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### **USTI: Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi (4 Days)**

This safari starts and finishes in Kampala/Entebbe. [The gorilla permit in Bwindi is included in the safari cost].

You will start with Lake Mburo, found between the great Rwenzori Mountains and Lake Victoria. Here you will have a chance to see buffalo, zebra and a variety of deer species including bushbuck, waterbuck and impala. Occasionally leopards are seen.

Seeing some of the last remaining 700 mountain gorillas in the world is a fantastic experience. This safari takes you tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Bwindi has four habituated families and the gorillas there live in thicker tropical forest and tracking is more challenging as the hillsides are steeper. You can also go for nature walks to see birds, monkeys and orchids.

### **Itinerary**

#### **DAY 1**

Arrive Entebbe airport. Meet, greet and start for Lake Mburo, arrive in time for lunch. Either go for a horse back safari (on payment of a supplement) around the lodge in the valleys towards lake Kacheera which is outside lake Mburo National Park or for a canoe trip on Lake Mburo or an afternoon game drive in the park. [Approximate driving time: 4 hours]

Overnight: Mihingo Lodge

Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 2**

Depart for Buhoma in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest arriving in the afternoon.

Nature walk in the forest to help you acclimatise or relax at the lodge. [Approximate driving time: 5 hours].

Overnight: Gorilla Forest Camp/Buhoma Homestead

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**DAY 3**

Go gorilla tracking (subject to availability of gorilla permits at time of booking), carrying a packed lunch. You will be accompanied by a guide and porters who will carry your shoulder pack for you. You will then set off to the thick forest in search of gorillas. The terrain can be difficult, with steep slopes covered in dense vegetation that gives the park its name. In addition, the altitude of 5200 feet and more means participants do need to be physically fit. The time taken to track the gorillas varies enormously, from as little as half an hour to as much as 9 hours before one returns to camp. Difficulty, however, is not impossibility and coming face to face with the great primates is well worth it!

Overnight: Gorilla Forest Camp/Buhoma Homestead

Meal Plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**DAY 4**

Early start for Kampala, lunch en route. Arrive Kampala late afternoon. Transfer to the airport for your return flight. [Approximate driving time: 10 hours].

Tour Ends.

**Tour Costs: Prices on Application**

**Scheduled Dates:**

<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
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