

6-Day Primate Experience

Brief Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive at Entebbe International Airport, Uganda

Day 2: Fly to Kasese airstrip-Kibale National Park

Day 3: Chimpanzee tracking and Bigodi Swamp walk

Day 4: Drive/Fly to Kihhi airstrip – Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Day 5: Gorilla trekking experience and an afternoon Batwa community walk

Day 6: Fly from Kihhi airstrip to Entebbe international airport for your connecting flight back home

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive at Entebbe International Airport, Uganda

A shuttle will be available to pick you up at the airport, transfer to the hotel and check in.

Overnight at the Boma Hotel on a bed & breakfast basis.

Excludes all meals and drinks

Day 2: Fly to Kasese airstrip - Kibale National Park

Have a cup of coffee and then proceed to the airport for your morning/afternoon flight from Entebbe airport to Kasese airstrip. The morning flight usually departs at 7 am and the afternoon flight departs at 12 pm, depending on availability.

Please note the timings are subject to slight changes, depending on the routing of the day. The maximum baggage is 15kgs, and any extra kilo is charged 5\$. For any excess luggage, kindly contact us so that we can inform the airline in time.

Upon arrival at Kasese airstrip, a driver will be available to pick you up and then proceed to the lodge. Depending on your arrival time, you may decide to rest for the entire evening or take a short community walk.

Overnight at Primate Lodge Kibale

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 3: Chimpanzee tracking and Bigodi Swamp Walk

After breakfast, begin the day with a transfer to Kanyanchu Park Headquarters in time for a briefing that starts at 7:30 am, then later head out to the forest to observe the chimps.

Kibale National Park is home to the Eastern Chimpanzees and has over 13 primate species, including red-tailed monkey, L'Hoests, Olive baboons, mangabeys, blue monkeys, and vervet monkeys, among others.

During the chimpanzee trek, the ranger guide will provide detailed information on more than just primates. The walk will be interesting, informative, and exciting. You will spend an hour in the vicinity of the chimps as you observe their movements and feeding habits.

After the trek, you will proceed to the lodge for a hot lunch. In the afternoon, you may simply relax at the lodge or go for a nature walk in the Bigodi Swamp for primate and bird watching. The 4.5 km round walk takes you through a swamp that shelters over 200 species of birds that include Great Blue Turacos, papyrus gonolek, blue crowned eagles and primates such as olive baboons, L'Hoests monkeys, among others. The local guides will share exciting details of the local lifestyles, history and culture of the community.

Overnight at Primate Lodge Kibale

Inclusions: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 4: Drive/Fly to Kihikihi airstrip - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

After breakfast, you will head out to the Kasese airstrip for your morning/afternoon flight to Kihikihi airstrip, and it's about a 30-minute flight.

Please note that these flights operate only during the high season, except for March, April, May and November and require a minimum of 4 pax to operate. The maximum baggage is 15kgs, and any extra kilo is charged 5\$. For any excess luggage, kindly contact us so that we can inform the airline in time.

Upon arrival at the airstrip, a driver will be available to pick you up and later relax at the lodge.

Alternatively, there's an option of driving from Kibale to Bwindi, which is about a 7-hour drive, and is a more rewarding experience with the views of the countryside, cultures, birds, tea plantations and banana plantations.

Overnight at Mahogany Springs

Inclusions: All meals (Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast)

Day 5: Gorilla trekking Experience and an afternoon Batwa community walk

Today is dedicated to visiting the mountain gorillas. The park is a UNESCO heritage site and home to over half of the mountain gorilla population.

After an early morning breakfast, head out to the Visitor Information Centre for a briefing about the gorilla viewing guidelines and entertainment from different cultural groups. The trek is usually between 1 and to 8hrs, depending on how far the gorillas have moved in search of food. When you finally find the gorillas, you are allowed to spend an hour in their vicinity while observing their behaviours and feeding patterns.

Later in the afternoon, you can decide to take an evening walk to the nearest communities, like the Batwa. The Batwa are believed to be the first inhabitants of the Bwindi forest, and they were evicted from the forest when it was gazetted as a park in 1991. During the visit, you get to learn how they survived in the jungle before being evicted.

Overnight at Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge

Includes: All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 6: Fly from Kihikihi airstrip to Entebbe international airport for your connecting flight back home.

After breakfast, you will transfer to kihikihi airstrip in time for your early morning/afternoon flight to Entebbe Airport.

The morning flight usually departs at 9:45 am and the afternoon flight departs at 2 pm; sometimes the schedule can change on short notice. The maximum baggage weight for domestic flights is 15kgs preferably in soft-sided bags. Any excess luggage is charged 5\$ per kilo.

The driver from Buhoma to Kihikihi Airstrip is an hour and 30 minutes, and the flight duration is about an hour and 10 minutes if it's a direct flight; however, this is subject to change depending on the day's routing.

Once you arrive at Entebbe Airport, if your flight leaves late in the afternoon, then you will check in. However, if you have a late evening flight, then you can decide to book a day room at a nearby hotel or visit a nearby restaurant on your own account or even visit the botanical gardens.

The Safari includes

- Domestic Flights
- Gorilla and Chimpanzee permits
- Airport transfers
- 4 x 4 Safari Vehicle

- Batwa Community Visit
- Bigodi Swamp Walk
- Bottled drinking water
- Guide fee

The safari excludes

- International Flights
- Personal expenses, e.g. tips, souvenirs, alcoholic and soft drinks
- Personal insurance
- Visas
- Forest/nature walks