



## Overview

### **5-Day Uganda Safari – Gorillas, Golden Monkeys, Lake Mbuoro & Cultural Encounters**

This 5-day safari provides a comprehensive Ugandan experience, from gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, to Golden Monkey tracking or Batwa cultural trails, and wildlife viewing in Lake Mbuoro National Park. The itinerary also includes a stopover at the Equator and community walks, offering a blend of adventure, wildlife, and culture.

## Tour Highlights

### **Mountain Gorilla Trekking**

- Observe endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat within Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

### **Golden Monkey Trekking or Batwa Trail**

- Track rare and playful golden monkeys in their forest environment.
- Alternatively, explore the Batwa Trail to learn about indigenous Batwa culture and heritage.

### **Lake Mbuoro National Park**

- Enjoy game drives and boat cruises within Lake Mbuoro National Park.
- Spot hippos, crocodiles, antelopes, zebras, and a rich variety of birdlife.

### **Equator Stop**

- Stand in two hemispheres at once and capture memorable photos at the Equator.

### **Community Walks**

- Take guided community walks to interact with local people.



- Learn about Ugandan rural life, traditions, and culture.

### **Included**

- Permits where applicable
- Bottled water during game drives
- Multi-lingual Professional Safari Guide/ Driver
- Full board accommodation as per itinerary except Kampala or Entebbe where it's Bed and Breakfast only
- Boat cruise where applicable

### **Excluded**

- Visa fees and any vaccination requirements
- Gratuities and tips for guides, drivers, and hotel staff
- Alcoholic drinks and beverages not included in meal plans
- International and domestic flights
- Personal and Luggage insurance
- Personal Expenses

### **Tour Plan**

#### **Day 01 Arrival-Transfer to Kampala**

Meet and greet at Entebbe International Airport by Chaz Tours and Travel Guide who will warmly welcome you and facilitate seamless arrival formalities. Transfer to your hotel after which you will be briefed about your safari. Depending on the time of arrival you are advised



to have your money changed this day.

*Overnight at your hotel. BB.*

## **Day 02 Kampala-Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**

After breakfast, transfer south wards to Bwindi Impenetrable forest. You will have a stopover at the Equator where you will have an opportunity to stand in 2 hemispheres at the same time and take some photos. Have a stopover for lunch before continuing with your journey to Bwindi.

## **Day 03 Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**

Gorilla trekking within Bwindi Impenetrable NP, Track Mountain Gorillas and other primates you will enjoy gorilla tracking within Bwindi. Following breakfast, go for the morning briefing just before searching the forest on this highlight of Gorilla trekking that may take the whole day. You will trek the gorillas through the sloped covered with thick vegetation in the company of a safari guide plus trackers, in search of a mountain gorilla family. The walking can at times be tough and lengthy, however when you finally see the glorious silverback, you will forget all discomforts. On finding the gorillas you will be guided to stay within a 6 meters” distance from the gorillas, you will observe them for an hour as you stare into their big brown eyes. Gorilla trekking activity is unpredictable. It is challenging to foresee the number of hours you will track. The gorilla outing may take anything between 2 and 8 hours. Anticipate walking lengthy distances in steep muddy terrain, at times with rain overhead, prior to meeting the gorillas. You will be required to be in physical condition to track. For purposes of conservation visitors are only allowed to spend just one hour with the gorillas. Even though the majority of the forests today are not over 12,000 years old, the vegetation of Bwindi has been surviving for at least 25,000 years, and as time went by it has been able to harbour various species of wildlife. Among the wildlife here are 310 butterfly species, 51 reptiles’ species, 200 trees species, 88 moths’ species plus a unique 120 mammal species among which are 10 primates. The primates here include baboon, chimpanzee, black & white colobus, Lhotse’s, red tailed monkeys plus blue monkey, as well as the renowned residents of Bwindi- the mountain gorilla. Bwindi is an ideal destination for watching birds. It has 350 bird species among which are the 7 IUCN red data listed plus 90% of the Albertine rift



endemic, species that are challenging or even impossible to see in any other part of East Africa.

#### **Day 04 Golden Monkey Trekking or Batwa Trail**

After an early morning breakfast drive to Mughinga National park where you can either go for golden monkey trekking or take the Batwa trail where you will be immersed in the cultural experience of the Batwa people (Pygmies) who used to stay in the forest. Have lunch before transferring to Lake Mburo National Park. Time allowing, have an evening boat ride on the Lake Mburo. *Overnight at your lodge FB.*

#### **Day 05 Boat Cruise In Lake Mburo –Transfer to Kampala**

After breakfast, have a game drive before proceeding to Kampala with a stopover at the Equator where you will have an opportunity to stand in 2 hemispheres at the same time and take some photos, then another stops over at the Mpigi Royal Drum Makers where you will be able to watch the ceremonial drums being crafted using traditional methods passed down through the generations. Time allowing go for a city tour or simple visit the craft villages before being dropped at the Entebbe International Airport in time for your flight.

Accommodation facilities vary including up market accommodation, medium range accommodation and Low budget accommodation.