

A group of gorillas is shown in a dense, lush green forest. The gorillas are the central focus, with their dark black fur contrasting against the vibrant green foliage. One gorilla in the foreground on the left is eating a piece of wood or bark. Another gorilla is partially visible behind it, and a third is in the foreground on the right, looking towards the camera. The background is filled with various types of ferns and broad-leafed plants, creating a rich, textured environment. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

DISCOVER...

## UGANDA & RWANDA

Tucked between the wildlife-rich habitats of Kenya and Tanzania, the great ape territories of Uganda and Rwanda offer wildlife enthusiasts unparalleled and unique encounters. Both countries share the responsibility of conserving a population of the world's critically endangered mountain gorillas and other rare primates. Whilst both countries share the impenetrable forests of the volcanic Virunga Mountain Range, which make for exceptionally scenic (all be it slightly rigorous) gorilla treks; Uganda's landscape differs slightly. It is home to the remote national parks of Kidepo and the breathtakingly beautiful Murchison Falls that play host to big game species. Rwanda is synonymous for providing unrivalled primate viewing. Aside from gorillas, its habitats are also home to the enchanting Sykes and golden monkeys as well as the chimpanzee.

# FAST FACTS

## PARTNER PROPERTIES

### UGANDA

- ENTEbbe  
 1 Lake Victoria Serena  
 2 The Boma Hotel  
 3 Lake Heights

### BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK

- 4 Clouds Gorilla Mountain Lodge  
 5 Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp  
 6 Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge

### QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

- 7 Ishasha Wilderness Camp

### MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

- 8 Baker's Lodge

### KIBALE NATIONAL PARK

- 9 Kyaninga Lodge  
 10 Ndali Lodge

### KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

- 11 Apoka Lodge

### RWANDA

- KIGALI  
 12 Kigali Serena Hotel  
 13 Hotel des Mille Collignes (Hotel Rwanda)

### VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

- 14 Volcanoes Virunga Lodge  
 15 Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge

## Currency

Local Currency: Ugandan Shillings

Accepted Currency: USD

Accept Credit Cards: Visa and MasterCard are accepted at most hotels and lodges



## How to Spend it

Ugandan or Rwandan coffee  
 Both countries are renowned for their sensational blends.

A handwoven basket  
 Rwandans have a proud tradition of basket weaving.

Handmade batik prints and artworks  
 A colourful and vibrant memento of your journey.



## In Numbers

Uganda's Population: 40,5 million

Rwanda's Population: 11,9 million

64% of Rwanda's members of parliament are women.

Established in 1925, Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park is one of Africa's oldest parks.

More than 600 bird species can be found in Rwanda, with nearly 200 species found in the Volcanoes National Park.

More than 1 000 bird species can be found in Uganda, including the rare shoebill stork.

Both countries share the Virunga Mountain Range, a set of 8 volcanoes (the highest being Mount Karisimbi at 4 507 metres / 14 787 feet) robed in lush forests.

The 2 countries provided the settings for the 3 acclaimed novels (turned into films) of Gorillas in the Mist (Rwanda), The Last King of Scotland (Uganda) and Hotel Rwanda.

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## Did You know?

Capital City Uganda: Kampala

Capital City Rwanda: Kigali

Winston Churchill proclaimed Uganda as the "Pearl of Africa".

Ugandans drive on the left, speak English, and were a protectorate of the British Empire. Rwandans drive on the right and speak French, a legacy of their time as a Belgian colony.



## Food

Matoke – A Rwandan dish made from cooked plantains/bananas.

Stews – Popular in the regions, these dishes can include meat, groundnuts, beans or chicken; served with rice, chapatti, ugali or matoke.

Mandazi – delectable form of fired bread – perfect for those with a sweet-tooth!

Fish – Try the local Nile perch, tiger fish and the ngege tilapia.



# TRAVEL TIMES

KIGALI (Rwanda)

Daily international flights depart from Nairobi (Kenya) into Kigali (Rwanda) and Entebbe (Uganda). Flights can be arranged, upon request, from Serengeti National Park to Kigali (Rwanda) via Mwanza (Tanzania).

3hrs 30min Not available	VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (Rwanda)					
Not advised 1hr 50min	Not advised 8hrs*	ENTEbbe (Uganda)				
4hrs 30min Not advised**	1hr 30min Not advised**	11hrs 30min 1hr 30min	BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)			
Not advised**	Not advised**	8hr 30min 3hrs	7hrs 1hr 10min	QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS (Uganda)		
Not advised**	Not advised**	7hrs 1hr	Not advised*	Not advised 3hrs 10min*	MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)	
Not advised**	Not advised**	Not advised 2hr 15min	Not advised*	Not advised 4hrs 25min	Not advised*	KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)
Not advised**	Not advised**	6hrs 3hrs	7hrs 1hr 10min	1hr 30min Not advised*	6hrs Not advised*	KIBALE NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

\*Poor connection due to: Layover time / no connection / peak periods only / private charter required. \*\*Requires international flight with customs clearance between Entebbe and Kigali. Disclaimer: All flightline may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground. Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

## Care of the Land, Wildlife & People

In July 2015, &Beyond donated five lionesses from Phinda Private Game Reserve to Rwanda as part of an African Parks project aimed at reversing the local extinction of the species in Akagera National Park.

By embarking on a journey with &Beyond, guests automatically make a meaningful difference to the people, landscapes and wildlife in the regions we operate in. This is exemplified by our careful selection of like-minded travel partners such as Volcanoes Safaris who, through their Volcanoes Safari Partnership Trust, aim to create sustainable projects that enrich the livelihoods of local communities and conserve Uganda and Rwanda's great apes and natural habitats.



## Caught on Film

Snap away at the awe-inspiring landscapes of Uganda and Rwanda. From green hillsides, patch worked with little farms, to mist-covered volcanoes and wide open savannahs, both countries offer exceptional photographic opportunities.

Nothing tops the photos of a gorilla trekking experience – be sure to read up on low-light photography.



# GORILLA TREKKING

## KIGALI (Rwanda)

Rwanda's capital city, Kigali is the perfect starting point for an unforgettable gorilla trek. It is home to the country's only international airport. Major attractions for Kigali include the Genocide Memorial Centre, the fruit market, lunch at the Hotel Mille Collines (of Hotel Rwanda fame) and a ride on a motorbike taxi through town. The city was founded in 1907 under German colonial rule, but did not become the capital until Rwandan independence in 1962. Today it is a thriving city of approximately 2 million people.



KIGALI (Rwanda)

## VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (Rwanda)

Also known as the Parc National des Volcans, the spectacular Volcanoes National Park is situated in the far northwest corner of Rwanda. It protects the steep forested slopes of the magnificent Virunga Mountain Range. Home to the rare mountain gorilla, the Virunga volcanoes span Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, with the Parc National des Volcans being the Rwandese element of this ecosystem. The lush slopes of these volcanoes provide a dramatic natural setting for one of the most thrilling and memorable wildlife experiences – seeing the mountain gorilla in its natural habitat.



VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (Rwanda)

## ENTEBBE (Uganda)

The bustling city of Entebbe sits on the Lake Victoria Peninsula, just 37 kilometres (23 miles) southwest of Uganda's capital city of Kampala. It is here that the gateway airport of Uganda, Entebbe International, welcomes visitors seeking the thrills and attractions of the country's prized landscapes, and where light aircraft and scheduled flights link to Uganda's major parks. Meaning "seat or chair" in the local Luganda language, Entebbe was once the seat of the colonial governor in the early 1900s. Today, the city holds prominence as the location for the State House and the Ugandan president's office and residence.



ENTEBBE (Uganda)

## BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

An ancient rain forest, the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest extends over a series of steep ridges in the Virunga Mountain Range. Its impenetrable nature, which is due to the dense growth of herbs, vines and shrubs that cover the valley floors, makes it the ideal habitat for the mountain gorilla. Declared a World Heritage Site due to its ecological uniqueness and natural beauty, the forest is home to roughly half of the world's total gorilla population. With terrain that varies from swamp and bamboo forest to dense thicket, this beautiful area poses both challenges and rewards for anyone interested in an intimate glimpse of the life of these fascinating primates.



BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

# BEYOND COMPARE

## Gorilla Trekking

		KIGALI	VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK	ENTEBBE	BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit the Genocide Memorial Centre – a place for remembrance and learning.</li> <li>- Be sure to make a stop at the historical 'Hotel Rwanda' - Des Mille Collignes.</li> <li>- Enjoy an excursion to the Inema Art Centre, which showcases contemporary African art.</li> <li>- Head to the hustle and bustle of the Nyabugogo Marche Market.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wonderful selection of primate viewing adventures include gorilla and golden monkey treks.</li> <li>- Unforgettable tapestry of landscapes that vary from lakes and mountains to hillsides dotted with farms.</li> <li>- Gorilla tracking within the Volcanoes National Park has been known to be easier than in Uganda.</li> <li>- Convenient access to key gorilla tracking areas, as it is only a few hours from Kigali.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A beautiful setting on the shores of Lake Victoria, which almost lends itself to the atmosphere of a tranquil seaside town.</li> <li>- Just 37 kilometres (23 miles) southwest of Uganda's capital city of Kampala, which is famed for its seven beautiful hills.</li> <li>- Lake Victoria is the world's second largest fresh water lake and the source of the Nile River.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exceptional local village interactions.</li> <li>- Home to roughly half of the world's total gorilla population.</li> <li>- Spectacular landscapes and dramatic mist enshrouded forests – perfect for photographic enthusiasts.</li> <li>- Gorilla tracking permits are more affordable than Rwanda.</li> <li>- The more adventurous hold the opinion that tracking here is more rewarding because it is challenging.</li> </ul>
	Getting There	Kigali International Airport (Rwanda) accessed via Johannesburg (South Africa), Nairobi (Kenya), Entebbe (Uganda), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) & the United Arab Emirates		Entebbe International Airport (Uganda), accessed via Johannesburg (South Africa), Nairobi (Kenya), Kigali (Rwanda), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) & the United Arab Emirates.	
	Nearest airstrip			Not applicable	Kisoro / Kihiki
	Shuttle / transfer flights	No shuttle flights available in Rwanda.		Daily flights link the international airports with Uganda's wildlife areas via Entebbe using a reliable network of light aircraft flights sold on a scheduled seat in plane or private charter basis.	
	Land-based safari	The recommended option to connect Kigali to Volcanoes National Park wildlife areas.		Perfect for those who are looking for more in-depth exploration of their destination.	
	Self-drive	Self-drive is not recommended.			
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Hotel des Mille Collignes (Hotel Rwanda)		Lake Heights The Boma Hotel	
	\$\$\$\$	Kigali Serena Hotel		Lake Victoria Serena	Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge
	\$\$\$\$\$		Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge Volcanoes Virunga Lodge		Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp Clouds Gorilla Safari Lodge

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# ACTIVITIES

## Gorilla Trekking

		KIGALI	VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK	ENTEBBE	BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Gorilla tracking		●		●	Choose to go on a Gorilla Tracking safari in Volcanoes National Park in the low season and pay a reduced rate for your gorilla tracking permit.
	Golden monkey tracking		●		●	
	Birdwatching		●		●	
CULTURAL	City tour	●				Meet the Batwa Pygmies and submerge yourself in their incredible heritage and traditions.
	Cultural interactions	●	●	●	●	
	Heritage museums	●				
GAME WALK CHECKLIST	Mountain gorilla		●		●	Bwindi is home to more than half of the world's remaining gorilla population.
	Golden monkey		●			
	Forest elephant		●		●	
	Forest buffalo		●		●	
	Red-tail monkey		●			
	Black & white colobus monkey		●		●	
	Giant forest hog		●		●	
	No. of bird species		178+		348+	



# LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

## QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS (Uganda)

Boasting one of the highest biodiversity ratings of any reserve in the world, Queen Elizabeth National Park is home to almost a hundred animal species as well as more than 600 types of birds. The park spans 1 978 square kilometres (764 square miles) and is famous for its primate species such as chimpanzees, which can be tracked year-round; and black and white colobus monkey. Queen Elizabeth National Park is also home to unusual tree-climbing lions, leopard, side striped jackal and spotted hyena. Other commonly spotted animals include antelope species such as kob, bushbuck, topi and waterbuck, while large concentrations of hippo can be found in the Ishasha area.



QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS (Uganda)

## MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

Named after the dramatic Murchison Falls, which were christened by Sir Samuel Baker; Uganda's Murchison Falls National Park is the country's largest protected wildlife sanctuary. A wonderful tapestry of natural landscapes awaits visitors to the park. Here, the mighty Nile River bisects flourishing savannahs, flanked by lush riverine woodlands, before bursting through a chasm in the Rift Valley escarpment to form the raging Murchison Falls. Wildlife enthusiasts can expect to see great pods of hippo and immense rafts of crocodile in-and-around the Nile as well as an array of exceptional water birds. Other fascinating wildlife include the rare Rothschild giraffe, lion various antelope species, buffalo, leopard and spotted hyena.



MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

## KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

The rugged isolated wilderness of the Kidepo Valley National Park ranks it as one of Africa's most prized and less-explored destinations. Here, over 77 mammals and around 475 bird species find shelter amidst a pristine savannah landscape, broken by the Kidepo and Narus Rivers. Visitors are treated to exceptional wildlife sightings on thrilling game drives. Animals, some of which cannot be found elsewhere in Uganda (think greater and lesser kudu, eland and cheetah); include lion leopard, elephant and an assortment of plains game. Kidepo is a birdwatcher's paradise – specifically for those interested in Africa's birds of prey.



KIDEPO VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

## KIBALE NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

Situated in western Uganda, the Kibale National Park has been hailed as one of the best destinations to embark on a chimpanzee trek. An oasis of tropical forests, patches of savannah and wetlands; the varied landscapes of the park shelter a flourishing population of these enchanting creatures as well as 12 other species of primates such as the rare red colobus monkey, grey-cheeked mangabey, olive baboon and red-tailed monkey. Visitors to the park will also be enthralled with its spectacular birdlife (more than 327 species), butterflies and an array of wildlife such as leopard, golden cats, buffalo and elephant... to name but a few.



KIBALE NATIONAL PARK (Uganda)

# BEYOND COMPARE

## Legendary Landscapes

		QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS	MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK	KIDEPO NATIONAL PARK	KIBALE NATIONAL PARK
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The park boasts one of the highest biodiversity ratings of any reserve in the world.</li> <li>- Home to almost 100 animal species as well as more than 600 types of birds.</li> <li>- The opportunity to view tree-climbing lions.</li> <li>- Excellent cruises along the Kazinga Channel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home to the awe-inspiring Murchison Falls.</li> <li>- The opportunity to view the mighty Nile River.</li> <li>- Encounter big game such as the rare Rothschild giraffe, lion various antelope species, buffalo, leopard and spotted hyena.</li> <li>- Seek out the rare shoe-billed stork.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The rising star of safari destinations, remote and untouched.</li> <li>- Exceptional wildlife sightings such as greater and lesser kudu, eland and cheetah, lion leopard and elephant.</li> <li>- Kidepo is a birdwatcher's paradise – specifically for those interested in Africa's birds of prey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One of the best destinations to embark on a chimpanzee trek.</li> <li>- 12 other species of primates such as the red colobus monkey, grey-cheeked mangabey, olive baboon and red-tailed monkey.</li> <li>- 327 bird species.</li> <li>- A kaleidoscopic array of butterflies.</li> </ul>
	Getting There	<p>International flights: Entebbe International Airport (Uganda), accessed via Johannesburg (South Africa), Nairobi (Kenya), Kigali (Rwanda), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) and the United Arab Emirates.</p> <p>Nearest airstrip: Kasese / Mweya (Queen Elizabeth National Park), Pakuba / Bugungu / Chobe (Murchison Falls National Park), Kidepo (Kidepo National Park), Kasese (Kibale National Park)</p> <p>Shuttle / transfer flights: Daily flights link the international airports with Uganda's wildlife areas via Entebbe using a reliable network of light aircraft flights sold on a scheduled seat in plane or private charter.</p> <p>Land-based safari: Perfect for those with more time looking for an in-depth exploration of their destination.</p> <p>Self-drive: Self-drive is not recommended.</p>			
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$				
	\$\$\$\$	Ishasha Wilderness Camp	Bakers Lodge		Kyaninga Lodge Ndali Lodge
	\$\$\$\$\$			Apoka Lodge	

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# ACTIVITIES

## Legendary Landscapes

		QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS	MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK	KIDEPO NATIONAL PARK	KIBALE NATIONAL PARK	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Morning & afternoon game drives	●	●	●		Head out with lion researchers in Queen Elizabeth National Park for a look into the world of predator research.
	Night game drives	●		●		
	Chimpanzee tracking	●	●		●	
	Birdwatching	●	●	●	●	
	Boating	●	●			
	Walking	●	●	●	●	
ADVENTURE	Fishing		●			Try your hand at fishing for the mighty Nile perch, catfish or the fierce tiger fish.
	Boating	●	●			
	Hiking / Trekking				●	
CULTURAL	Cultural interactions	●		●		Whilst in and around Kidepo National Park, meet the Karamojong tribe and see how they live.
GAME DRIVE CHECKLIST	Chimpanzee	●	●		●	Embark on an unforgettable primate trekking experience in the Kibale National Park, which is renowned as one of the best destinations to embark on a chimpanzee trek.
	Red colobus monkey				●	
	Lion	●	●	●		
	Leopard	●	●	●	●	
	Buffalo	●	●	●	●	
	Elephant	●	●	●	●	
	Cheetah	●		●		
	Shoe-billed stork		●			
	Nile crocodile	●	●	●		
	Spotted hyena		●			
	Hippo	●	●			
	Rothschild giraffe		●			
	No. of bird species	600+	450+	475+	327+	

# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*		55°F	79°F	77°F	75°F	72°F	70°F	70°F	70°F	75°F	75°F	73°F	77°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*		55°F	55°F	57°F	57°F	55°F	54°F	52°F	52°F	52°F	55°F	55°F	59°F
RAIN FALL*		2.85"	4.46"	5.31"	6.73"	4.68"	1.57"	1.25"	2.51"	4.47"	5.24"	5.95"	3.8"
VALUE**		\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$\$\$
ACTIVITIES	View the amber glow of the active volcanoes along the Virunga's	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Best time for fishing at Murchison Falls National Park - less chance of rain	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION	Excellent game-viewing in savannah reserves as animals congregate around waterholes at the end of the dry season		●	●						●			
	The reserves are lush and green and very scenic			●	●	●				●	●	●	
	Great time to track golden monkeys as least chance of rain	●	●				●	●	●				
	Plenty of new born animals with interesting predator and prey interactions			●	●	●				●	●	●	
	Excellent birdwatching as European migratory species arrive								●	●	●		
	Ideal time to find chimpanzees as they have not yet ventured deep into the forest for food		●	●	●	●						●	●
GORILLA TRACKING	Good value for money as costs for gorilla tracking permits decreases in Uganda				●	●						●	
	Driest months, trekking terrain in the rainforests is easier	●	●				●	●	●				
	High season – gorilla tracking permits need to be booked well in advance	●	●				●	●	●				

\* Temperature and rainfall based on Kabale. Source: The Weather Channel. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in fahrenheit and inches.  
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# ITINERARIES

## MOST POPULAR UGANDA



### Gorilla Tracking Safari in Uganda - 5 days / 4 nights

- 1 night Entebbe
- 3 nights Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

## MOST POPULAR RWANDA



### Gorilla Tracking Safari in Rwanda - 5 days / 4 nights

- 1 night Kigali
- 3 nights Volcanoes National Park

## REPEAT



### Ultimate Uganda Safari - 14 days / 13 nights

- 1 night Entebbe
- 2 nights Kidepo
- 2 nights Murchison Falls
- 2 nights Kibale
- 3 nights Queen Elizabeth
- 3 nights Bwindi

## IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Add to Your Experience...

- 3 nights Serengeti National Park (Tanzania)
  - 2 nights Ngorongoro Crater (Tanzania)
- OR**
- 3 nights Laikipia (Kenya)