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The Gorilla & Riverine Giants

“Tree-climbing lions, a life-changing Silverback gorilla encounter, and a forest canopy star dinner in Bwindi”

10

DAYS

Private

GUIDE

Luxury

STAYS

FROM

\$11,500

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Overview

Your flagship Uganda primate itinerary for first-time luxury travellers to East Africa. It pairs the raw big-game theatre of Queen Elizabeth National Park — famed for its unique tree-climbing lions — with the deeply life-changing experience of tracking mountain gorillas in the ancient mist-covered valleys of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Operated entirely via private internal flight charters to bypass long 9-hour road drives. Guests stay in world-class wilderness sanctuaries including Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge and Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp — high-end properties set right on the forest edge. Every day delivers something extraordinary: from hippos on the Kazinga Channel at sunset to a Silverback gorilla family observed at just a few metres distance.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private luxury boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel: hundreds of hippos wallowing, elephants drinking, and African fish eagles overhead
- Mountain gorilla trekking in Bwindi: spending a quiet hour face-to-face with a magnificent Silverback family in the mist-covered jungle
- Torch-lit lantern bonfire dinner on an open deck overlooking the primeval Bwindi forest canopy under a blanket of stars
- Forest waterfall walk with personal naturalist guide and premium African oil spa treatment at the lodge
- Tree-climbing lions of Ishasha — large lions lounging high in the branches of old fig trees, a behaviour unique to this region in the world
- White-linen gourmet breakfast in an open forest clearing after the gorilla trek — reflecting on the encounter as birds call overhead
- Ancient Batwa forest people walk: traditional hunting techniques and medicinal plant knowledge from the original forest inhabitants
- Exclusive Bakiga cultural encounter: sorghum cooking masterclass, fire-making, and traditional music with mountain elders

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The Itinerary

01

ENTEBBE

Day 1 | Arrival in Entebbe — Lakeside Luxury

VIP tarmac handling at Entebbe International Airport. Private transfer to Hotel No.5 or The Latitude 0° perched on the shores of Lake Victoria. Early arrivals enjoy the Entebbe Botanical Gardens — established 1898, stunning tropical plants, monkeys, and exotic birds — and the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre for close encounters with chimpanzees and rhinos. Elegant multi-course dinner overlooking Lake Victoria.

- Hotel No.5 »
- Dinner

02

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Day 2 | Flight to Queen Elizabeth NP — Kazinga Channel Cruise

Private charter flight west to Queen Elizabeth National Park — spectacular aerial views of Lake Victoria giving way to vast savannah plains with the Rwenzori Mountains visible. Check-in at Kyambura Gorge Lodge on a peninsula overlooking the Kazinga Channel. Private luxury boat cruise: hundreds of hippos wallowing, elephants and buffalo drinking, iconic African fish eagles. Chilled champagne from a private canvas bar on a high ridge as pods of hippos gather below.

- Kyambura Gorge Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

Day 3 | The Tree-Climbing Lions of Ishasha

Morning safari to the remote Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park — the rare and extraordinary sight of large lions lounging high in the branches of old fig trees, a behaviour unique to this region. Climbing trees to escape heat, catch breezes, and gain vantage over the savannah. Completely crowd-free viewing with private guide positioning the vehicle for best photographic opportunities. Gourmet picnic lunch in the bush.

- Kyambura Gorge Lodge »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Day 4 | Flight to Bwindi — Forest Bonfire Dinner

Short private air hop over the mountains to the private strip bordering Bwindi Impenetrable National Park — home to over half of the world's remaining mountain gorillas. Spectacular aerial views of dramatic mountain ranges, deep valleys, and ancient mist-covered forests of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Check-in at Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp. Elegant multi-course forest bonfire dinner around a massive stone fire pit listening to the nocturnal calls of the ancient jungle.

- Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp »
- Breakfast, Dinner

05

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Day 5 | Mountain Gorilla Trekking Masterclass — Forest Clearing Breakfast

Rising before dawn for private guided Mountain Gorilla Trekking with elite trackers through dense mist-covered jungle. The trek is tailored to your fitness level. The life-changing highlight: coming face-to-face with a magnificent Silverback gorilla family, spending a quiet hour just metres away — observing their behaviour, interactions, and the intimate dynamics of the family group. On return: a surprise white-linen gourmet breakfast with a live-cooking chef set up in an open forest clearing.

- Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Day 6 | Forest Canopy Walks & African Oil Spa

A peaceful morning walking along Bwindi's ancient waterfalls with a personal naturalist guide. Serene forest with towering trees, cascading waterfalls, and the symphony of 350 bird species. Learning about the unique flora and fauna of the Impenetrable Forest. Afternoon: premium spa treatment utilising organic African oils — shea butter and local botanicals in a forest-facing treatment suite.

- Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp »
- Breakfast, Dinner

07

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Day 7 | The Batwa Forest Keepers — Ancient Hunter-Gatherer Walk

A dedicated morning on a private highly educational walk with the Batwa — the original forest people of Bwindi. Learning about their ancient hunter-gatherer existence, deep spiritual connection to the forest, and traditional way of life passed down through generations. Batwa guides demonstrate traditional hunting techniques, medicinal plant uses, and their unique knowledge of the Impenetrable Forest. History of the Batwa and ongoing cultural preservation efforts.

- Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp »
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Day 8 | Mountain Serenity & Canopy Star Dining

A fully relaxed day in your luxury forest chalet, soaking in the profound tranquillity of the mountain setting. Absolute silence broken only by birds and the rustle of ancient trees. The day culminates in a celebratory torch-lit lantern bonfire dinner on an open deck overlooking the primeval forest canopy under a blanket of stars — dining in the heart of the jungle with the nocturnal sounds of Bwindi surrounding you.

- Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp »
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

Day 9 | Exclusive Bakiga Cultural Immersion — Sorghum Masterclass

A deeply respectful cultural immersion with a non-commercial indigenous Bakiga community on the outer ridges of Bwindi. Exchange with village elders on historic terraced mountain farming, traditional fire-making, and the rich cultural heritage of the Bakiga people. Private hands-on masterclass crafting traditional sorghum porridge inside a family homestead. Vibrant oral storytelling and music with traditional instruments. Farewell multi-course dinner at the lodge paired with vintage wines.

- Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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ENTEBBE

Day 10 | Return to Entebbe & Complementary Spa Day

Relaxed luxury breakfast watching the mist lift off the trees. Charter back to Entebbe. Complementary spa session at your city hotel. Private city tour of Entebbe — Botanical Gardens and Wildlife Education Centre — if missed on Day 1. International departure the following day.

- Hotel No.5 »
- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$12,500

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price per person based on two guests sharing. All charter flights, accommodation, gorilla permits, meals, and activities included. International flights to Entebbe not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$11,500
Wetter trails, lower gorilla permit demand		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$14,000
Prime dry season for gorilla trekking		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$12,500
Short rains, good trekking conditions return		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP meet and greet at Entebbe International Airport
- » All private charter flights within Uganda
- » Luxury lodge and boutique hotel accommodation
- » All meals as specified
- » All private guided game drives, treks, and activities
- » All park and concession fees
- » Gorilla trekking permit where applicable
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide and expert tracker throughout
- » Gorilla trekking permit in Bwindi
- » Private Kazinga Channel luxury boat cruise
- » Tree-climbing lion viewing in Ishasha sector
- » Forest clearing white-linen breakfast after gorilla trek
- » Forest waterfall walk with personal naturalist guide

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Uganda
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping
- Premium alcohol beyond inclusions
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities
- Uganda visa fees (USD 50 on arrival for most nationalities)

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