

## A holiday to Uganda for two people for the Wentworth Club Black Tie Ball



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This wonderful seven day trip is a true primate-fest and covers all the highlights of a holiday in Uganda; from walking with the chimpanzees, to watching tree climbing lions and then tracking the last of the world's mountain gorillas.

Kyambura Gorge Lodge is located in the vast Queen Elizabeth National Park. Track the chimpanzees in the incredible terrain of the Kyambura Gorge, crafting your path through the dense forest. The savannah above boasts excellent game drives and a cruise down the Kazinga Channel provides lots of opportunities to spot wildlife and some of the 600 bird species in the park.

Around Ishaha (in the southern part of the park), you can hunt for the tree climbing lions lounging on old fig trees. Then you continue on to track gorillas in the primeval forest of Bwindi. The gorillas in Bwindi live in the thickly forested hillside so tracking can be challenging but the rewards are well worth it. You can also go for nature walks to see birds, monkeys and orchids.

## Summary of Arrangements

Date	Activity
Day 1	Fly to Entebbe
	Fly Entebbe to Kasese
	Road transfer Kasese Airstrip to Kyambura Gorge Lodge
	Kyambura Gorge Lodge - 3 nights
Day 4	Road transfer Kyambura Gorge Lodge to Bwindi Volcanoes Lodge
	Bwindi Volcanoes Lodge - 3 nights
Day 7	Road transfer Bwindi Volcanoes Lodge to Kihihi Airstrip
	Fly Kihihi to Entebbe
	Depart from Entebbe

### Day 1

#### Fly to Entebbe

Today you fly overnight to Entebbe, Uganda. These international flights are not included in the itinerary at this stage. We would be delighted to book them for you if you would like us to do so.

#### Kyambura Gorge Lodge - 3 nights

On arrival into Entebbe Airport this morning, having cleared immigration and collected your luggage, make your way to the arrivals hall. Here you will be met by a representative (who will be holding up a board showing your name) and assisted to check in for a scheduled light aircraft flight to Kasese.

You will be met on landing into Kasese this afternoon and then driven to Kyambura Gorge Lodge in the Queen Elizabeth National Park (which takes about two hours). Your three night stay here, in a double room, is on a full board basis to include all meals, house drinks, laundry, and scheduled shared activities (including one chimp permit per person).



Kyambura Gorge Lodge is a luxury lodge perched above the Kyambura Gorge at the edge of Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda. The lodge has stunning views over the gorge and the lush savannah of the park, with peaks of the Rwenzori Mountains in the distance.

Kyambura Gorge Lodge has eight en-suite grass roofed bandas, each with panoramic views. There is a central lounge and dining area made out of local materials and decorated using local fabrics.

Activities include boat trips on the Kazinga Channel, game drives, visits to the Maramagambo Forest bat cave and crater lakes, as well as community walks. The lodge and the land surrounding it form a protected area between the chimpanzee population and local farmers.



## Day 4

### **Bwindi Volcanoes Lodge - 3 nights**

Your safari now continues to the primeval Bwindi forest which is a drive of about six hours. Travelling via Ishasha (subject to road conditions), you can observe the unusual behaviour exhibited by the tree-climbing lions. This beautiful journey through the rapidly changing landscape takes you to Volcanoes Bwindi Lodge, which looks across to the towering trees of the forest.

Depending on when you arrive, there maybe time to explore the lodge grounds with its clear mountain stream or visit the local village.

Your three night stay here is in a double room, on a full board basis. This includes all meals, house drinks, laundry, and scheduled shared activities (including one gorilla permit per person).



Volcanoes Lodge at Bwindi is adjacent to the small village of Bwindi on the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in the far west of Uganda. The lodge is set on a hillside above a river, overlooking lush rainforest opposite. It is the perfect base for visits to the national park and as a starting point for gorilla tracking.

The lodge's accommodation is in eight large beautifully constructed en-suite thatched cottages with running water, shower and a flush toilet. Each of the cottages has its own verandah which, like the bar and dining room, looks across to the forested hillside on the opposite bank.

More than half the world's wild mountain gorilla population is resident in Bwindi, and it is possible to visit a number of habituated family groups under the national park's regulated tracking programme. Although this is the reason most guests come to Bwindi the park is home to 93 mammal species, including 11 types of primate, as well as almost 350 bird species. These animals and birds can be viewed on nature walks alongside a knowledgeable national park guide.



## Day 7

### Depart from Entebbe

Today you are driven to Kihiki Airstrip (taking about two hours) in time to meet a scheduled light aircraft flight to Entebbe.

You will then check in for your overnight flight home. These international flights are not included in the itinerary at this stage. We would be delighted to book them for you if you would like us to do so.

## **Pricing Details**

### **The itinerary includes:**

Internal flights (**note: strict 15kg baggage allowance per person including hand luggage**)  
Airport transfers  
Other transfers  
Accommodation  
Meals and drinks as stated  
Laundry as stated  
Activities as stated  
National Park and concession fees  
One chimp permit per person  
One gorilla permit per person

### **The itinerary excludes:**

International and regional flights  
Any extra gorilla permits at \$600 per permit  
Visas  
Travel insurance  
Tips and gratuities  
Other personal spending  
If you weigh over 16 stone or 100 kg then you may be charged for a second seat on light aircraft flights, please let us know if this is likely to affect you.

### **Cost**

This safari is valued at a total of £8,425.00 per couple travelling.

### **Terms and Conditions**

This safari is valid for one year from receipt of voucher  
Excluding the period June to 15th October and 14th December to 1st March

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The price of your holiday stays the same even if there are currency movements before you travel. We buy in our currency when you pay your deposit covering you against fluctuations.

### **There if you need us - 24 hours 7 days a week emergency phone cover.**

We provide a full emergency back up service, both from ourselves and through local representatives on the ground, in case you have any difficulties whilst you are away.

### **Service doesn't stop when you leave the UK, you get great service in Africa too.**

We've worked with the majority of our suppliers for years and by visiting regularly we know we're still working with the best. By speaking to clients after they've travelled we feed back their thanks and occasionally niggles too which helps to keep standards high.

### **Committed to looking after the environment.**

Our holidays allow you to enjoy wildlife, local communities and remote areas of Africa, and conservation is important to us. We work hard to ensure that the benefits tourism can bring to an area are not offset by negative impacts. We offer our clients the chance to offset the carbon emission caused by their long-haul flights with a scheme in Zambia which not only absorbs carbon dioxide but which also provides food and employment. We have also supported the Koiyaki Guide School in the Masai Mara since its inception, giving local people the chance to take a part in the future of their area.

### **Recommendations are at the heart of our business and we are able to supply you with a reference.**

Over 70% of our clients come to us through recommendation and several of our clients are on their second or third trip with us. Although we are now fifteen years old, we are a small company and have retained our personal touch with the owners still involved with sales on a day to day basis. See the testimonials page of our website to see what clients say about us. Let us know if you would like to speak to a past client.