

AFS Gorillas Trek Uganda August 5-13, 2023

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Our Glorious AFS Itinerary

Aug 4 or 5 - Depart USA to Entebbe Uganda. Full details to come in our AFS trip tips soon.

Aug 6 - Arrival – Entebbe.

On arrival at the airport, you will be warmly welcomed and transferred to your guest house. Entebbe is a small quiet town on the shores of Lake Victoria with many things to see and easy to explore.

Overnight at Boma guest house B/B

Aug 7 - Entebbe – Kibale Forest (450 km approx. 6 hours).

After breakfast, you will depart Entebbe for Kibale Forest National Park arriving in the afternoon. Kibale Forest is a large protected block of rainforest, which has the highest number of primates in Africa such as Chimpanzees, Grey Cheeked Mangabey, Red Tailed monkey, Red Colobus and more. Relax in the afternoon.

Overnight at Chimpanzee Guest House F/B. (= full meals)

Aug 8 - Kibale Forest – Queen Elizabeth National Park

Chimp Walk! This morning, you will go chimp tracking and be part of the team that goes to study the behavior of these primates in order to enable them to get used to human beings. Spend the whole morning in the forest returning to the lodge in time for lunch. It may be challenging at times to follow the chimp troops but always rewarding.

This afternoon, you can choose an optional tour like Bigodi Swamp Tour or Crater Lakes Walk or relax and enjoy this beautiful environment.

Overnight at Chimpanzee Guest House F/B

Aug 9 - Kibale - Queen Elizabeth NP

This morning depart on a Game Drive to the Kasenyi area of the reserve returning in time for lunch. It's little wonder that Queen Elizabeth boasts one of the highest bio diversity ratings of any game park or reserve in the world, - from the open Savannah to Rain Forest, dense Papyrus Swamps and brooding Crater lakes to the vastness of Lake Edward.

Almost 100 mammal species include Lions, Hippos, Buffaloes, Leopard, Spotted Hyena, Elephants and the elusive Giant Forest Hog plus remarkable 606 bird species that include the Black Chested Eagle, the Swallow Tailed Bee Eaters, to mention but a few. The Primates include Chimps, Black and White Colobus Monkeys, Blue, Black Faced Colobus, and Golden Monkeys and Olive Baboons. Reptiles are the amazing huge Rock-Python, Puff adders, Spitting Cobras, Gabon vipers, Green Mambas, and Turtles etc. All these are regularly sighted around the tourist village on the Mweya Peninsula and this makes it a superb safari territory. Great photo ops for all the wildlife and stunning landscapes here.

Overnight at Munyanyange Cave Lodge F/B

Aug 10 - Queen Elizabeth – Southern part of Bwindi (Approx.: 5 hours drive).

This morning we depart on another game drive to the thrilling Kasenyi area of the reserve. Joy-filled game drives may reveal herds of zebra, impala, eland, lions, leopard and other savannah species. For birders, this is one of the best places to find African Finfoot, Papyrus, Bush Shrike, etc. Arrive at lodge in time for lunch.

This afternoon we depart for a relaxing boat trip along the beautiful Kazinga Channel. Hippos huff and spray mere feet away from the boat, Buffalos linger in the shallows, a tremendous variety of birds grace the grasses on the shores. Great White and Pink-Backed Pelicans, Great and Long-Tailed Cormorants, Open-Billed Stork, African Jacana, Malachite and Pied Kingfishers are commonly seen.

Overnight at Munyanyange Cave Lodge F/B

Aug 11 - Queen Elizabeth - Southern Bwindi

After breakfast, we drive through Queen Elizabeth NP around 5 hours to the southern part of Bwindi passing Kabale with beautiful scenery of hills and valleys as well as terraced tea plantations. Arrive at Lake Mulehe Gorilla Lodge in the afternoon with time for relaxation. This lodge lies on the shores of Lake Mutanda which overlooks the famous Virunga Volcanoes near Kisoro in the southwest. Get a good night's rest for the thrilling day ahead.

Overnight at Lake Mulehe Gorilla Lodge F/B

Welcome to Lake Mulehe Safari Lodge

Welcome to Lake Mulehe Safari Lodge, we would like to make your lifetime dream of visiting Uganda come true by providing you a private and peaceful environment to stay and we will go the extra mile to make sure your stay is a memorable one! The Lodge is a Peaceful Oasis where silence is broken by crickets, it is a destination of diversity, energy and culture. You can explore the wilderness and be pampered in splendor. More activities include tracking the Golden monkeys in Mgahinga or Echuya Forest, enjoy the canoe boat cruise on lake Mulehe & experience the Bafumbira culture when you take the community walk and more.

Aug 12- Gorilla Trekking –Bwindi southern group

Early to rise as we head to the National Park headquarters and meet our expert guides for the day to begin our gorilla tracking experience. After a full briefing, our guides and trackers will accompany us on an early morning trek into the dense rainforest on the mountain slopes. The journey through dense foliage and up steep climbs is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience being with these extremely rare massive primates. Often one can smell the apes before seeing them. Suddenly from the silence, you'll hear their grunts. You may see a range of ages in the family including the huge Silverback the patriarch of the group. You'll get within meters of the family and be privileged to spend time with them. It's an experience you'll never forget! (Please understand you must be reasonably fit for the stamina required. Treks take 2 to 6 hours on average. Of our past nine AFS groups here, some had it easy whereas others had it more difficult.)

In the afternoon relax at the lodge.

Optional Village Walk at a cost of \$30. This is an incredible experience offering insight into the amazing history and culture of the Batwa tribe or the Pygmys who until recently lived in the forest with the gorillas.

Overnight at Lake Mulehe Gorilla Lodge F/B

Aug 13 - Fly to Entebbe

You will transfer to Kisoro airstrip for your charter flight back to Entebbe. Flight departs 08h30, arriving Entebbe at 11h30 (goes via Queen Elizabeth NP). After lunch, relax at the botanical gardens and later fly back home. All flights back to USA depart late in the evenings.)