

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

SECLUDED CAMP, UGANDA, 8 TENTS



Overview

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is nestled deep inside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in southwest Uganda, home to just over half the world's last surviving mountain gorillas. Seeing these gentle giants in their natural habitat is a unique opportunity afforded to a select few, as just eight visitors are allowed to view each habituated group each day. Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is the perfect luxurious base for a gorilla tracking experience.

Location

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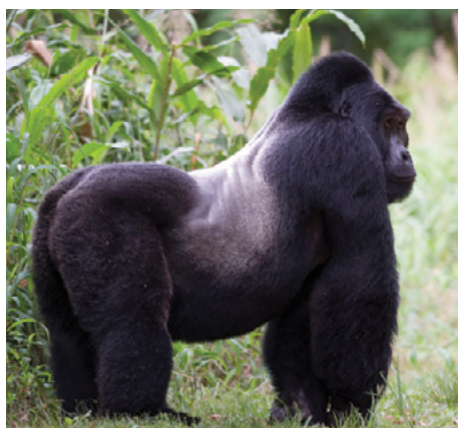
Getting there

Private charter flights depart daily from Entebbe or Kajjansi airstrip (about 25km from Entebbe). Smaller groups land at Kayonza airstrip, then drive for about 40 minutes to camp. Larger groups land at the Kihikihi airstrip or Ishasha, then drive about two hours to camp. Guests can also take a beautiful road transfer from Kigali, Rwanda to the camp. This will take around six hours.

Accommodation and facilities

Accommodation is in eight large en-suite tents which have two queen-sized beds and a bathtub looking out onto the forest - ideal for relaxing after a day searching for gorillas in the forest. The camp has a bar and dining cottage overlooking the rainforest, as well as a raised natural platform for open-air dining.

Guests can sit around the cozy campfire at night and enjoy Bwindi's crystal clear mountain sky. There is a small gift shop at the camp offering a variety of local artifacts and practical supplies and a mini spa. 240 volt electricity is supplied for lighting and recharging of videos.





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Gorilla tracking

Gorilla tracking is the main activity at Bwindi. The gorillas we track belong to one of the 'habituated' family groups in northern Bwindi. Experienced guides accompany the tracking, many of who have been involved in the habituation process themselves.

Gorilla tracking is a year-round activity. Tracking commences at 08.30 am. There is a daily maximum of eight visitors to each gorilla group. The terrain is difficult, with steep slopes covered in dense vegetation and the altitude means participants need to be physically fit to enjoy the track. Once the gorillas are located, the group is allowed a maximum of one hour with them.

Climate and clothing

Days are warm, but rain is common, except in the very driest months of January and February. It can get very cool at night. A suggested clothing list is available on request.

Guided forest walk

Take a guided walk through the forest and you may see some of the 350 species of birds, including 11 kinds of primates, forest duiker antelopes,

rare forest elephant, giant forest hog or over 200 species of butterflies that live here.

Community interaction

Walk through the area meeting tea pickers, see how beer is made from bananas, visit the local clinic and even a traditional medicine man.

End your visit with a performance by the Batwa pygmy community.

Health

We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking with your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure.

Children

Children of all ages are welcome at the camp. Children between 2 and 11 are required to share a room with an adult.

Only children aged 15 or above can track the gorillas.

Laundry service

A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp.

Credit card

For personal expenses and shop purchases the camp accepts Visa, Master Card, Amex and JCB credit cards in addition to cash.

Accessories

Binoculars and good cameras are a must. Flash photography is prohibited as this may upset the gorillas. Bring extra film/memory cards and the required adaptors. The camp provides a torch, mosquito repellent and toiletries.

Communications

Complimentary wireless internet access is available in the main areas of Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp.

Special requests

Please do alert us when booking of any special requests, allergies, dietary requirements or medical conditions.

Rates

Rates include: Accommodation, all meals and drinks (except premium brands) and laundry.

Rates Exclude: Domestic flights, gorilla permits and park fees.



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Flying times

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| 1 | Kajjansi to Kayonza/ Ishasha Airstrip | 1 hr 40 mins |
| 2 | Entebbe to Kayonza/ Ishasha Airstrip | 1 hr 40 mins |

Road transfers

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| Kayonza Airstrip to Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | 40 mins |
| Ishasha Airstrip* to Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | 2 hrs |
| Kampala to Bwindi | 10 hrs |
| Kigali (Rwanda) to Bwindi | 6 hrs |

* Mainly groups