

# uganda gorilla fly in safari



## trip highlights

Tracking Mountain Gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Return scenic flights with beautiful aerial views of south western Uganda



<b>Trip Duration</b>	4 days	<b>Trip Code:</b> UFG
<b>Grade</b>	Adventure touring	
<b>Activities</b>	Trekking, Wildlife Safari	
<b>Summary</b>	4 day trip, 2 nights safari lodge, 1 night hotel	

## welcome to World Expeditions

Thank you for your interest in our Uganda Gorilla Fly In Safari trip. At World Expeditions we are passionate about our off the beaten track experiences as they provide our travellers with the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are committed to ensuring that our unique itineraries are well researched, affordable and tailored for the enjoyment of small groups or individuals - philosophies that have been at our core since 1975 when we began operating adventure holidays. Our itineraries will give you the very best travel experience, designed by people with incredible local knowledge who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach. Whether you like your adventures to include trekking, touring, cycling, mountaineering, kayaking or cruising World Expeditions can make it happen for you. We hope you will join us for a life changing experience!!

## why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to a remote and challenging destination, many factors need to be considered. Our extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience. You will be accompanied by guides whose knowledge and passion for wilderness trekking as well as a love for these wonderful animals will add a unique dimension to your trip. Their experience and enthusiasm ensures that we maintain the leading edge in adventure travel and therefore providing excellent value for money. Most importantly, our adventures aim to benefit the local people we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience. Our private vehicles are well maintained and comfortable. Meals and excursions are included in the tour price. Given our local knowledge, experience and excellent leadership, we are quite sure that this adventure will be a trip of a lifetime.

# uganda gorilla fly in safari

A unique opportunity for those short on time to observe Mountain Gorillas in their natural environment including scenic flights over Uganda



## trip dates

Departs daily year round

## important notes

**Note:** - Group discounts available  
- ask our office for details

## trip cost

Joining Entebbe from: \$2899

All prices are per person

## options & supplements

Single Supplement: \$280

Single Traveller Surcharge: \$840

These short extensions usually operate for a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together, however most can be done if you are travelling alone (Single Traveller Surcharge). If there are two or more people travelling together who cannot or prefer not to share rooms a single supplement cost will be added to your invoice.

For competitive airfares and stopover ideas to join this adventure, contact our expert staff today to receive a detailed quote.

just4u

Want a private trip?

Book this trip as a private departure just for you and your group on your chosen date. Contact us for conditions, costs and availability.

## the trip

One of life's bucket list experiences is a close encounter with the Mountain Gorillas. Park regulations allow one hour with gorilla families or individuals that have been habituated to human presence. We trek through the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in search of these incredibly shy primates, sometimes walking up to eight hours, but the reward is unforgettable. Beautiful aerial views over Uganda during your return scenic flights add to the special experience. This short adventure in Uganda can be taken on its own or added to a longer East Africa itinerary.

## at a glance

DAY 1 JOIN ENTEBBE

DAY 2 FLY TO KIIHIHI AIRSTRIP, TRANSFER TO BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST

DAY 3 GORILLA TREK!

DAY 4 FLY TO ENTEBBE AIRPORT, TRIP CONCLUDES

## additional deposits required

In addition to the World Expeditions deposit, you will be required to pay a deposit of USD\$600 (paid in your local currency at the current rate of exchange) to pay for the Gorilla permit. This deposit is non-refundable and we recommend you take out travel insurance at the time of booking.

\*Please note that Gorilla permits often sell out 4-6 months in advance so the earlier you book the greater chance you will be able to travel on your chosen day. Passport details are required to obtain permits so will be required at the time of booking.

## what's included

- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- airport transfer (day 1 only)
- 2 nights in 3 star safari lodge on a twinshare basis
- 1 night in 3 star hotel on a twinshare basis
- English speaking local driver-guide for Bwindi Gorilla trek (from day 2 onwards)
- private transport in a 4wd safari vehicle
- flights Entebbe/Kihihi/Entebbe valued at US\$472
- activities and sightseeing as listed in itinerary
- national park and trekking fees (including gorilla permit) valued at US\$600
- mineral water while on tour
- \*payment is required for the Gorilla permit at time of booking and is not refundable

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. World Expeditions goes to great lengths to avoid such payments where possible and as such only a handful of our trips are affected by this practice in Africa. When it is not possible to avoid such payments, be assured that we have thoroughly investigated the reasons for the payments to ensure we continue to uphold our responsible travel practices. We also ensure that where these payments arise, that their amount is kept to a minimum and any cash is handed over at the commencement of the trip to reduce any risk to our travellers associated with carrying cash. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us.

## what's not included

- international airfares and airport taxes
- tips
- items of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, etc.

# uganda gorilla fly in safari

A unique opportunity for those short on time to observe Mountain Gorillas in their natural environment including scenic flights over Uganda



## fast facts

### Countries Visited:

Uganda

### Visas:

Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant\*

### Vaccinations:

Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

### Private Groups:

Private group options are available for this trip\*

### Singles:

Single travellers who are unable to be matched with another single traveller of the same gender, must pay a single supplement on this trip.

### Leader:

Expert local leader

### Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

### Brochure Reference:

Africa, Middle East

\*Ask our staff for more information.

- bottled water, aerated and alcoholic drinks
- meals not specified in the itinerary
- visa
- travel insurance (compulsory)
- optional activities

### DAY 1 Join Entebbe

On arrival at Entebbe International Airport in Uganda, you shall be transferred to the group hotel for overnight. You will meet your driver-guide at Kihihi Airstrip on Day 2.

Accommodation: Boma Guest House or similar

meals: NIL

### DAY 2 Fly to Kihihi Airstrip, transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Today you will fly to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park (usually a 12-seater Cessna Caravan), which is the habitat of half of the world's gorilla population and also home to chimpanzee, monkeys, elephants, small antelope and birdlife.

Upon arrival, you will meet your driver-guide and be transferred to your accommodation for overnight.

There are optional activities available at additional cost (ie. Forest Walk to Munyaga Waterfalls, or Local Community Walk) - ask us for details and costs.

Accommodation: Mantana Engagi Lodge or similar

Approx. flying time: 1 hour 15 mins

Approx. transfer distance and time 34 km / 1.5 hours

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 3 Gorilla trek!

After an early breakfast, you will be taken to the Park Headquarters for a short briefing after which you will enter the forest and start your Gorilla trek (please note that a drive may be required to your trekking starting point). The trek can be anything from 2 hours to 8 hours or longer depending on the location of the Gorillas on the day. The terrain is rough, often over steep slopes covered with matted vegetation. Be prepared for rain, mud and giant stinging nettles - long trousers, gloves and a waterproof jacket will help. The mountain gorillas have inspired travellers from all over the world to experience one of nature's greatest interactions. Anyone who has witnessed the Mountain Gorillas of East Africa will strongly agree that it is a once in a lifetime experience that will never be forgotten.

Accommodation: Mantana Engagi Lodge or similar

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 4 Fly to Entebbe Airport, trip concludes

After breakfast, you will fly back from Kihihi Airstrip to Entebbe Airport enjoying the beautiful aerial views of south western Uganda. Trip concludes upon arrival at Entebbe Airport.

Approx. transfer distance and time 34 km / 1.5 hours

Approx. flying time: 1 hour 15 mins

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

# uganda gorilla fly in safari

A unique opportunity for those short on time to observe Mountain Gorillas in their natural environment including scenic flights over Uganda



## important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

## suggested extensions

- Northern Tanzania Circuit
- Mountains of the Moon (Rwenzori's) / Mt Kilimanjaro Climb
- Zanzibar Retreat / Zanzibar Stone Town and Coast
- We have a range of options including short customised itineraries and group departures to South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Namibia, Botswana, Madagascar and more.
- Ask our office, or refer to our website, [www.worldexpeditions.com](http://www.worldexpeditions.com) for more details.

## country information

Uganda was once described by Winston Churchill as the "Pearl of Africa" and for good reason. Despite a history of tragedies following the destructive actions of Idi Amin in the 1970's, the country is captivating. With the best of everything Africa can offer condensed into one country, wonderfully friendly people and relatively few tourists, Uganda is becoming increasingly more stable and a safe place to visit. The tallest mountain range in Africa (the Rwenzoris), the Nile River - one of the longest in the world - and one of the highest concentrations of primates around the globe are all found here. A huge diversity of birdlife is also supported as a result of merging habitats from northern, eastern and western Africa. Agriculture is the most important component of the economy with exports including coffee, sugar, cotton, tea and fish. Despite their horrific history, Ugandan people are very polite and friendly. Free primary school education for all has been a priority in recent years although the country's rapidly growing population has put pressure on resources to carry out this ideal. A diverse range of tribes make up this population, with about 85% being Christian, 12% Muslim and the small remainder practising Judaism.

## climate

Although close to the equator, Uganda's mostly tropical climate is not uniform across the country due to its varying topography. Southern Uganda is wettest with the Rwenzori Mountains (in the south west) receiving heavy rainfall all year. Entebbe and Kampala have a wet season from March to June and again in November/December.

Kampala and Entebbe tend to be quite humid, being situated on the shore of Lake Victoria. Temperatures range from about 25-30°C during the day to 14-16°C at night but can feel quite a bit warmer due to the humidity. In the mountains, you can expect much cooler temperatures.

PLEASE NOTE: we suggest you pack a waterproof jacket with a hood for all departures.

## dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

# uganda gorilla fly in safari

A unique opportunity for those short on time to observe Mountain Gorillas in their natural environment including scenic flights over Uganda



## accommodation on the trip



For this accommodated safari, we make use of mid-range lodge accommodation. Your accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of safari lodges and permanent safari camp on a twinshare basis with en-suite facilities. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

## what you carry

You can carry a day pack of approx. 30 litres with extra warm clothing, a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, small first aid kit, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip balm, etc.

Space in the vehicle is limited, and also on the internal flights from Entebbe to Kihikihi. Only one main bag not exceeding 15kg is allowed + 1 daypack/small handbag for personal items. Baggage weight (including hand luggage) is limited to a maximum of 20kg. Your main luggage MUST be a soft-sided bag. Due to the small planes (usually a 12-seater Cessna Caravan), the main luggage goes underneath the plane, and thus needs to be entirely soft-sided. NO hard type suitcases will be taken. Main luggage dimensions should not exceed 62 cm (24 inches) length x 25cm (10 inches) width x 30cm (12 inches) height. Anything larger and the luggage will not fit into the small cargo hold of the Entebbe to Kihikihi internal flights. We recommend that you use a soft sports type bag for your main luggage as this is easily stored on the vehicle and the internal flights.

## equipment required

Specialist gear required include walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

## wildlife

The wilderness areas of Africa are populated by large numbers of wild and potentially dangerous animals. The trip aims to view these animals in their natural habitat, uncontrolled by fences. Your experienced guides will make every effort to ensure the safety of the group at all times. Please be aware that all safari travel, including vehicle safaris in the proximity of wild animals is never entirely without risk. By travelling into wild areas in search of wild animals, all participants accept that they are choosing an adventure that includes an element of risk and this is an inherent aspect of the enjoyment of this style of travel.

## gorilla tracking

Mountain gorillas are gentle giants - almost entirely vegetarian, they eat over a hundred different plant species and some insects. They live in stable groups, which vary in size between two and thirty individuals and inhabit forests at elevations between 2800m and 3400m. The steeply forested landscape is incredibly dense and criss-crossed by numerous animal trails - our guides will have to hack a path through thick damp undergrowth. Authorities enforce strict guidelines about how visitors may behave near the gorillas and your guide will brief you on this. Each gorilla group is visited only once a day to keep human influences and contact to a minimum. The maximum size of groups visiting the gorillas is eight people. Gorilla groups are dominated by a senior male, normally more than fifteen years old (ages of up to thirty-five have been recorded in captivity, but many people believe that gorillas may live longer). Such males stand about 1.75m tall and weigh around 180kg - they are the undisputed leaders of their groups. The dominant

# uganda gorilla fly in safari

A unique opportunity for those short on time to observe Mountain Gorillas in their natural environment including scenic flights over Uganda



male is called the 'silverback', and he is the breeding male. Females begin to breed at about eight years of age and will produce offspring roughly every four years. Unfortunately, infant mortality is as high as 30%. Strictly diurnal, the gorilla spends the day feeding and resting. Because of their size and bulk they move and climb slowly – it is most rare to see an adult gorilla in a tree, other than on lower sloping trunks. Each night they build a nest in which to sleep. They communicate with a variety of grunts, screams and roars.

The biggest killer for specifically gorillas is normal colds / coughs / pneumonia and the like, and if a client is visibly sick, coughing etc. on the morning of the trek they will not be allowed to proceed on a trek, this is at the discretion of the National Parks staff to decide and is done 100% to protect the wellbeing and health of the gorillas and other primates that clients will be trekking to. Costs for treks will not be refunded by the National Parks authority or our local partner or World Expeditions, but will be a matter of an insurance claim.

The age limit for all treks to all primates (including to the gorillas) is 15 years. Guests/trekkers have to turn 15 latest the day of the trek, and this rule is unfortunately "written in rock"! This is because children have 'stronger' germs, even if they are not feeling sick themselves; potentially lethal to Gorillas who don't have any resistance to such germs.

## vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

## trip grading

These adventure tours visit remote areas of the world where facilities are often basic. Although flying eliminates much of the rough roads normally encountered on this type of tour keep in mind that it is not possible to avoid them entirely. The gorilla trek involves an early morning to make the most of the gorilla spotting opportunity and may involve several hours of physical activity. To enjoy these adventures we suggest you are reasonably fit, healthy, have a moderately active lifestyle and have a positive attitude. The fitter you are for your trip, the more of a holiday it will be. The gorilla tracking will sometimes be quite strenuous and will involve following trails beaten through the forests. These trails are often wet, steep and slippery.

\* Suggested preparation: Two or three times a week, we recommend you walk on undulating terrain for an hour or more, for at least 3 months prior to departure.

## thoughtful travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile; the cultures and traditions precious and often the communities we pass through are reliant on tourism. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact. Learn how you can do this by downloading the Thoughtful Traveller booklet from our website.

## adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

# uganda gorilla fly in safari

A unique opportunity for those short on time to observe Mountain Gorillas in their natural environment including scenic flights over Uganda



## info nights

World Expeditions invites you to attend our inspiring adventure travel information nights. These special evenings are designed to inform and entertain and are hosted by our most experienced and passionate adventure travellers and mountaineers. Ask our staff for a info night schedule or register on our website - [www.worldexpeditions.com](http://www.worldexpeditions.com). Shows can fill early so it is important to register your attendance so we know to save a seat, or two!

## private groups

The adventures featured in our brochures, and on our website, are just a starting point for many of our private group travellers. Working closely with our Groups Department we can organise custom designed itineraries for groups of friends, clubs, charity's, schools or even work colleagues. Our team will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure from itinerary design to group flights. Contact our team today.

## subscribe to our e-newsletter

Never miss an amazing deal, inspirational speaker tour or exciting new trips and cutting edge adventure news! Head to our website to subscribe to our regular e-newsletter.

## trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability. There are many reasons why you may not be able to join your desired departure and limited space on our small group departures is just one of them. Many of our adventures require us to secure services on your behalf; such as trekking permits, train travel and visa invitation letters. The demand is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can assist you onto your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check your trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

## social networking

Connect with us on social

FACEBOOK: [@worldexpeditions](https://www.facebook.com/worldexpeditions)

Like our page at [facebook.com/worldexpeditions](https://www.facebook.com/worldexpeditions)

INSTAGRAM: [@worldexpeditions](https://www.instagram.com/worldexpeditions)

Follow us at [instagram.com/worldexpeditions](https://www.instagram.com/worldexpeditions)

YOUTUBE: World Expeditions

Subscribe to our channel at [youtube.com/worldexpeditions](https://www.youtube.com/worldexpeditions)

Share the love

Use the hashtag #WorldExpeditions on your best travel photos and videos to be featured.

## how to book

To book a World Expeditions trip, you will need to complete a booking form and pay a non refundable deposit which you can do by using our online booking function for most trips, or if you prefer, download a booking form from the website and return to us by fax, or mail your booking form and deposit to your nearest World Expeditions office or travel agent. We can also help you with any additional arrangements that you require, such as competitive airfares to get you to your destination, stopovers, pre or post trip accommodation or any additional tours that you wish to take in conjunction with the main World Expeditions trip.

