



Uganda Safari Information

Your Ugandan safari adventure is just around the corner! Here are a few useful details to help you prepare for your trip.

Visas

You can apply for your Uganda Visa online at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/> or at Entebbe Airport upon arrival. Please note that you are able to apply for an East African Visa to enter Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya, but you must apply to the country that you are entering first.

Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

Gorilla Trekking is a once in a lifetime experience that will stay with you for a very long time. There are not many human - wildlife interactions that take place that leave you truly feeling that you have been touched by nature.

There are also a multitude of other animals that you might encounter including antelopes and rare monkeys not to mention the beauty of the forest itself. Once you have completed the trek you will return to the lodge, for a well-earned rest and time to reflect on a truly magical experience.

As you trek in the forest will appreciate why it is called impenetrable and this is why we recommend that you bring the following pieces of equipment for your trek:

- Shirts made of a material that dry quickly or wick away moisture.
- A fleece layer for when you stop for a rest just in case you begin to cool down and for evenings as it can get quite chilly in Bwindi.
- A third rain layer just in case it begins to rain. (a cheap poncho will do)
- Long pants, also made of a synthetic material. The length of the pants are important as this will help with the combat stinging nettle plants and red ants.
- Waterproof pants to wear on top of regular pants is optional
- Boots that fit above the ankle are crucial as you might encounter ankle-deep mud at certain points, and even knee-deep mud that will attempt to suck the boots right off your feet!
- Gaiters (are garments worn over the shoe and lower pants leg, and used primarily as personal protective equipment. They are worn over your boots that go up to the knee). These are optional and are based on personal preference as well as the type of boots and trousers you choose to wear.

All clothing should be neutral coloured, loose fitting and relaxed clothing.

- Sunscreen and moisturising cream
- Sunglasses with neck strap
- Insect repellent with DEET, please note that DEET can affect man-made fibres and plastics.
- Daypack / small rucksack
- Bush hat with a brim for sun protection
- Head torch
- Binoculars - Optional
- Ziplocs / dry bags and other plastic bags for keeping valuables dry or storing wet clothes
- Some treks last well into the afternoon, lodges prepare a packed lunch, but if you can do bring some energy bars with you to keep you going
- Make sure you at least have 1 litre of water as part of your packed lunch
- Hiking / Smart Wools Socks



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You can hire porters to help you carry your packed lunch and camera bag etc, so that you are free to trek without any added hindrance.

Having a walking stick during the trek is very beneficial. Most lodges provide walking sticks, some for hire or some for free. You are also able to hire walking sticks at the Uganda Wildlife Authority Headquarters where the gorilla trek begins.

Tipping

All tipping is done at the discretion of clients linked to the service they feel they have received. Please see below tipping guidelines for Uganda:

- Tipping drivers/guides \$5-10 per person per day
- Tipping rangers on Gorilla and Chimp trekking is \$20 per person.
- Tipping porters Gorilla and Chimp trekking is \$25 per porter per day .
- Tipping captains on boat cruises \$5-10 per person

Currency

There are ATMs that accept international cards to be able to withdrawal money in all of the major cities in Uganda. In Kampala there are specific ATMs that will allow you to withdrawal USD.

Most cities do have Forex Bureaus, however \$20 and \$10 notes will attract a lower conversation rate.

United States dollars that are printed prior 2006 are not accepted in Uganda