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1. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park
2. Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi
3. Kibale Forest National Park
4. Chimpanzee Trekking and Return to Kampala



Uganda is a premier primate destination, boasting the highest concentration of primates in Africa with 20+ species, including over 1,500 endangered mountain gorillas and a large population of chimpanzees .

Highlights:

This 4-day primate safari is designed for those who want to stand face-to-face with Africa's most iconic great apes. You'll journey from the steep, mist-covered ridges of Bwindi, home to the mountain gorillas, to the ancient tropical canopy of Kibale, the primate capital of the world. It's an immersive experience that moves from the deep silence of the gorilla forest to the lively, vocal energy of the chimpanzee communities.



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We'll pick you up early from Kampala to begin the journey southwest. This is a long but beautiful drive of about 540 km, taking you through a huge variety of Ugandan landscapes. We'll stop for lunch in Mbarara to stretch our legs before continuing into the Kigezi highlands, often called the "Switzerland of Africa" because of its steep, terraced hills. As we approach Bwindi, the air gets cooler and the scenery turns into a wall of dense, prehistoric green. You'll arrive at your lodge in the evening, just in time for a warm meal and a good night's rest before tomorrow's big trek.



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After an early breakfast, we'll head to the park station for a briefing with the rangers. They'll share tips on how to behave around the gorillas and what to expect in the forest. The trek itself can be a bit of an adventure, lasting anywhere from two to seven hours depending on where the gorilla family is moving that day. You'll hike through thick vines and cross small streams until you finally come across them. Seeing a silverback just a few meters away is a moment you'll never forget. You have exactly one hour to watch them play, groom, and eat before we head back to the lodge for a relaxed afternoon and dinner.



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Today we leave the mountains behind and head north toward Kibale. The drive is about 350 km and takes us through some of the most scenic parts of western Uganda, including views of the Rwenzori Mountains and endless tea estates that look like giant green carpets. We'll stop for lunch along the way, arriving at the edge of Kibale Forest by late afternoon. This park is famous for having the highest density of primates in Africa. You'll check in and fall asleep to the sounds of the tropical forest, ready for your encounter with the chimpanzees in the morning.



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We'll start the day in the forest with expert guides to track a community of habituated chimpanzees. Unlike the quiet gorillas, chimps are loud and fast; you'll likely hear their hooting calls long before you see them. Watching them swing through the canopy or socialise on the forest floor is an incredible experience. After the trek, we'll grab a quick lunch and begin the drive back to Kampala. We'll travel via the Fort Portal-Mubende road, a smooth route that gets us back to the city by evening, marking the end of your primate adventure.