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Gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Day by Day Itinerary

Gorilla Primate Viewing Safari

DATE	ACCOMMODATIONS	ACTIVITIES
Day 1	Mihingo Lodge Lake Mburu National Park	<p>Arrive at Entebbe Airport before noon. Pickup by Deeper Africa guide after clearing customs. Your Deeper Africa guide will have a sign that has your name on it.</p> <p>Enjoy the afternoon drive to Lake Mburu National Park. Pass through beautiful agricultural countryside where fruits and vegetables grow in abundance. Wildlife viewing as you travel through the park to Mihingo Lodge. The drive will take you through savannah, acacia, woodland, swamp, and lake environments. This Ugandan park is the only reserve in the country 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 Mburu National Park with many East African bird species present at the very northern limit of their range.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Mihingo Lodge.</p>
Day 2	Gorilla Forest Camp Bwindi Impenetrable Forest UNESCO World Heritage Site	<p>Breakfast at Mihingo Lodge. Spend the early morning wildlife viewing in the park before heading to Bwindi. Your lodge is set in a series of rugged hills on the west side of the park with majestic views of Lake Mburu and the undulating grassy valleys that hold wonderful wildlife viewing opportunities.</p> <p>Drive westward to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Lunch at Kabale. Close to half of the world's mountain gorilla populations (approximately 320) are resident 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 check-in at Gorilla Forest Camp with sundowners (drinks at sundown) on the verandah looking into the rainforest. Unpack and prepare for your next two days of gorilla viewing.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp.</p>
Day 3	Gorilla Forest Camp Bwindi Impenetrable Forest	<p>Breakfast at Gorilla Forest Camp. After breakfast you'll 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.</p> <p>You'll return in the afternoon to Gorilla Forest Camp for some relaxing. If time allows, 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 the</p>

Community Village Cultural Walk through the local Buhoma Village. This walk is led by a community guide who will take us 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'll see traditional farms and homes. Villagers may come out to greet you. If you choose, we can arrange 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 4 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 from Gorilla Forest Camp as you choose.

Dinner and overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp.

Day 5 Mihingo Lodge Breakfast at Gorilla Forest Camp. Begin the scenic drive back to Entebbe, stopping at Mihingo Lodge in Lake Mburu National Park for the night. 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. You will 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 Mburu 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 Mburu and the undulating grassy valleys that hold wonderful wildlife viewing opportunities. Hiking and walking are available from the lodge.

Dinner and overnight at Mhingo Lodge.

Day 6 Transit through Entebbe Breakfast at Mhingo Lodge. Continue the drive back to Entebbe. Time for lunch and to connect to an afternoon flight out of Entebbe International Airport.

INCLUDED IN YOUR SAFARI

- Full board accommodations in all lodges and tented camps
- All meals
- Unlimited game drives in private 4x4 safari Land Cruisers
- All park and entrance fees
- Experienced and professional safari naturalist guides
- Natural Learning program
- Enrollment with Flying Doctors Evacuation Service
- All in-country transportation, excluding charter flights
- Laundry available at some lodges and camps
- Beverages in your 4x4 safari vehicle
- Bottled water available at all times
- Extensive pre-departure briefing and materials including health information, reading list and map

EXCLUDED FROM YOUR SAFARI

- Gratuities
- Alcohol and some beverages in some camps and lodges

We plan your wildlife adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you are traveling. Still, animals in the areas you are viewing are not in a zoo. They roam freely and we cannot always anticipate their movements.

As well, Deeper Africa uses best efforts to provide the lodging set out in this itinerary, but occasionally there are circumstances that occur in East Africa that require lodging substitutions. We reserve the right to make comparable lodging substitutions whenever necessary.

2012 CUSTOM DEPARTURE DATES

Schedule as you wish any month of the year.

2012 CUSTOM DEPARTURE PRICING Permits Included*

- 4 persons or more \$5,399 USD each
- 2 persons \$5,899 USD each
- Single Supplement: \$675 USD

*Gorilla permit prices can change. Pricing is subject to Uganda park fees.

Does not include in-country charter flights. Prices for in-country charter flights available upon request.

Arrivals into Entebbe, Uganda. Departures out of Entebbe, Uganda. Prices do not include international airfare.