

9 Day - Dream of Uganda and Rwanda Luxus Safari

There is so much to experience on this exciting journey through Uganda, the so called "Pearl of Africa". Get very close and personal with the endangered gorillas and get an insight by the conservationists. With a little luck, you may even see some tree-climbing lions. While you enjoy the scenery and in various national parks on the way, you can admire the whole diversity of Uganda. Not only exceptional animals such as hartebeest and patas monkeys can be found in the national parks, but also hippos and chimpanzees. Enjoy an exciting water safari and get in touch with the local people in many small villages. This trip to Uganda offers unforgettable experiences in the wild and allows a whole new look at the culture of this unique country in East Africa.



Rwanda is known as – the "Land of a Thousand Hills" thanks to the endless mountains in this scenically stunning little country. Nowhere are the mountains more majestic than the Virunga volcanoes in the northwest, and hidden among the bamboo forests are some of the world's last remaining mountain gorillas. For a change of scene, the shores of Lake Kivu conceal some of the best inland beaches on the continent, while Nyungwe Forest National Park protects extensive tracts of montane rainforest, and is home to many primates. But it's not all monkey business – Kigali, the capital, is safe and sophisticated.

The country is flourishing, and tourists love this safe little country that has invested heavily in tourism and infrastructure over the last two decades. Forest birding, crystal clear lakes, savannah safaris and authentic traditional culture encourage visitors to Rwanda to stay longer.

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Day 1: Arrival in Entebbe

After your arrival at Entebbe International Airport you will be greeted by your Manya Africa Tours guide or driver and taken to your guest house, which can take between 20 and 40 minutes depending on traffic.

Overnight at Protea Hotel (BB)

Day 2: Flight to Queen Elizabeth National Park

Your hotel will take you to the airport in time for your flight with Aerolink to fly to Kasese. Here your guide will be waiting for you.

The landscape of the northern Queen Elizabeth consists of several dozen of craters inserted into small hills. Queen Elizabeth has more than over 600 species of birds, more than other national parks in Uganda.

On the way to the lodge, you will probably see a large number of wildlife, especially elephants or Africa's largest wild pig. Keep your eyes open for a hard-to-find leopard!

Kasenye Safari Camp is strategically located on the edge of Bunyampaka Lake in the Kasenye Savannah of Queen Elizabeth National Park. The camp has an elevated, thatched restaurant structure. The tents are on platforms with a thatched canopy. There are four tents, all with en-suite bathrooms, spacious living areas and private decks. Many animals visit the camp during the day and at night. Lion groups, hippopotamus, leopard, buffalo, elephant, waterbuck, kob,

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hyena and warthog are commonly seen. The night becomes alive with sounds of howling hyenas and roaring lions.

Overnight at Kasenyi Camp (FB)



Day 3: Depart to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - and watch out for the tree climbing lions!

Today we drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest for a short game drive through Ishasha, the southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park. On the vast plains of Ishasha you will find the famous inhabitant, the tree-climbing lion. A sighting is not guaranteed but you have better chances in the big low-hanging Fig Trees of Ishasha than anywhere else in Africa.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the richest biological and botanical regions in the world. The forest covers a total area of 331km² at the southwestern end of the western Rift Valley. Bwindi's most widely bred species are the approximately 400 wild mountain gorillas (2011 census) that make up half of the world's population of these gentle monkeys. Birdwatching in Bwindi is highly recommended by the African Bird Club.

After a few hours in the car, you might want to take an afternoon walk in the village of Buhoma (your home in Bwindi) and have a chance to visit one of the many craft markets. Or you can visit the Batwa, an ancient tribe that lives in the forest.

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The Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is located deep in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in southwest Uganda. This camp is one of the most remote and atmospheric in Africa.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest impresses with a truly theatrical landscape - a region of volcanoes, rugged valleys, waterfalls, lakes and dramatic mountain ranges. And here, on a flat ridge high in the forest, is hidden the Gorilla Forest Camp of the Sanctuary. This is the ideal starting point for encounters with mountain gorillas living in Bwindi.

Overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp (FB)

Day 4: Gorilla Tracking

You wake up early for your gorilla tracking and a good breakfast in preparation for your daily activity. You will register at 8 o'clock at the Uganda Wildlife Authority Ranger Station. After a briefing begins the gorilla tracking. The trekking usually takes between 3 and 6 hours, so a certain level of fitness is required and a pair of good running or hiking boots.

The Rangers will lead you through village gardens through to a jungle-like forest. They are passed through sometimes dense bush where the guides sometimes cut off the underbrush with a machete and try to locate the gorillas.

The Mountain Gorillas are under 24 hour observation for their own safety, so it's almost guaranteed to see them. The Rangers retain each gorilla family with the help of radio communication among themselves.

Partly due to the gorilla tourism, the number of gorillas is slowly recovering, yet they are critically endangered. Gorillas and humans share their genetic material almost identically and their health must not be endangered by contact with human diseases (for example, by eating). To stop the transmission of human diseases to the gorillas, you are required to maintain a distance of 7 meters

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Once you've located the gorilla family you'll be asked to leave all your belongings behind and slowly approach these gentle giants armed only with their camera. The guide interprets the behavior of the animals for you. Females and their young, young males and even the dominant silverback can be seen feeding, playing and interacting with each other or just playing! You will never forget this experience with the gorillas. They are sure to be very curious to see you. You have exactly one hour with the gorillas before you return to base station.

In the afternoon there will be an opportunity to see the Batwa, the indigenous people of the forest, dancing.

Overnight at Gorilla Forest Camp (FB)



Day 5: Border Crossing to Rwanda

Today we drive about 3 hours across the border from Uganda to Rwanda. After completing all border formalities and having lunch on the way, we reach the

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mystical Volcanoes National Park, which covers approximately 125km² and is home to the Rwandan Mountain Gorillas. The Volcanoes National Park (PndV for short) became known through the scientific studies of Dian Fossey, the first scientist to have minutely researched the behavior of mountain gorillas.

The Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel in Musanze (Ruhengeri) on the road to Kinigi is the perfect starting point for various activities offered by the Volcanoes National Park, but also offers many opportunities to relax and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

11 bedrooms (double / twin), a family suite, a VIP cottage, a restaurant, a swimming pool and a beautiful garden await your visit and the staff is ready to ensure a pleasant stay.

Overnight at 5 Volcanoes Boutique Hotel (FB)

Day 6: Golden Monkey Trekking

This day is scheduled for the pursuit of Golden Monkey at Volcanoes National Park. Enter the dense stands of bamboo, which are interrupted by open glades; You will make your way deep into the area of the golden monkeys. Guides guide visitors into the habitat of groups of "habitual" golden monkeys - monkeys who have become accustomed to human presence. Although the visit is limited to a maximum of one hour, travelers can see the golden monkey at close quarters in its natural environment. Adult monkeys frolic in the open air, feed on bamboo leaves and jump from bush to bush. Females carry their young, who feel completely comfortable among the spectators.

In the afternoon we drive to the capital Kigali to spend the night before our trip to the species rich Nyungwe Forest.

Overnight at Kigali Serena (FB)

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Day 7: Drive to Nyungwe Forest

After breakfast, your guide from Manya AfricaTours will be waiting for you and drive to Nyungwe National Park, which takes about 6 ½ hours on the way with Butare, the famous National Museum in Butare and the old Royal Palace in Nyanza. The museum was donated by the Belgian government in 1989 with an ethnic collection designed and designed by Tervuren in collaboration with the Royal Museum of Central Africa. Belgium. Ethnographic objects are grouped by topics that provide first-class information about daily life. Traditional ceramics and wickerwork are still produced and are among the finest handicrafts in the region. The National Museum remained surprisingly untouched during the civil war in 1994. Lunch in Butare and then on to Nyungwe National Park, where you will be expected to have dinner and overnight at your hotel.

In addition to ancient rainforest, amidst the lush green expanse of a working tea plantation, One & Only Nyungwe House offers an exciting window to Africa's fascinating wildlife and culture. There is much to see and do in this unique lodge. Enjoy mountain biking, kayaking and trekking. Experience first-hand encounters with wild animals. Explore the working tea plantation or simply relax with sophisticated spa treatments.

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Day 8: On the look out for Chimpanzees to Nyungwe Forest

Today you wake up very early for a quick breakfast and drive with your packed lunch in this park to the starting point of your chimpanzee hike. Two types of chimpanzees occur in Africa. There is the bonobo and the chimpanzee pan troglodytes (often shortened to chimpanzees and sometimes also called robust chimpanzees). The largest remaining populations occur in Central Africa (Gabon, DR Congo and Cameroon). The population of Rwanda is seriously endangered by about 400 individuals. However, it should be mentioned that it is not guaranteed to see the chimpanzees as they are unpredictable and can travel long distances in one day. Nyungwe National Park is the largest block of mountain forest in East and Central Africa and it is an incredibly biodiverse area. If you would like to go later in the afternoon for another nature walk and visit the Kamiranzovu waterfall. The forest includes at least 200 species of trees, over 280 species of birds and more than 100 different species of colorful butterflies that make it a true feast for the nature lover. Later return for dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Overnight at One & Only Nyungwe House (FB)

Day 9: Back to Kigali and departure

After a good night's sleep and a late breakfast, you will slowly set out again to Kigali for the last impressions of this unique journey or to buy some last souvenirs.

Your guide will take you to Kigali International Airport in time for your departure.

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Option luxus

price per client from	\$4,150.00
Gorilla permit Uganda	\$700.00
chimpanzees in Nyungwe	\$100.00
	3 pax
	\$273
Flight Entebbe Kasese	

For Uganda and Rwanda itineraries and costs - customised to your specification and price range - *please get in touch with Manya Africa Tours!*

Please note:

1. Prices are valid for 2022 and 2023.
2. The Gorilla Tracking included in this safari depends on the availability of gorilla trekking permits at the time of booking. These permits are strictly limited and sold out in advance, especially during peak seasons of Christmas and school holidays. We therefore strongly recommend booking early.
3. The safari indicated here is essentially an offer. Changes in the course of the journey, the duration of your tour, the number of travelers, as well as the choice of accommodation are subject to availability, although we always endeavour to stick as closely as possible to this programme. For the majority of itineraries, we can offer luxury, midrange or budget versions of this safari upon request.
4. Sometimes it is not possible to adhere to the travel plan as described in this itinerary, due to weather and road conditions, authority regulations, organizational requirements, etc. Occasionally, the planned route of the tour has to change according to the situation on the ground. We must therefore explicitly refuse liability for adherence to the journey plan.
5. By booking this safari, the client accepts Manya Africa Tours' terms and conditions of business, available to read on our web site.

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6. For FAQs, including what equipment to bring for your Gorilla tracking, [please visit our website.](#)

Included

- All accommodation on Half Board (HB), Full Board (FB) or Bed and Breakfast (B&B) basis as quoted in the text
- Safari vehicle and fuel
- English speaking tourist guide
- 1 gorilla permit per person in Uganda
- 1 chimp permit per person in Rwanda
- 1 Golden Monkey permit per Person
- Game drives and walks
- Entrance fees to the national parks
- Flight Entebbe to Kasese
- Taxes
- Free mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- AMREF emergency evacuation insurance

Excluded

- Visa fees
- Drinks / alcoholic drinks
- Additional meals
- Tips
- Activities not part of the described programme
- International travel insurance

Optional

- German or another language speaking Safari-Guide
- Other activities highlighted as optional in the itinerary