

# 07 DAYS: PRIMATE HABITUATION EXPEDITION

07 Days | 06 Nights

Begin with a scenic drive through Uganda's lush countryside to Kibale Forest, where you immerse yourself in the Bigodi Community Tour, and embark on an exciting Chimpanzee Habituation Experience, habituating the wild chimpanzees for 4–5 hours through dense, misty jungle. Continue to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest for a Gorilla Habituation Expedition, spending up to four hours among mountain gorillas in their mist-shrouded habitat. Next, tackle the Mgahinga Golden Monkey Trek, spotting playful primates in bamboo forests, followed by a picnic and scenic drive to Kigali. Conclude with an engaging Kigali city tour with a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial before departure.

#### ı – 6 Guests



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Kampala – Kibale Forest National Park – Queen Elizabeth National Park – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest – Lake Mburo National Park – Entebbe

## Tour Price: Quoted in US dollars per person sharing.

Number of Guests	Midrange Option	Luxury Option
2	5,267 pp.	7,280 pp.

NOTE: Max. X4 Permits available per day at Bwindi.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Gorilla habituation
- Chimpanzee habituation
- Golden monkey trekking
- Bigodi cultural immersion
- Birding on treks
- Kigali Genocide memorial
- Kigali Sightseeing tour
- Stunning scenic views

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- 4WD Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
- Fuel for the entire trip.
- Meals and daily breakfast as per itinerary
- 02L mineral water per person per day
- o6 nights' accommodation
- En-route meals as mentioned.
- All planned activities (excluding optional)
- Gorilla and chimpanzee habituation permits.
- Golden monkey tracking permit
- An English-speaking driver-guide
- AMREF medical evacuation cover

Excluded: All optional activities and services not mentioned above.





#### DAY 1 - Arrival at Entebbe: Private transfer to the hotel

Journey time: 1 Hour

Upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our safari guide. After a short briefing, you will be transferred to your hotel in Kampala for check-in and time at leisure. For guests arriving early, enjoy an optional tour of Kampala City

Overnight: Midrange: Fairway Boutique Hotel – or similar

Luxury: Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort – or similar

Meal Plan: Bed and Breakfast









#### DAY 2 - Travel to Kibale National Park with Bigodi Cultural Tour

Journey time: Approx. 6 Hours

Pickup Time: 06:30AM.

After an early breakfast, embark on your journey to Kibale Forest, renowned as the primate capital of the world. En route, soak in the beauty of Uganda's countryside before arriving at Tinka's Homestead, to enjoy a traditional lunch.

After lunch immerse yourself in the Bigodi Cultural Tour. Planned cultural activities and experiences include discovering the art of traditional coffee processing, tasting banana beer and the locally distilled banana vodka, admiring handmade arts and crafts, enjoying cultural songs and dances, as well as learning about indigenous herbs and their medicinal uses. This enriching experience offers the perfect blend of culture and tradition.

Afterwards, you will be transferred to your lodge to freshen up before dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Midrange: Tabebuia Spa & Safari Resort – or similar

Luxury: Papaya Lake Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Half Board (Dinner and Breakfast)









### DAY 3 - Kibale National Park: Chimpanzee Habituation Experience Pickup Time: 06:30AM.

After an early breakfast, you will receive a lunchbox and mineral water to carry in your backpack, for a later picnic during your habituation adventure. Planned Activity: Chimpanzee Habituation Experience – Arrive at the park's visitor centre by 07:00AM for a briefing before embarking on a stunning adventure into Kibale's forest. You will join expert researchers, armed rangers, and skilled trackers in search of wild chimpanzees in their natural habitat. The process of chimp habituation is meticulous, often taking up to three years, and Uganda is home to around 4,950 chimpanzees, with 1,500 residing in Kibale National Park, making it East Africa's primate capital. During this special expedition, you will spend 4-5 hours observing the chimps—far longer than a standard trek—gaining rare insight into their daily life. Witness them foraging, caring for their young, establishing dominance, playing, squabbling, and communicating through their iconic pant-hoots and tree-drumming, experiencing a truly immersive glimpse into their complex social world. What to pack: a packed lunch and mineral water, sturdy hiking shoes, a face mask, gaiters, insect repellent, rain jacket, longsleeved shirt, trousers, and binoculars.

After the adventure, return to the lodge in the late afternoon to relax at your leisure.

Overnight: Midrange: Tabebuia Spa & Safari Resort – or similar

Luxury: Papaya Lake Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)









 $DAY\ 4\ \hbox{-Scenic Journey to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park}$ 

Journey time: Approx. 06 Hours

Pickup Time: 08:00AM.

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge before checking out and beginning your scenic journey to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Pause En-route for lunch at a local restaurant, then continue through Uganda's breathtaking landscapes. Arrive at Bwindi in the late afternoon, followed by a check-in at your lodge and relax at leisure.

Overnight: Midrange: Four Gorillas Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Nkuringo Gorilla Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Full Board









#### DAY 5 - Gorilla Habituation in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Pickup Time: 06:30AM.

After an early breakfast, you will be handed a lunchbox to put in your backpack. Thereafter, transfer to the park by 08:00AM for briefing.

Planned Activity: Bwindi Gorilla Habituation Expedition - The mountain gorillas of Bwindi undergo a meticulous habituation process, gradually becoming accustomed to human presence. Each day, only four visitors are granted permits, booked at least six months in advance. You will trek through dense, misty forest accompanied by experienced trackers, researchers, and armed rangers. The habituation process can take 2-3 years, allowing gorillas to maintain natural behaviours while permitting intimate human access. Unlike standard gorilla tracking, Gorilla Habituation provides up to four hours with the gorillas, offering ample time to observe their daily routines-foraging, nurturing young, playing, and establishing social hierarchies. Along the way, savor the sights and sounds of the pristine forest and occasional glimpses of other wildlife. Every moment reveals rare insight into their intelligence, emotional depth, and intricate social structures. What to pack: a packed lunch and mineral water, sturdy hiking shoes, face mask, gaiters, insect repellent, rain jacket, long-sleeved shirt, trousers, and binoculars.

After this extraordinary expedition, return to the lodge in the evening to refresh for dinner.

Overnight: Midrange: Four Gorillas Lodge – or similar

Luxury: Nkuringo Gorilla Lodge – or similar

Meal Plan: Full Board









#### DAY 6- Mgahinga Golden Monkey Trek and Scenic Transfer to Kigali

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Pickup Time: 06:30AM. Enjoy an early breakfast and receive a packed lunch for your later picnic. Afterwards, depart Bwindi for Mgahinga Gorilla National Park to embark on an unforgettable Golden Monkey trek.

Planned Activity: Mgahinga Golden Monkey Trek – After a morning briefing, set off around 08:30AM on an exciting trek through the mist-shrouded rainforest, alive with the sounds of rustling leaves and distant birdcalls. The moderate hike winds through dense bamboo groves and vibrant undergrowth, the preferred habitat of the elusive golden monkeys. As you move quietly through the forest, catch sight of these playful primates leaping effortlessly from branch to branch, their golden coats glinting in the dappled sunlight. Spend approx. 1–2 hours observing their lively antics, social interactions, and curious behaviour, immersing yourself in the magic of their pristine, hidden world. Every step immerses you deeper into the forest, offering rare insight into one of Uganda's most enchanting wildlife treasures. Be prepared with sturdy hiking shoes, long sleeves, trousers, insect repellent, drinking water, a face mask, and a walking stick.

After the trek, take some time to enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch before crossing the border into Rwanda and continuing your journey to Kigali City.

Overnight: Midrange: Kigali Serena Hotel – or similar

Luxury: The Retreat by Heaven – or similar Meal Plan: Half Board (Dinner and Breakfast)







#### DAY7 - Kigali City Exploration - Airport Transfer and Departure

Journey time: Less 1 hour Pickup Time: 08:30AM.

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and complete check-out, followed by a city tour (subject to change), before being transferred to the airport for your departure.

Explore the Highlights of Kigali City: Experience the vibrant heart of Rwanda on this guided Kigali excursion, offering a deep and authentic perspective of the country's hilly capital. Visit Kandt House, the former residence of Dr Richard Kandt, and learn about its historical significance. Take in panoramic views from Mount Kigali, which provides a unique vantage point over the city's rolling hills and neighbourhoods. Finally, pay a reflective visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial, gaining an important understanding of Rwanda's history, resilience, and path toward reconciliation.

After exploring Kigali, proceed to the airport to check-in for your onward flight.

Meal Plan: Breakfast only



