



SANCTUARY
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Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp



Secluded Safari Camp, Uganda, 8 tents

Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp is the only camp located within Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to just over half the world's last surviving population of mountain gorillas. Seeing these gentle giants in their natural habitat is a unique opportunity afforded only 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 tracking experience in the heart of the rainforest.

LOCATION

The camp is located in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage site in southwest Uganda.

GETTING THERE

Private charter flights depart daily from Entebbe or Kajansi airstrip (about 25km from Entebbe). Smaller groups land at Kayonza airstrip, then drive about 25 kilometres to camp. Larger groups land at the new Kihiki airstrip or Ishaha, then drive about 60 Kilometres to camp.

ACCOMMODATION & 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 soaking away aches and pains 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. 240 volt electricity is supplied for lighting, and recharging of videos, laptops and telephones.

ACTIVITIES

Bwindi has much to offer for the adventurous traveller.

Guided Forest Walk

Take a guided forest walk through the forest and you may see some of the 350 species of birds, 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. The visit ends with a performance by the Batwa pigmy community.



Additional Activity 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 from the park headquarters 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.

ENVIRONMENT & RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We work closely with the local communities on various projects and have helped build the clinic for the Batwa community. Everything at the camp is done with conservation in mind and we use biodegradable cleaning products and solar power.

CLIMATE & CLOTHING

Days are warm, but it almost invariably rains, 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.

HEALTH

Discuss health precautions with a qualified health professional several weeks before your departure. Anti-malarial medication is recommended. Bottled mineral water is supplied by the camp.

CHILDREN

Children are welcome at the camp. Children between 2 and 11 are

required to share with an adult. Only children aged 15 or above can track the gorillas.

CREDIT CARDS

For personal expenses and shop purchases the camp accepts Visa, MasterCard, 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.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

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

RATES

Rates at Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp include accommodation, meals, beverages (except spirits and premium brands) and laundry.

Domestic flights, gorilla permits and park fees are not included and are at an additional cost.