



Uganda Gorilla Safari

Treasured Encounters in the Impenetrable Forest

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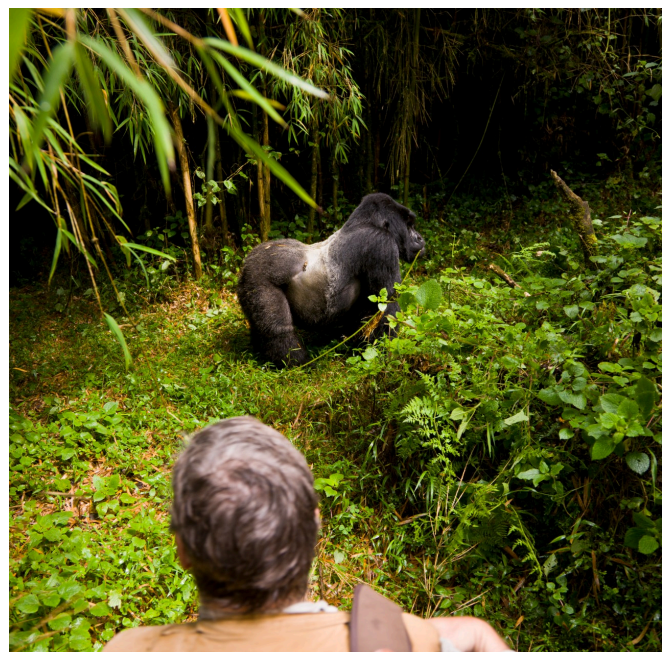
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

We pride ourselves in working with the finest safari outfitters in Africa. All wilderness treks are accompanied by expert guides and professional trackers.

REASON 2

20% of the gorilla permits fees go to communities for projects like building health care centers, schools, clean water, and sustainable agriculture education.

REASON 3

This itinerary blends gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest with a relaxing stay at deluxe wilderness lodgings. Gorilla permits are guaranteed!

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Scenic drives, moderate to strenuous treks and nature walks in search of wildlife, boat rides, and day/night game drives in safari vehicles.



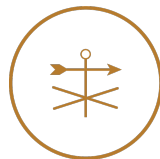
LODGING

Lodges with modern comforts and great access to Uganda's raw wilderness, plus a boutique hotel to bookend the trip.



CLIMATE

Uganda enjoys a tropical climate, though the heat is tempered by the altitude of more than 3,000' above sea level.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Experience the best gorilla safari by venturing to Uganda, a raw and beautiful land. Cross its wetlands, tropical forests, and volcanic crater lakes on foot and by vehicle. Listen for the pant-hoot calls of clever chimps high up in fig trees and spot black-and-white colobus, gray-cheeked mangabey, and vervet monkeys. Accompany lion researchers in Queen Elizabeth National Park and partake in thrilling game walks and drives through acacia-rich woodland and grassy valleys. Witness the expressive look of mountain gorillas up close in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest on challenging but rewarding treks.

10 Days

Start: Entebbe, Uganda

End: Entebbe, Uganda

Departing: January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, October, December

Activities: Safari & Wildlife

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Safari Camps & Lodges

Group Size: 3-6 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

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"Uganda has stolen my heart. Incredible trip and couldn't have asked for a better guide, accommodations, adventure and more! The coordination of the trip and our pre-trip extension was superb."

- Aidan R.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Entebbe, Uganda

Welcome to Uganda! Upon arrival in Entebbe, meet a MT Sobek representative outside the customs and immigration area at the airport, for your transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 5-minute private van transfer

DAY
02

Explore Kibale Forest

This morning board a 4X4 vehicle and drive into Uganda's lush countryside, a country that Winston Churchill once described as "the pearl of Africa." Pass through gorgeous scenery featuring farmsteads loaded with bananas and other tropical trees, scenic wetlands, and patches of bush and forest. Continue on to the hill country below the Rwenzori mountains, through beautiful tea plantations and parts of the tropical Kibale forest, where you may spot some monkeys.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 7-hour private 4x4 vehicle transfer

DAY
03

Organic Farm Walk & Crater Lake Explorations

Start the day with a stroll around beautiful Ndali Estate, a mixed tropical farm located on the fertile volcanic fields of Western Uganda. Learn how the farm processes and exports coffee, chocolate, and vanilla along with several other crops. This afternoon, choose from a leisurely crater rim walk, swimming, kayaking, or try stand-up paddle boarding. On clear days it's possible to see the Rwenzori Mountains of the Moon, the tallest African mountain range, from the crater rim. After your serene afternoon, tuck in to a sumptuous dinner in your cozy lodge.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 2-3 hour farm walk; PM 2-3 hour choice of activity



DAY 04

Track Chimps in Kibale National Park

You will depart early this morning with a packed breakfast and spend most of the day in the forest and up to 4 hours observing the chimps! Follow experienced ranger-guides and a tracker, listening out for the chimps' pant-hooting calls on your way to their nesting site. An early start means the opportunity to see them waking up, stretching, and descending from the tree tops. As the day goes on, you'll quietly witness their routines, see them eat, and watch the group's social interactions. Late in the afternoon, you will say farewell (and goodnight) to the chimps and head back to park headquarters.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 8-hours chimp habituation

DAY 05

Bigodi Community Walk & Wildlife River Cruise

This morning, meander through Bigodi village and enjoy a chance to meet some residents. See how baskets are woven from local materials, learn how coffee is grown, or get the inside scoop on the banana beer brewing process! This is an opportunity to empower this community and support improvements like access to medical care and educational resources. End your village experience with a traditional Ugandan lunch before driving to Queen Elizabeth National Park along the eastern length of the Rwenzori Mountains, with views of their glaciated peaks, and into the Great African Rift valley. Set out on a 2-hour launch trip on the Kazinga Channel to view the prolific bird life and wildlife as well as small fishing villages. The channel is home to one of the largest concentration of hippo in the world - reported to be about 30,000. Around sundown arrive at your lodge, perched on the Great Rift escarpment, for dinner and relaxation.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private 4x4 vehicle transfer, 2-hour boat safari

ACTIVITY: AM 3 hour village walk; PM 2 hour river cruise



Track Lions in Queen Elizabeth National Park

Rise early and join a researcher to learn about the important work of the Uganda Carnivore Program (UCP) and their dedication to the research and conservation of Uganda's large carnivores including lions, leopards, and hyenas. They will educate you about the carnivores and how they use radio telemetry to track collared wildlife. Tracking with the UCP gives you access to off-road locations throughout Queen Elizabeth National Park, otherwise off limits to travelers. This afternoon you will be back on the roads, exploring the park in hopes of additional wildlife sightings.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM lion tracking drive; PM safari game drive



Safari in Ishasha & Empower Ugandan Women

Head out to explore the Ishasha region of Queen Elizabeth National Park, enroute to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. Keep an eye out for the many antelope species, including the graceful kob and colorful topi, as well as other game in the area such as elephant, and buffalo. If lucky, you may even spot the elusive tree-climbing lions. After settling into your mountain lodge, visit Ride 4 a Woman, a community center which supports local women from 11 nearby villages to empower them to better their lives and those of their families. While onsite, take part in one of the sessions where you can learn to pedal sew; weave baskets; dance, sing, and drum; or cook a local dish. Activities vary and will be determined at the day and time of your visit.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4-5 hour transfer including game drive, PM community connection



Forest Gorilla Trek in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

After breakfast, report to the ranger station for a talk on the etiquette of gorilla tracking, then hike with a guide and tracker through misty rainforest to encounter these wild creatures. Trekking can take anywhere from 2 to 7 hours, on rough and at times muddy terrain. You'll forget any fatigue once you lay your eyes on your first mountain gorilla - the experience of seeing these gentle giants at close range and in the wild is among the most extraordinary nature can provide. Following your gorilla trek, rest at the lodge or time permitting choose to return to Ride 4 a Woman to spend time with the women and try your hand at another skill.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM-PM 1-7 hours gorilla trekking; PM community connection



Encounter Mountain Gorillas

Rise early for another full day of gorilla tracking. Hike through the bush, pushing your way through the undergrowth and parting thick creepers. You will have one hour with these gentle giants of the African forest after first encountering them. Bwindi is renowned for its mountain gorilla population, an estimated 280-320 individuals living in 15 groups. Looking deep into their expressive brown eyes is an unparalleled experience. Look out for other wildlife as you trek through the forest, including yellow-backed duikers and a variety of birds.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 1-7 hours gorilla trekking & wildlife watching



Fly to Entebbe and Bid Farewell to Uganda

This morning after an early breakfast, bid farewell to the bush and transfer to the airport for a flight back to Entebbe, scheduled to depart Kihikihi airstrip at 9:45 am, arriving at Entebbe at approximately 11:25 am. Enjoy access to a dayroom at Protea Hotel (available until 6:00 pm) before your transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private transfer, 1.5 hour flight



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Protea Hotel Entebbe

This modern 73-room hotel is ideally located on the glistening shores of Lake Victoria and conveniently just minutes from the airport. Protea Hotel Entebbe has a trendy restaurant that offers an exciting and truly inviting a la carte menu seven days of the week. With elegant furnishings and a warm, inviting feel, the hotel's decor and rooms create a luxurious atmosphere. The outside terrace, with its own special ambience and superb lake views, is the perfect place to take it all in.

Ndali Lodge

Ndali Lodge is located near Kibale Forest National Park, offering guests stunning views of the Rwenzori mountains and a vast crater lake. The comfortable cottages come equipped with Wi-Fi, ensuite bathrooms with hot water, duvet bedding, and mosquito nets. The lodge's sauna is a great place for guests to relax after chimpanzee treks. Enjoy a perfect view of the sun setting from your cottage and candlelit meals in the welcoming main dining area. Opportunities to explore the stunning natural surroundings abound! Stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking is a bonus.



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Twin Lakes Lodge

Located just outside Queen Elizabeth National Park, Twin Lakes Lodge offers a comfortable relaxing ambiance. Guests can enjoy time in one of the nine spacious cottages, each featuring simple contemporary decor, en-suite bathrooms and shady private verandas with views of the Great Rift Valley and crater lakes. Shared public spaces include an on-site restaurant serving international and local cuisine, a cozy lounge, and swimming pool.

Mahogany Springs

Set on the Munyanga River and facing the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Mahogany Springs is the perfect base for gorilla tracking expeditions. The suites showcase private terraces with panoramic views and en-suite bathrooms with open terracotta showers. The main building features a terrace with marvelous vistas, a living room with a fireplace and a library, and a restaurant and bar.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, October, December

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 5-14, 2024

June 9-18, 2024

July 3-12, 2024

August 15-24, 2024

September 16-25, 2024

October 1-10, 2024

December 20-29, 2024

January 21-30, 2025

February 10-19, 2025

June 9-18, 2025

July 3-12, 2025

August 15-24, 2025

September 16-25, 2025

October 1-10, 2025

December 20-29, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Additional non-refundable primate permit fees



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