



8 Day South Walking Adventure

8 Days START KIGALI RWANDA END KIGALI, RWANDA

This amazing adventure takes us to 'Bwindi Impenetrable Forest' in Uganda's mountainous far southwestern tip where you will have the opportunity to track Mountain Gorillas.

This superb trekking itinerary is located in the Ugandan highlands and takes us from the Virunga volcanoes to 'The Impenetrable Forest' of Bwindi, home to Uganda's mountain gorilla population which numbers around 320, approximately half the total number remaining in the world. Our final destination is the village of Nkuringo located on a hill-top and enjoying spectacular views over Bwindi's forest canopy and affords visitors magnificent 360 degree unconstrained views of the surrounding volcanoes.

Highlights:

- Discover the southern region of the Pearl of Africa
- Unforgettable encounter with the Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park
- Meet, explore and learn from the local communities
- Support sustainable tourism initiatives

Specially created for:

- Nature lovers
- Primates lovers
- Walking enthusiasts
- Adventure travellers

Your Safari at a Glance.

Days	Routes/activities	Accommodation	Meal Plan
Day 1	Arrival in Kigali. City Tour	Heaven Boutique	Bed & Breakfast
Day 2	Transfer Kigali to Mgahinga Community walk/ Batwa	Gahinga Lodge	Full Board
Day 3	Golden Monkey trekking	Gahinga Lodge	Full Board
Day 4	Hike Mgahinga to Lake Mutanda	Lake Mutanda Resort	Full Board
Day 5	Hike to Nkuringo through Rubuguri	Nkuringo Bwindi gorilla lodge	Full Board



Day 6	Gorilla Tracking	Nkuringo Bwindi gorilla lodge	Full Board
Day 7	Circular Walk	Nkuringo Bwindi gorilla lodge	Full Board
Day 8	Transfer to Kigali- Outbound flight		

Detailed Safari Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kigali

Arrival in Kigali International Airport and transfer to your accommodation, depending on time of arrival possible city tour.

- Accommodation: Heaven Boutique Hotel
- Meal Plan: Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Kigali to Mgahinga National Park

Enjoy an early breakfast, transfer to Cyaika border and cross to Uganda. You will settle at the start point for our trek at Gahinga Lodge nestled at the base of the Virunga Volcano National Park. After dinner we will meet our local guides who will brief us on the adventure that awaits us.

You can then enjoy a community walk and batwa experience.

- Accommodation: Gahinga Lodge
- Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 3: Golden Monkey Tracking

This morning, after breakfast, you will head to the park headquarters where you will be briefed by the park guide. You will then start the golden monkey trekking activity. You will also expect to see various forest birds that live in the forest. Accompanied by Uganda Wildlife Authority guides we will trek onto the lower slopes of the dormant volcano Mgahinga, which translates as pile of volcanic stones. After around two hours we will reach the bamboo zone where we hope to find the Golden Monkeys, an endangered species that is only found in this remote part of Africa. Our permits will allow us to spend an hour in the company of these fascinating animals as they play and eat in the branches above us.

- Accommodation: Gahinga Lodge
- Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 4: Mgahinga to Lake Mutanda



This morning after an early breakfast, break camp and begin our trek north towards Kisoro. The trek of 18km takes us through an area of volcanic craters some of the slopes of which are being cultivated by the indigenous Bakiga farmers and home also to the Batwa pygmies. As we walk we will gain a fascinating insight into the daily lives of local people. We will be greeted by lots of children and local people as they tend their fields and livestock and collect water from local springs. You will head to Sheebas camp located at shores of the beautiful Lake Mutanda.

A 1 hr ride in dug-out canoes, piloted by local tribesmen. You may see fishermen checking their nets, farmers taking produce to market by canoe and people tending to their lands. We disembark on the lakes' northern shore at Rwanjenje.

- Accommodation: Lake Mutanda Resort
- Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 5: Lake Mutanda to Nkuringo.

This morning, after breakfast, You will then start a six hour trek to the Nteko ridge, above the forest canopy of Bwindi and settle in the village of Nkuringo at 2161m. The route takes us over and around many of the volcanic calderas that form this millennia old landscape. You will marvel at the agricultural terraces that cover these steep hillsides. Our expert guides will take great pleasure in pointing out a wide variety of flora and fauna.

- Accommodation: Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge
- Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 6: Gorilla Tracking

After breakfast, at around 7:45 am, with packed lunch and drinking water you will be transferred to the National Park Head Quarters for the briefing on the dos and the don'ts while with the gorillas. You then continue to the forest for the start of the actual **gorilla tracking**.

The beauty of this rain forest is spectacular. The area offers a dramatic, steeply forested landscape and is incredibly dense, but crisscrossed by numerous animal trails allowing access to tourists. The time taken and the terrain vary as per the movements of these great primates. The thrill of spending time observing these gentle and endangered giants is an awesome, exciting experience to be long savoured. Many find it to be a rare and moving opportunity. The tracking can take place at Nkuringo or at Rushaga (1 hr drive from Nkuringo), as per the gorilla permits obtained.

Upon return, relax at the lodge and, for those who like, at 5.00 pm either stroll through the community center or drive up to the **"Top of the World"** - the name given to the football field, high up in the village which offers amazing views over the peaks and forests around Nkuringo. A great way to stretch your legs after the gorilla tracking and to enjoy a sundowner.



- Accommodation: Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge (Garden Cottage)
- Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 7: Circular Walk in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

After breakfast, with your guide commence the Nkuringo Walking Safari activity into the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park as part of the Kashasha River and Ivy River trails. This is a full day walk where there would be opportunity to visit the Munyaga River falls in the forest. The emphasis of this activity is for your walking guide to share his knowledge of the forest that you come into contact with and not simply an A to B. The walking distance would be about 15km You will rendezvous with your vehicle in the village of Nteko on the DR Congo border to be transported 10km back to Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge.

- Accommodation: Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge (Garden Cottage)
- Meal Plan: Full Board

Day 8: Transfer to Kigali

After breakfast, transfer to Kigali for your out bound flight international flight.

END OF SERVICES WITH NKURINGO WALKING SAFARI

Rates Includes:

PRICE IN USD PP	<i>7 NIGHTS/8DAYS</i>
2 Pax	\$ 5523 per person
4 Pax	\$ 4675 per person
6 Pax	\$ 4392 per person
Single Room Supplement	\$ 728

Includes

- Airport transfers where applicable.
- English speaking Guide throughout your Safari
- 1 day Volcano trekking
- 1 gorilla tracking permit in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
- 1 golden monkey permit in Mgahinga National Park
- All accommodations and Meals as per the itinerary
- All activity fees as listed in the itinerary.



- Support of a private 4x4 vehicle with experienced English-speaking driver-guide, from the morning of day 2. (7 seater)
- AMREF Evacuation Insurance cover
- Government taxes

Excludes;

- All drinks, including the drinks for the sundowner on Day 1 and 6
- International air flights
- Any optional activity not indicated in above program
- Laundry Services
- Gratuities and Tips
- East Africa Visa fees
- Drinks
- Personal Items and Tips

TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A 30% deposit of the total tour price will be required to secure a booking, the balance being due 45 days before the tour departure date.

Bookings not secured by the appropriate deposit will be released.

Cancellation between 90 and 45 days of tour departure will incur a 30% of tour price penalty charge. Confirmed bookings cancelled within 45 days of the tour departure date or no show will incur 100% of tour price penalty charge.

Availability of accommodation and activities is not guaranteed; reservations will be made after receiving confirmation of the final itinerary and the payment of the requested deposit. Should any of the quoted accommodations not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable option, which might affect the final quoted price.

All clients who participate in this tour must be adequately covered by **medical insurance** as well as **travel insurance** to protect them in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Rates specified for this tour are subject to change without notice, however every effort will be made to maintain them. In the event of any change of Government taxes or operating conditions that affect the rates we reserve the right to pass on these charges.

*** UGANDA GORILLA PERMIT CANCELLATION POLICY
(different and separate from the tour cancellation policy)**



Gorilla Permits will be guaranteed ONLY upon receipt of the deposit (**US\$700** for permits in 2020) since we need to immediately pay Uganda Wildlife Authority Offices in order to secure the permits.

Cancellations received on full payment:

- More than 90 days before the tracking date, 25% cancellation fee
 - 89 to 46 days before the tracking date, 50% cancellation fee
 - 45 to 9 days before the tracking date, 75% cancellation fee
- 8 to 0 days before the tracking date, 100% cancellation