



Cielo Pictures and Expeditions

Primate Safari – Gorilla/Chimpanzee – Uganda

Join us for an incredible 6 day primate exploration of east/central Africa in a country described by Winston Churchill as the ‘Pearl of Africa’. We’ll begin with the endangered Mountain Gorilla in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest – followed by a trek into a jungle, further north, to search for wild chimpanzees.

Along the way there will be opportunities to see other primates like the Colobus and Blue Tail monkeys.

You’ll travel in a 4 x 4 Land Cruiser and stay in luxury cottages at each primate stop. Guided by Rick Castiglione

Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival - Entebbe, Uganda

Rick will be at the airport to greet you and transfer you to your guesthouse in Entebbe for the night.

Accommodations: Entebbe Guest House (breakfast)

Day 2 – Entebbe to Kibale Forest

This morning we will board a light plane to a grass airstrip then drive, in a private 4 X 4 Land Cruiser to the Kibale Forest the location of our best opportunity to see chimpanzees in the wild. Our lodge is located in the jungle, often visited by several other species of monkeys.

Accommodations - Primate Lodge (full board)

Day 3 – Chimpanzee trekking – Kibale Forest

Today you will hike into the forest, with Rick and a wildlife ranger, to search for a wild chimpanzee troop. Our permits allow us to spend one hour with the chimps, once they’ve been found.

Accommodations – Primate Lodge (full board)

Day 4 – Kibale to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Today we make a journey through the rolling hills, tea and banana plantations in the Ugandan countryside to the famous Queen Elizabeth National Park. We will overnight in a luxury hillside lodge overlooking the Kazinga channel that connects Lake Edward and Lake George. Time permitting, we’ll take an afternoon cruise on the channel to see hippos and an amazing array of wild birds some of the 1061 varieties that call Uganda home.

Accommodations - Safari Lodge (full board)

Day 5 – Mweya to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Uganda

Today's journey again is in a light plane (or an 8 hour + drive) to the town of Kisoro and by 4 X 4 to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Bwindi is where we will hike into the rainforest to search for the endangered Mountain Gorillas. Rick has spent a considerable amount of time with the gorilla troupes in Rwanda and Uganda and, working with local trackers and guides, he will escort and film your encounter with the Mountain Gorillas.

Accommodations – Mountain Gorilla Lodge – (full board)

Day 6 – Gorilla Tracking – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

An early start today to get us to a ranger station and the launch site for your trek to visit the spectacular Mountain gorillas of Uganda. These amazing creatures only exist in this region of Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. There are a tightly control, limited number of permits issued to visit the various gorilla troops each day. Good hiking boots, some rain gear (it is a rainforest after all) the ability to hike in a forest are required.

The gorilla troops move constantly through the forest making it difficult to predict how much time the gorilla tracking will require. It can range from 3 hours to 7 depending on the location of our assigned gorilla troop.

Accommodations – Mountain Gorilla Lodge (full board)

Day 7 – Flight to Entebbe and onward.....

Today we board a small plane at a local grass airstrip and fly back to Entebbe.

End of Primate Safari

Tour inclusions:

- All ground transportation
- Gorilla tracking permit
- All lodges
- Most meals

Tour exclusions:

- Dinner in Kigali and lunch in Kisoro (enroute to Uganda)
- International visas, domestic and international flights.
- Personal Travel and Health Insurance. (required)
- All items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks, visas, tips, porters etc.

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