



Big Game & Mountain Gorillas

Overview: A 5 Day/4 Nights safari to Queen Elizabeth and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. The diverse ecosystems covering the sprawling savanna, shady, humid forests, sparkling lakes and wetlands of Queen Elizabeth are habitats to classic big game, over 10 primate species and over 600 species of birds. The drive through the tree climbing haven of Ishasha leads you to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – Home to the highest Gorilla population in the world.

Itinerary at a glance.

Day 1: Drive from Kampala – Queen Elizabeth.

Day 2: Game drive & Boat cruise on the Kazinga channel.

Day 3: Drive to Bwindi via Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth.

Day 4: Gorilla tracking – Afternoon community activity (Batwa).

Day 5: Fly to Entebbe via Kihhi airstrip.

Detailed itinerary.

Day 1: Kampala/Entebbe - Queen Elizabeth– App. 8 hours' drive.

Adventure Consults' representative will pick from your residence/hotel by 0730 hrs. (latest), briefing on your safari and start the adventure. Beginning with a panoramic drive west of Uganda.

On payment of supplement, USD 338 per person, today, you have an option to take a one-hour flight advance reservation is a must!

You will stop at the Equator Crossing line for interesting practical experiments/demonstrations. There are only 13 countries in the world that are crossed by the equator, and Uganda is one of them. You will watch and listen to the site guide as he demonstrates interesting facts using water. If you love random curious facts, this is the right place. The experiments will take you back to old school classes. Don't miss out the photo-op on equator line with the beautiful equator sign as your photo frame.

The drive from Entebbe to the Equator crossing is about 2 - 3 hours and the site visit takes 30 – 45 minutes.

Continue onwards to Mbarara town for lunch then after proceed to the park arriving late afternoon/evening.

Meals and Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge or similar.

Inclusions: All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner).

Exclusions: All drinks.

Day 2: Game drive & Boat cruise on the Kazinga channel.

Make sure you are up before 06:00 hours so that you don't miss out the colorful sunrise session! As the sun peeps out of the broken clouds, it reflects on the savannahs, creating shady moments. The sparkling sunlight reflection on the lakes and green wetlands gives the best moment for classic big game and colourful birds to hang out.

The game tracks here never disappoint! There are high chances of sighting the Leopard, African bush elephants, Hippos, Lions, Cape buffaloes, and several antelope species.

Enjoy a Picnic Breakfast at a beautiful site by the community craft market, facing Lake Bunyampaka. Depending on the season, you might see the colorful flamingos in a distance.

After lunch, drive to the Mweya pier in time for the 2 pm boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. The channel is a 32-kilometer- long natural water stretch that links Lake Edward and George.

The boat cruise on the channel provides the best opportunities for up-close animal viewing and photography with lots of hippos and numerous Nile crocodiles. Queen Elizabeth National Park's bird life is rich, colorful, and stupendous totaling to 600 recorded species.

We normally book scheduled boats. The type of boat to use (either big or small) is to be determined on the day of the boat trip. Private/exclusive boats are available on payment of supplement.

Weather permitting, go for a sundowner and have a taste of Uganda's finest gin, and a mix of both local and premium drinks as you look at the sun dipping in the horizon. Note that snacks and soft drinks on house, all alcoholic drinks are on own account.

Meals and overnight at Mweya Lodge or similar..
Inclusions: All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner).
Exclusions: All drinks.

Day 3: Queen Elizabeth – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Today, you will head out to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, driving through Ishasha sector. Ishasha famous for its tree climbing Lions that are unique to this region and a multitude of animals. You might be lucky with views and photograph the tree climbing giants.

Proceed to Bwindi, arriving at the Lodge in the afternoon/in time for lunch.

Later in the day, you have an option to go for a tea plantation walk. Bwindi has got the best soils that favors growth and flourishing of tea farms. You don't have to be a 'tea-person' to learn more about tea! After lunch, you will head out for a tea tour and get to know how tea is grown, picked and traditionally processed. The tour also shows how 'black', 'green' and 'white' teas are produced and differentiated. You have an opportunity to sample the fine teas at the end of the tour whilst looking over the impressive forests. We call it the tea ceremony.

Time permitting, go for a visit to Ride for a woman project: This is a charitable organization set up to support women struggling with poverty, HIV and domestic violence. Your visit indirectly supports the project work and while here, you may participate in basketry, weaving, and have an opportunity for craft shopping. You can as well place your order for African designed cautions, dresses, wrappers, table mats and all that has got an African touch on it! The ladies will ensure your orders are ready for collection within 24 hours or earlier.

Meals and Overnight at Mahogany springs lodge or similar.

Inclusions: All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner).

Exclusions: All drinks.

Day 4: Gorilla tracking – Afternoon Batwa experience.

Today is dedicated to visiting the Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

While in Buhoma, you can access Gorilla families of Buhoma or Ruhija sectors. Depending on the sector/family booked to track gorillas, you may leave the lodge either at 06:00hrs for Ruhija or 07:00hrs for Buhoma area. Breakfast is always ready by 05:00hrs or can opt to have a packed breakfast if leaving at 06:00hrs.

This beautiful park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to over 50% of the world's remaining Gorillas. The rainforest is spectacular, heavily vegetated, and dense landscape crisscrossed by numerous animal trails, allowing access for trekkers. The time taken to find the Gorillas depends on Gorilla movements and in most cases, they are either looking for food or simply taking time to walk in their territory.

When you finally find them, you are allowed to spend 60 minutes while watching and following their movements. The thrill of spending time with and observing these gentle giants is a rare and moving adventure that will leave you with long-lasting memories of a truly unique experience.

Mountain gorillas are generally shy and peaceful creatures, and it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience to watch and photograph them as they interact with each other.

In the afternoon, visit the **Pygmy/Batwa community**. This is cultural tourism activity at its best! It's a hands-on, mind-opening adventure you will never forget as you go for an incredible hike in the rain forest with the elderly Batwa (pygmy) guides.

The Batwa are known to be one of the oldest surviving indigenous people on earth. A very special and unique group of people, lived in the bush and entire lifestyle depended on the forests. Just like the well-known 'hunters and gatherers', the Batwa gathered plants and fruits for food, hunted any animals within their reach, caves were their homes with the main big caves reserved for Kings.

A hike to the Batwa community, will enrich you with the history of these historical people. You will enjoy demonstrations and storytelling sessions of how the Batwa lived before they left the forest in favor of conservation programs. They will make fire using very simple tools (sticks and stones) and take you back to the old stone age period. You may participate in the mock hunting exercise, learn how to use a bow and arrow, and can taste the local meals and drinks, and participate in traditional dances.

Meals and Overnight at Mahogany springs lodge or similar.

Inclusions: All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner).

Exclusions: All drinks.

Day 5: Fly to Entebbe and connect to your international flight.

After breakfast, transfer to Kihihi airstrip in time for your morning flight to Entebbe Airport. The morning flight departs Kihihi airstrip at 9:45 am (flight schedule can change and sometimes at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances, but in most cases would be for safety reasons).

Baggage restrictions on domestic flights: *Maximum luggage weight is 15 kgs /33lbs in soft-sided bags. Standard luggage should have the three dimensions of 24 inches (60cm) height, 18 inches (45cm) length, and 13 inches (33cm) width. Any excess luggage can be paid for at 3\$ per Kg depending on space availability or can make advance reservation.*

The drive from Buhoma to Kihihi airstrip takes about 2 hours. The approximate flight duration is one hour and forty-five minutes. It can be shorter than that, but the actual duration depends on the routing of the day.

You will arrive Entebbe airport by 11:25hrs (sometimes earlier). If you have a connecting international/regional flight today, ensure it's scheduled to depart Entebbe not earlier than 13:45hrs.

On arrival at Entebbe airport, you will be assisted through customs and connect to your international/regional flight

Per person cost (depending on number of participants).

2 pax: US\$. 3,946 3 pax: US\$. 3,613 4 pax: US\$. 3,446

5 pax: US\$. 3,386USD 6 pax US\$. 3,280 SRS: US\$. 328

SRS is Single room supplement, applicable to any traveler not sharing a room.

Per person price is determined by number of guests sharing a vehicle/safari package. We strictly consider window seats.

Quoted price is based on a specific property as mentioned in the itinerary. If budget is an issue, we can always offer a less costly facility to suite your ideal/planned budget.

Quoted price is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances like change of government taxes or tariff revision by service providers. When a trip is confirmed with a deposit before any changes are published, the given price shall be honored.

Safari price inclusions: Accommodation with meals as indicated in the itinerary, Ground transport in a custom-built safari Land cruiser/s with fuel and English-speaking driver/guides, all activities as mentioned in the itinerary (unless specified as extras), and Government taxes.

Safari price EXCLUDES: International flights, Visas where applicable, airport departure taxes, insurance, costs related to itinerary changes after confirmation any services, activities not included in itinerary, any costs incurred due to canceled or delayed flights, acts of nature, insecurity or other circumstances beyond our control, any related costs of personal nature like gratuities, drinks (other than those included at particular properties) telephone calls, internet services and laundry.

Payment schedule: You are required to make a deposit payment of 20% of the safari price plus cost of Gorilla & Chimp permits (where applicable) to consider the safari confirmed. Final payment to be paid 60 days prior to safari start date. Note that this schedule is based on service providers' booking terms and conditions.

Payment mode: We accept payments by Telegraphic Transfers, cheques or Cash. Please get in touch with accounts@adventureconsults.com for more details or if you have any queries.

We recommend that you read and understand our **booking terms and conditions** together with our cancellation policy. Please request for these terms if you do not have them or ask for further clarification if not clear before making any form of payment.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance in case of any unforeseen eventualities.

Air fares: We do not arrange or book international flights but we can recommend reliable travel agencies or carriers. Feel free to get in contact for advice on recommended flight schedules suitable for different packages or a particular safari of your interest.

Change of itinerary: Additional charges or fees may apply in cases where you want to change a confirmed booking.

Please get in contact for your safari arrangements. Advance reservations are highly recommended.