



## 3 Days Bwindi Gorilla Flying Safari

### Visited countries

#### Uganda

Although Uganda is famous for The Mountain Gorillas and Chimpanzees it is also home to, The longest river in the world, the River Nile. The most powerful waterfalls in the world, Murchison Falls, The third largest lake in the world, Lake Victoria. Those natural wonders coupled with The Ruetanzori Mountains in western Uganda and Mount Elgon in Eastern Uganda create an incredible habitat for animals and birds that is unrivalled in East Africa. However, we know that despite all those breathtaking attractions it is The People of Uganda that make this country the wonderful destination that it is.



### Central Uganda

The Central Region of Uganda is home to the two principal cities, Kampala which is the capital city and Entebbe. Although the distance between the two cities is only around 40kms the journey time is severely traffic dependant. This region of Uganda is characterised by hilly terrain with marshland valleys. Due to the curved shoreline of Lake Victoria, both cities are close to the Lake and can act as a gateway to the rest of Uganda's other principal cities to the east, west and north of Uganda. The region also acts as a good starting point for shorter weekend breaks to islands on Lake Victoria.

The Central Region is the historical seat of the Baganda Kingdom with the Kabakas Palace, Kisubi Royal Tombs and other Royal sites found here.



### Western Uganda

The Western Region of Uganda houses the majority of the National Parks in Uganda. Lake Mburo, Mgahinga, Bwindi, Queen Elizabeth, Kibale, Rwenzori, Semiliki and Murchison all feature in this region. Due to the climate and altitude in Western Uganda, there are many Tea and Coffee plantations dotted over the landscape as well as stunning natural crater lakes and forests. But it doesn't stop there, Lake Bunyonyi, Lake Mutanda, Lake Edward, Lake George and Lake Albert are also found here, bringing with them an unrivalled beauty that can only be found in this region of Uganda.

The Kingdoms of Ankole, Bunyoro, Kigezi and Toro all hail from this part of Uganda.



## Itinerary map



## Travel summary

- ☆ Day 1: Entebbe - Entebbe Airport - Kihikihi Airstrip - Buhoma - Bwindi N.P
- ☆ Day 2: Bwindi N.P
- ☆ Day 3: Bwindi N.P - Kihikihi Airstrip - Entebbe Airport - Entebbe - Kampala

## Day 1:Entebbe- Entebbe Airport- Kihihi Airstrip- Buhoma- Bwindi N.P

The short drive from Entebbe to the airport will only afford you enough time to catch glimpses of the beauty of Lake Victoria. With the airport perched right by the lake, you might be lucky enough to see a plane taking off or landing. We will ensure that you arrive at the airport with enough time to catch your flight.

Your journey will be approx; 8km. 15min drive

Your domestic flight from Entebbe to Kihihi will be a real treat. Flying over the third largest lake in the world will give you an incredible perspective of just how beautiful Uganda is. Lake Victoria is dotted with several islands and fishing villages which can be seen on taking off and landing. On arrival to Kihihi, you will be met by a Let's Go Travel representative who will transfer you in a 4X4 vehicle to your lodge!

The transfer from Kihihi airstrip to the Buhoma sector of Bwindi will take around one and a half hours and the road can be a little bit bumpy, it does give you enough time to contemplate your gorilla adventure ahead as well as being captivated by the incredible scenery synonymous with this part of Uganda.

Your journey will be approx; 70km. 2hrs drive

At Let's Go Travel we try and support the communities that we interact with as part of the business we run, with a view to minimizing the impact we have on communities as well as ensuring that they too benefit from our operations. One such community in the Buhoma area of Bwindi is called **Ride 4 a Woman**. You will get to visit these incredible women and learn more about their story!

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## Day 2:Bwindi N.P

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is split into four sectors, Buhoma, Ruhijja, Rushaga and Nkuringo, with each sector having a number of gorilla groups visitors can track. As your lodge is not in the Ruhijja sector but your tracking a gorilla family in that sector you will have to get up a little bit early and be transferred from your lodge to the Ruhijja in time for the morning gorilla trekking briefing.

After your gorilla trek you will be transferred back to your lodge to relax or spend sometime exploring the incredible landscape and villages in the surrounding areas.

Your **Gorilla Trekking experience** is finally here, hope your camera is charged and you are ready for what lies ahead. An early start will see you transfer to the Park Headquarters for a briefing with the Uganda Wildlife Authority guides. An advance party of guides will have gone ahead into the forest to locate where the gorillas slept the previous night and will have begun to track their movements. These guides will communicate with your team via a walkie-talkie and the trek into the forest will begin.

Locating the Gorillas can take a few hours or the whole day depending on how far they have moved from the place they spent the previous night. For conservation purposes, the amount of time allowed with the Gorillas is 1 hour. As you trek through the forest you will appreciate why the forest is called impenetrable. There is also a multitude of other animals that you might encounter including antelopes and rare monkeys not to mention the beauty of the forest itself. Once you have completed the trek you will return to the lodge, for a well earned rest and time to reflect on a truly magical experience. After your trek there will be plenty of time to relax at your lodge or if you are up to it take a gentle exploratory stroll.

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## Day 3: Bwindi N.P- Kihihi Airstrip- Entebbe Airport- Entebbe- Kampala

After an early breakfast, you will be transferred to Kihihi for your flight back to Entebbe. The drive from your lodge to the airstrip shouldn't take long.

Your journey will be approx; 70km. 2hrs drive

On your flight back from Bwindi to Entebbe you will be afforded a fantastic view of Bwindi The Impenetrable Forest from the air. This always gets people thinking how did I manage to find the Gorillas in all that jungle below? Make sure you have your camera ready or simply enjoy the amazing view. From this high up you can also see the mountains and forests in Congo and Rwanda!

Transfer to Kampala the capital city of Uganda, where you will be able to relax and contemplate the adventure that lies ahead.

Your journey will be approx; 40km. 2hrs drive

*As your time in Uganda has come to an end, we truly hope you have had a memorable experience that you will remember for many years to come. Have a safe onward journey and we hope that Uganda will always be close to your hearts!*



# Hotels & Lodges



## Mahogany Springs Lodge

Bwindi N.P

Category: Hotel 5\*

<http://www.mahoganysprings.com>

Mahogany Springs Lodge offers privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. With some of the most luxurious accommodation in East Africa the feeling that you will experience when staying here is beyond compare.

This is the perfect base from which to begin your Gorilla Tracking or Bird watching adventures. The Gorillas have been known to visit the lodge and coming face to face with one of these peaceful creatures is an indescribable experience.

### Information:

Info: Mahogany Springs Lodge is located outside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Number of rooms: 10 Bandas, 1 Presidential Suite

Swimming pool: No

Wi-Fi: Yes, but only in the lounge area



## Ground Handling - Rates per person in double room

for 2 persons: **1 495 \$us** per person - Total **2 990 \$us**

for 4 persons: **1 242 \$us** per person - Total **4 968 \$us**

for 6 persons: **1 157 \$us** per person - Total **6 942 \$us**

Sup. single room: 136 \$us

## Trekking Permits - Rates per person in double room

for 2 persons: **700 \$us** per person - Total **1 400 \$us**

for 4 persons: **700 \$us** per person - Total **2 800 \$us**

for 6 persons: **700 \$us** per person - Total **4 200 \$us**

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### Total - Rates per person in double room

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for 2 persons : **2195 \$us** per person - Total **4390 \$us**

for 4 persons : **1942 \$us** per person - Total **7768 \$us**

for 6 persons : **1857 \$us** per person - Total **11142 \$us**

Sup. single room: 136  
\$us

#### **Package Includes :**

- Transfers and transportation in a 4x4 Safari Vehicle with an English-speaking driver guide
- Park entrance fees
- 1 x Gorilla Trekking Bwindi Forest (USD 700 per person)
- Accommodation as stated above or similar depending on availability at the time of booking
- Meals as stated above, Full board on safari and bed and breakfast in Entebbe
- 1 liter of drinking water per person per day in the vehicle.
- Return Local flight
- Masks and hand sanitizers

#### **Package Excludes :**

Optional activities and activities not mentioned in above  
Tips  
Personal expenses  
Drinks  
International Airfare  
Visas to Uganda  
Travel insurance