



## **4 Days Gorillas and Chimps Trekking Safari**

### **Trip Overview**

**This 4 day Gorillas and Chimps Trekking Safari takes you exploring the Kibale Forest National Park jungle, “the primate capital of the world”, to trek the wild but habituated chimpanzees and to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, the home of the more than half the population of the World’s remaining Mountain Gorillas, to trek the gentle apes that share more than 90% of their genes with humans.**

**In between these two Gorillas and Chimps Trekking Safari highlights will be a nature walk in the Bigodi swamp to see other primates, colourful birds, rare plants and insects; and to view the picturesque lakes and landscapes in the crater lakes region around the National Park.**

### **Safari Highlights**

**The unforgettable experience of trekking Mountain Gorillas and Chimpanzees in their natural habitats and observing them closely as they go about their daily routines.**

**Discovering Africa’s other primates and wildlife, colourful birds, rare plants and beautiful insects.**

**Enjoying scenic views of the awesome volcanic landscapes and picturesque crater lakes**

**Meeting the local people to learn about their traditional activities and lifestyles.**

**Standing in two hemispheres at the same time at the Equator line.**

### **Itinerary Details**

**Day 1: Travel to Kibale Forest National Park**



**You will be met by our trusted Gorillas and Chimps Trekking Safari guide that will drive you and your party westwards to Fort Portal town. The drive will take about 4 -5 hours. Have lunch in Fort Portal and continue to Kibale. In the afternoon we visit a nearby forest swamp that is excellent for viewing primates and other forest animals. At the eastern edge of Kibale forest is bigodi wetland sanctuary which is maintained by the local community. You will expect birds like the great blue turaco, blue monkeys baboons otters mongoose, bushbucks, bush pigs and among others**

**Accommodation Options: Luxury, Mid-range, Budget**

**Meal Plan: Full-board basis.**

**Day 2: Chimpanzee tracking over 12 primates in Kibale Nation Park**

**After a big Gorillas and Chimps Trekking Safari breakfast, report at the Kanyanchu Tourist Centre (Park Headquarters) at 08.00 am for a briefing on the rules for tracking the chimpanzees. Kibale Forest National Park has the greatest variety and highest concentration of primates in East Africa. The most famous of its 13 species is the Chimpanzee known to be a delightful ape. The trek takes 2-3 hours and it will provide you with the opportunity to also see a variety of other primates & animals as well as birds. You will return to the lodge for lunch and transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park arriving late in the afternoon.**

**Dinner and overnight will be at the lodge of your booking.**

**Accommodation Options: Luxury, Mid-range, Budget.**

**Meal Plan: Full board Basis**

**Day 3: Gorilla trekking (Bwindi impenetrable NP), Tracking the mountain Gorillas.**

**Today enjoy gorilla tracking in Bwindi. After breakfast, proceed for the morning briefing before the highlighting of the trip.**

**We trek the gorillas through the rain forest and bamboo covered slopes, accompanied by a guide and trackers, in search of a mountain gorilla family. The walking can sometimes be tough and long, but when you catch a glimpse of the magnificent silverback, any discomforts will be quickly forgotten.**

**When the gorillas are sighted, visitors will be guided to within 6 meters from the gorillas, sit around them for a whole hour while gazing into their big round eyes. Gorilla trekking is unpredictable. It's difficult to foresee how many hours you will**



**hike. The gorilla excursion can take from 2 up 8 hours.**

**Expect to walk a long distance in steep and muddy conditions, sometimes with rain overhead, before you encounter any gorillas. A good physical condition is recommended. For conservation purposes, time spent with gorillas is limited to one hour. A ranger will brief you on how to behave with the gorillas.**

**Overnight will be at your Safari lodge of booking.**

**Accommodation Options: Luxury, Mid-range, Budget**

**Meal Plan: Full-board basis.**

**Day 4: Transfer to Kampala**

**You will have breakfast and drive to Kampala arriving in time for a transfer to the airport for your departure flight or for dinner and overnight at the hotel of your booking.**

**End of the Gorillas and Chimps Trekking Safari.**

**Requirements for this Safari:**

- **A Visa – you can apply for the visa online or very easily get one at the point of entry into the country (airport)**
- **Chimpanzee and Gorilla trekking permits – You can apply and secure these on line but experience has shown that it is better coordinated when you send money to the tour firm to handle it for you at no extra cost to the standard fee (USD600)**
- **Travel & Health insurance – This should be arranged by you in your home country before you travel.**
- **Physical fitness**

**The Safari package includes:**

- **Full board accommodation as per the itinerary**
- **4WD open roof safari vehicle**
- **Bottled drinking water**
- **Chimpanzee trekking permit**
- **Game drives**



- **Gorilla trekking permit**
- **Services of an English Speaking Driver/guide.**
- **Community visit fees**
- **Guided nature walks**
- **Return airport transfers**

**The Safari package excludes expenses of a personal nature such as:**

- **Other drinks apart from bottled water**
- **Laundry**
- **Tips to local guides**
- **Telephone expenses**
- **Porter fees while trekking Gorillas and chimpanzees**
- **Personal insurance**
- **Cigarettes**

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