

Gorilla tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda

There are less than 750 mountain gorillas left in the world. They belong to one of the world most endangered apes. Your journey to look for our second closest relatives in the wild can take from 20 min up to even 6-7 hours. In most cases you will hike through the lush rainforest, cross

hills and valleys while your guide will cut the vegetation in front of you with a panga till you reach the gentle giants.

Your heart will beat faster when you've got to see the huge silverback, the mother gorillas grooming their babies and the juveniles playing with each other. You can see them feeding on a large palette of plants and handling each food items attentively and genially. You might hear booming chest beat of a silverback or roaring chimpanzees from the depth of the forest. The feeling of being in the middle of the rainforest surrounded by these peaceful creatures is indescribable.

The maximum time visitors are allowed to spend with the Gorillas is one hour; however, if the Gorillas become agitated or nervous, the guide will end the visit early.

You have to keep a minimum distance of 7 meters (21 feet) from the Gorillas. (This reduces the risk transmitting diseases between humans and Gorillas)

A maximum number of 8 visitors may visit a group (family) of habituated Gorillas in a day. This minimizes behavioral disturbances to the Gorillas and the risk of their exposure to human-borne diseases.

According to The Ugandan Wildlife Authority, there is a 95% chance that you will come across the Gorillas on your trek.

There are 8 Gorilla groups in Bwindi that can be tracked:

Buhoma site: Mubare, Habinyanja, Rushegura

Ruhija site: Bitukura, Oruzogo

Nkuringo site: Nkuringo

Rushaga site: Nshongi, Mishaya

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