

**New Horizon Tours Presents
THE HIGHLIGHTS OF UGANDA
with Services by Abercrombie & Kent Destination
Management
UGANDA GORILLA TREKKING AND MORE
March 8 – March 17, 2018**



**Ground price of \$5,649.00
International air price by end of April.
Gorilla and chimp permits must be bought ASAP see details below.**

Uganda's natural beauty led Winston Churchill to refer to her as the 'Pearl of Africa', and this wonderful nickname has stuck. The habitat in Uganda is diverse and boasts a mixture of forests, lakes, plains and mountains. Uganda is famous for its primate species, including the chimpanzee and the over half of the endangered mountain gorilla left in the world at Bwindi. The country has amazing biological diversity with over 1000 bird species, over 80 species of small mammals, amphibians and reptiles, many of them endemic to Uganda. For example, the Uganda Kob, an antelope similar to the impala, is only found in Uganda and parts of the Congo.

With New Horizon Tours and our Abercrombie & Kent Uganda team as ground partners, we will show you that Winston Churchill was not wrong, that Uganda really is a pearl well worth exploring.

This itinerary encapsulates all that makes Uganda amazing. We start with a visit to the Kibale Forest where canopy reverberates to the deep bass of the chimpanzees as they chase each other through the trees. On to Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's largest, and home to the tree climbing lions of Ishasha. At the end of the safari we visit the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, probably the best name for any national park, for a chance to see the endangered mountain gorillas. Nothing can compare to seeing these wonderful "cousins" in their own habitat as they feed and care for each other. A true highlight to end our safari.

OVERVIEW

1 NIGHT - ENTEBBE

2 NIGHTS - KIBALE NP

2 NIGHTS - QUEEN ELIZABETH NP

3 NIGHTS - BWINDI NP

Itinerary



Day 1: Arrive Entebbe, Uganda

Arrive at Entebbe Airport and then transfer the short distance to the Protea Hotel, 10 mins by car. The Protea Hotel overlooks Lake Victoria. Uganda combines stunning lakes, soaring mountains and it's natural treasure of all – half the world's last mountain gorilla population.

Protea Hotel Entebbe

Day 2: Kibale National Park

Enjoy the scenic drive to Kibale, taking in the sights and sounds of rural Uganda, much of which is covered with tea plantations. Kibale is an enchanting forest, dotted with marshes and grasslands. Kibale has 300 bird species and population of chimpanzees and home to 11 primate species. Kyaninga Lodge is all wooden cabins and amazing views over the lake from which the lodge takes its name.

Kyaninga Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Kibale National Park

A relatively early start with a short transfer to the Kibale Forest where you start tracking for the chimpanzee. Keep a sharp eye and ear for the sight and sound of the chimps. Your expert Kibale Forest guides will probably be the first to spot them. Watch the chimp antics for an hour and try to capture their energy on film! Also binoculars to help view the chimps high in the trees.

Kyaninga Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Travel further south into Uganda's largest national park, Queen Elizabeth. QENP, as it is known, is home to the famous tree climbing lions, a rarity as lions are not known for their prowess at heights! The park is a quintessential Africa park, filled with wildlife including elephants and the endemic Uganda Kob.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp
Meals: B, L, D

Day 5: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Game drives in the park with opportunities to see some of Uganda's most diverse wildlife. Herds of 2000 Uganda kob are not uncommon, this is also the place to see elephants, buffalo, hippos, spotted hyenas, and perhaps even a chance of a leopard. On the whole you will have this wonderful park pretty much to yourselves, almost exclusive use of a slice of Ugandan heaven.

Ishasha Wilderness Camp
Meals: B, L, D

Day 6: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Today we leave the plains behind and we head up into the Uganda's green, rolling hills. Home to more than 40 different types of banana (of which 10 are for eating raw) as well as incredibly fertile farmland, the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, looms up in the distance. Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is your home for three nights and is very conveniently located inside the park boundary, one of the few properties to have such a perfect location. From here we'll set off on gorilla treks to track down these incredible mammals at their most natural, a rare sight experienced by only the most fortunate.

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp
Meals: B, L, D

Day 7 and 8: Gorilla Tracking

Send the next two days tracking the mountain gorillas. In small groups of 8 people along with a guide and a team of porters search the rugged forested mountains for your chance to spend one hour with our closest living relative. Afterwards review your photos and videos at the lodge after a hot, luxurious bath.

Day 9: Homeward bound

Fly to Entebbe with use of a day room if necessary depending on flight home.

Ground price includes:\$5,649.00 For single supplement add \$1,199.00

Air price to be known by end of April.

- **Roundtrip air - : LAX to Entebbe TBA**
- **Domestic flight from Entebbe Kasese airfield near Kibale Park**
- **Domestic flight from Kihhi to Entebbe. Kihhi airfield is near Bwindi National Park about 1 hr 30 min drive to Gorilla Forest Camp.**
- **Accommodations (A&K gold star properties) based on double occupancy and meals as above**
- **Park fees & activities: game drives, swamp walk in Kibale Natinal Park, crater walk in Kibale & community walk (Batwa)**
- **Kibale chimp trekking \$150**
- **One Gorilla permit \$600 each person for one day (min age for trekking is 15) You have the option of purchasing a second permit for \$600**
- **One liter of water per person per day.**
- **English speaking drivers/guide.**
- **Transfers**

Not Included

- **Tips**

***A second day of Gorilla trekking for a \$600 permit**

***Entry Visa of \$50 – <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>.**

On 1st July 2016, Uganda launched a new [e-Visa application system](#)

***Vaccinations required – Yellow Fever**

OPTIONAL TOUR:

Lake Victoria Sunset Cruise – Lake Victoria, Entebbe

Enjoy a sunset cruise in the waters of beautiful Lake Victoria.

Depart late afternoon and leisurely cruise towards the equator and around the lake's many local islands with complimentary drinks and light hor d'ouvres as you watch the sun set over the horizon

\$39 per person with a minimum fee of \$195 per speedboat.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITES FOR THOSE NOT DOING A SECOND GORILLA TREK

The Batwa Experience (\$100) is a living history encounter unlike any other. Visit it just outside the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in Uganda, home of

the mountain gorillas. The Batwa Experience was created by the displaced Batwa pygmies to educate their children and to share their amazing heritage and traditions with the world. This cultural site is a project of the Batwa Development Program, a community organization that supports the Batwa at becoming self-sufficient. The Batwa Experience is eco-tourism at its best, a hands-on, mind-opening adventure you will never forget! The income generated at the site returns to the Batwa to strengthen their entire community. For more information or to book a reservation at The Batwa Experience, [click here to contact us](#). What's it like? You will enjoy an incredible day hike in the rain forest with Batwa guides, see how the Batwa lived and hunted, learn about medicinal plants, and watch for animals and birds.

You will share a traditional meal with the Batwa, hear ancient legends and traditional songs, and join in on a mock hunting party. You can even test your skill with a Batwa bow and arrow and participate in traditional dances.

Community/Village Walk (\$70)

After briefing by your guide, your walk will start off at the handcrafts shop where you will be shown how the local women weave baskets out of local materials.

Thereafter you will visit a tea/coffee farm where the manager will take you through the farm from the nursery to the final processed product.

As part of the walk you will learn, straight from the traditional medicine man, how plants and trees can cure a variety of ailments. There is also an opportunity learn how to make the local brew – waragi from bananas. Alternatively volunteer at the local community clinic and see how modern medicine works hand in hand with the more traditional.

The community/village walk is not only a fantastic way to compliment the amazing gorilla tracking experience but it is also a way of giving back to the community directly.

Forest Walk (\$70)

With the forest walk, the clients follow a trail in the forest. This trail eventually leads you to the heart of the forest where you will find a waterfall. As you follow this trail you have chances of sighting a number of forest animals like warthogs, forest elephants, monkeys, different bird species, and even may see Gorillas if lucky. The walk may involve hiking here and there.

Reservations and Cancellation Policy:

To confirm a reservation a \$750 deposit or \$1,350 (if you want two gorilla treks) is required. There are only 80 gorilla permits allowed per day and they are obtained from the Uganda Wildlife authority. This deposit is non-refundable but if you do cancel with plenty of time prior to departure, if we get a replacement A&K or myself can transfer these permits and refund whatever we recover to you.

In addition to the money for the permits I will need a \$400 deposit for the land

and air portion.

A second deposit of \$500.00 is due July 15. Final payment is due Dec.20, 2017. Cancellations on the land and air portion more than 75 days prior to departure is \$300.00. Cancellation from 75 - 46 days prior to departure is \$900.00; cancellation from 45 to 31 days prior to departure is \$2,000.00; and cancellations less than 31 days will have no refund unless replacement is found. Name change on tickets is \$200.00.

We recommend trip cancellation insurance.