Gorillas in the Mist 6 days

Uganda uncovered - Take an incredible journey deep into the heart of the African jungle, in search of the mighty mountain gorillas - our closest living relatives, and relax by beautiful Lake Bunyoni.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Kampala / Ends in: Kampala
- Departs: Wednesdays - year round
- Local Payment: $210 USD
- Breakfast:4, Lunch: 5, Dinner: 4
- Hotel Rating: Camping expedition
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1:

Wednesday. Welcome to Uganda, a small country of striking beauty. Its landscapes vary from the fertile green areas around the northern shores of Lake Victoria to the snow capped Ruwenzori Mountains in the west and the semi-desert region in the north. We'll be there to collect you at Entebbe Airport and transfer you to our accommodation in Kampala. Tonight a pre departure meeting will be held at 17:00. Overnight - Kampala

Days 2 - 5:

Kampala - Lake Bunyoni. From Kampala we drive to Lake Bunyoni, the deepest Crater Lake in Africa and home to a large and varied number of beautiful birds, which is the base from which the optional Gorilla trek takes place. Dependant on where trekking permits are available, we trek in the Magahinga or Bwindi National Parks in Uganda, the Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, or the Ruhengeri National Park in Rwanda.

We depart from our base in Bunyoni in small groups over 3-4 days, depending on the group size. We wind our way through arguably some of the most picturesque scenery in Africa en-route to the National Park. Dependant on where permits are available, we may spend a night in either Kisoro or in Rwanda. The following morning, after packing our picnic lunch, we are transferred to a ranger's station where the trek commences. Your rangers will lead you through the cultivated lands and then into the dense rain forest and on to a gorilla family. Trekking can take anywhere from 45 minutes to 8 hours and it can be quite strenuous. To ensure the gorillas do not get too used to the presence of humans and because they share many of our genes (and therefore able to catch our diseases), the maximum time permitted to spend with them is 1 hour. You will have plenty of time to watch their activity and to take photographs. The rangers will be able to provide you with a background to the family you are visiting. Once your hour is up, you trek back out of the rain forest to your meeting point where you will be transferred back to the Lake Bunyoni campsite. Overnight - Lake Bunyoni

Day 6:

Lake Bunyoni - Kampala. After enjoying peaceful Lake Bunyoni, we begin our drive back to Kampala. We cross the Equator for the second time and stop for the classic "one foot in each hemisphere" photo opportunity. On arrival in Kampala, we bid farewell to new found friends and part ways.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Kampala
- Gorilla Trekking - optional. Bwindi or Mgahinga Gorilla park in Uganda or Ruhengeri (Rwanda) or Parc National des Virunga (DRC)
- Lake Bunyoni
- Equator crossing

What's Included

- 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners
- Arrival transfer from Entebbe International Airport on day 1
- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Red Chilli Hideaway (upgrades available), 4 nights camping.
- Transport in fully equipped expedition truck
- Services of crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees & appropriate equipment
- All road taxes & tolls

What's Not Included

- Gorilla Permit and transfer fee: Please note that Gorillas often move across the border, between the national parks in Rwanda, Uganda and DRC, therefore itineraries often have to be changed at short notice in order to track the Gorillas in whichever National Park they have migrated to.

For this reason the cost of the Gorilla Permit and relevant transfers varies, as do the applicable visa costs, dependent upon which country we need to travel into.

- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag and roll mat - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities
- Entrance Fees: Gorilla Permit + Transfer US $575 - 815

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $745

Prices shown above are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same sex.

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
05 JUN - 10 JUN	USD $745	-
19 JUN - 24 JUN	USD $745	-
03 JUL - 08 JUL	USD $745	-
17 JUL - 22 JUL	USD $745	-
31 JUL - 05 AUG	USD $745	-
14 AUG - 19 AUG	USD $745	-
28 AUG - 02 SEP	USD $745	-
11 SEP - 16 SEP	USD $745	-
25 SEP - 30 SEP	USD $745	-
09 OCT - 14 OCT	USD $745	-
23 OCT - 28 OCT	USD $745	-
06 NOV - 11 NOV	USD $745	-
20 NOV - 25 NOV	USD $745	-
04 DEC - 09 DEC	USD $745	-
18 DEC - 23 DEC	USD $745	-

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
01 JAN - 06 JAN	USD $745	-
15 JAN - 20 JAN	USD $745	-
29 JAN - 03 FEB	USD $745	-
12 FEB - 17 FEB	USD $745	-
26 FEB - 03 MAR	USD $745	-
12 MAR - 17 MAR	USD $745	-
26 MAR - 31 MAR	USD $745	-
09 APR - 14 APR	USD $745	-
23 APR - 28 APR	USD $745	-
07 MAY - 12 MAY	USD $745	-
21 MAY - 26 MAY	USD $745	-
04 JUN - 09 JUN	USD $745	-
18 JUN - 23 JUN	USD $745	-
02 JUL - 07 JUL	USD $745	-
16 JUL - 21 JUL	USD $745	-
30 JUL - 04 AUG	USD $745	-
13 AUG - 18 AUG	USD $745	-
27 AUG - 01 SEP	USD $745	-
10 SEP - 15 SEP	USD $745	-
24 SEP - 29 SEP	USD $745	-
08 OCT - 13 OCT	USD $745	-
22 OCT - 27 OCT	USD $745	-
05 NOV - 10 NOV	USD $745	-
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24 DEC - 29 DEC	USD $745	-

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Hi Charlie, I have just returned from my month working in Kampala and bring back great memories of my Gorillas in the Mist safari. 22nd. june 2011. The trip was amazing, fantastic travelling truck, leader, cook, driver and food. Brilliant camp site (I upgraded to a cottage) and other trips, Rwanda, orphanage, village trek, canoe trip..... Stunning scenery. And just chilling out. The gorilla trek was awesome, we saw a family of 17 very close to, playing , eating and grooming . A once in a life time experience. Even though most of the group were over 30 years my junior they were a great crowd and we all got on very well. A great holiday

Sylvia Soulsby, Jul 2011

Hi Kelly Just thought I would let you know that the Gorillas in the Mist tour was awesome. We travelled into the DRC to see the gorillas and were lucky to see a family of 20 – very active. The truck, guide, driver and cook were all really good. Campsite at Lake Bunyongi was excellent! Thanks for your help – and will definitely recommend On the Go to other travellers

Donna Williams , Sep 2010

All crew were great , as was the group from day one. Doing the gorilla trek was excellent, as was the variety of the itinerary, the activities and

the value for money. Couldn't fault it!

Dave Johnson, Nov 2009

Hi Ryan WOW! Just returned from Gorillas in the Mist and what an amazing tour. It exceeded all expectations. Seeing gorillas in their natural environment was stunning. What a memorable hour! So glad I got to see them and I would highly recommend this tour to anyone.

Willa Heston, Nov 2009