eat or smoke.
- Do not do anything that may cause the gorillas stress or exhibit any behavior that they may see as a challenge. Respect their space, speak very quietly, and avoid unnecessary movement.
- Keep in a small group and never surround the gorillas.
- Leave nothing behind but footprints.

Afternoon activities at Gorilla Forest Camp as you choose.

Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp.

Day 10	Gorilla Nest Lodge Parc Nationales des Volcans	<p>Breakfast at Gorilla Forest Camp. Set out after breakfast south for the Rwandan border crossing at Kisoro via the Cyankia border post. After clearing Rwandan customs continue on to Kinigi and then on to Gorilla Nest lodge. Picnic lunches are provided en route. Your day traveling through this vast forest territory will show you the forests that link Uganda, Rwanda, and the nearby Congo. This area is known as the Switzerland of East Africa, and the views of the Kisoro Valley are stunning when the weather is clear. Descend from the high country around Bwindi into the Kanaba Gap and then gain elevation again as you move into the Virunga Range. Parc' Nationales des Volcans takes its name from a string of free-standing volcanoes that stretch across the Rwanda section of the Virunga Mountains. This area was part of the first national park in Africa, created in 1925.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Nest Lodge.</p>
Day 11	Gorilla Nest Lodge Parc Nationales des Volcans	<p>Breakfast at Gorilla Nest Lodge. We'll enter the park at Kinigi and meet up with our Rwandan Park rangers from the Office Rwandaise du Tourisme et des Parcs Nationaux (ORTPN). The park service employs about 80 people as guides, trackers, and anti-poaching officers and they speak both English and French. We trek and climb through the shady bamboo forests on the lush forested slopes that are home to five habituated gorilla groups.</p> <p>The park boundaries and this "Land of a Thousand Hills" include six of the Virunga Volcanoes. Parc Nationales is the area where Diane Fossey did her ground breaking gorilla research. She is buried at Karisoke, in the saddle between Bisoke and Karisimbi Volcanoes. The film "Gorillas in the Mist" was filmed in Parc National des Volcans. Picnic lunch while you are out trekking.</p> <p>Afternoon activities available at Gorilla Nest Lodge include: Relaxing at the lodge; Driving trip into the local market town of Ruhingiri: and Walks into the surrounding community areas.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Nest Lodge.</p>
Day 12	Gorilla Nest Lodge Parc National des Volcans	<p>Breakfast at Gorilla Nest Lodge. Meet up with our Rwandan guide and trackers in the morning for our last day of viewing. Today you will track a different gorilla family, hoping to find them munching bamboo in the forest. Recent DNA research has shown that there are sufficient genetic differences between the Virunga and Bwindi gorillas. This suggests that the populations breed in isolation, even though mid-altitude forests linked the two mountain ranges until 500 years ago. Picnic lunch while trekking.</p> <p>Afternoon activities as you choose.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Nest Lodge.</p>
Day 13	Transit through Kigali	<p>Breakfast at Gorilla Nest Lodge. Drive out after breakfast for Kigali. Stop at the Gisozi Genocide Museum built with funds from the Belgium, Swedish, and US based Clinton Foundation.</p> <p>Transport to the Kigali International Airport for return flights to Kenya.</p> <p>Kenya Airways Flight Departs Kigali @ 1:55 pm Arrives Nairobi @ 4:20 pm</p> <p>Late afternoon for dinner and transit in the Nairobi Airport. Check in and connections to your International Flight.</p>
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- 4 persons or more \$7,249 each
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- Single Supplement: \$785

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