TANZANIA · RWANDA · UGANDA / 13 NIGHTS

Tanzania safari and gorilla trekking

From Tanzania’s baobab country and open plains to the forests of Bwindi







Follow the Tarangire River through elephant country, descend into the Ngorongoro Crater and spend four nights between the Serengeti plains and Lake Victoria. Then fly to Kigali for a night in Rwanda’s capital before crossing into Uganda to track mountain gorillas on foot in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Night 1	Arusha area	Riverside country inn · 1 night
Nights 2–3	Tarangire	Safari lodge · 2 nights
Nights 4–5	Ngorongoro	Forested crater-rim camp · 2 nights
Nights 6–7	Central Serengeti	Tented safari camp · 2 nights
Nights 8–9	Lake Victoria	Wetland camp near the Western Corridor · 2 nights
Night 10	Kigali, Rwanda	City hotel · 1 night
Nights 11–13	Bwindi, Uganda	Rainforest lodge · 3 nights

A little inspiration for your own journey. I can tailor the pace, experiences and places to stay around how you like to travel.

NIGHT 1 / NIGHTS 2–3

Into Tanzania’s elephant country

Arusha’s green foothills and Tarangire’s baobab country

A gentle beginning near Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer to your country inn. There is time to settle in after the flight and take a short stroll beside the river before dinner.

SUGGESTED STAY / 1 NIGHT

Riverside country inn · Arusha area · Full board

Set between Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro, the inn has characterful cottages, leafy gardens and riverside paths. An open fire and a relaxed dinner make for an easy first evening.







Elephants and baobabs in Tarangire

Spend two nights in Tarangire National Park. The river draws wildlife to its banks, particularly in the dry season. Look for elephants, buffalo and zebra moving between the baobabs, and watch for lions as you explore with your guide.

SUGGESTED STAY / 2 NIGHTS

Safari lodge above the Tarangire River · Full board

The lodge sits high above the river valley. Its broad terrace is a lovely place to sit between drives, with a chance of seeing elephants moving across the valley below.

NIGHTS 4–5 / NIGHTS 6–7

From crater floor to open plains

Ngorongoro Conservation Area · Central Serengeti







Two nights in the Ngorongoro highlands

Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater with your guide, looking for wildlife across the grasslands and around the marshes and lake. Watch for buffalo, hippos and lions, with a chance of seeing a black rhino.

SUGGESTED STAY / 2 NIGHTS

Small tented camp near the crater rim · Full board

The camp sits among trees in the highlands. Wake to birdsong, then return from the crater to dinner under canvas and time by the fire as the evening cools.

Across the central Serengeti

Continue overland to the Serengeti. Open grasslands, acacias and rocky kopjes give you plenty to explore on game drives, with chances to see resident lions, leopards and cheetahs.

SUGGESTED STAY / 2 NIGHTS

Tented safari camp · Central Serengeti · Full board

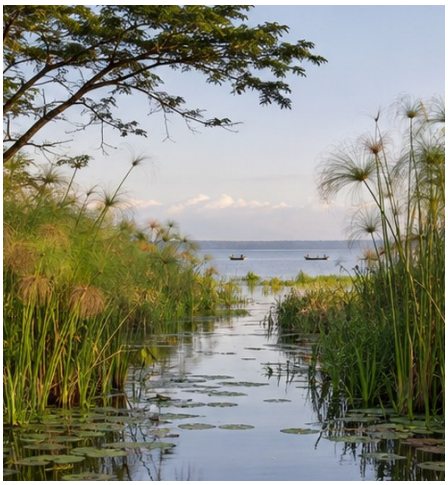
The tented villas have private verandas overlooking the savannah. In the evening, take your time over dinner or sit by the fire as the light fades across the plains.

NIGHTS 8–9 / LAKE VICTORIA

Where the Serengeti meets the wetlands

A quieter stretch of the safari near the Western Corridor







From savannah to papyrus channels

Head west towards Lake Victoria. The landscape changes from open plains to lakeshore and wetlands. Spend time exploring the Western Corridor with your guide, or ask about taking a boat or canoe through the channels for a different view of the area.

SUGGESTED STAY / 2 NIGHTS

Small wetland camp near Lake Victoria · Full board

The camp sits beside waterways that connect to Speke Bay. Papyrus and reeds bring birds close, and there is time to watch for kingfishers and weavers from camp or listen to the wetlands settle at dusk.

In Tanzania, you travel in a 4×4 with a pop-up roof for game viewing. The pace and activities can be tailored around the season and how you like to spend your time.

NIGHT 10 / KIGALI

A night in Rwanda’s capital

A pause between the Tanzania safari and Uganda’s rainforest



A change of pace in Kigali

Leave the Lake Victoria area and continue by air to Kigali. If time allows, visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial, a place of remembrance and learning about the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. You could also spend time at a local market or simply settle in after the journey.

SUGGESTED STAY / 1 NIGHT

City hotel · Kigali · Full board

The suggested hotel has a large outdoor pool and space to unwind after travelling. A night here gives you time to pause before the road journey into Uganda.

Across the border to Bwindi

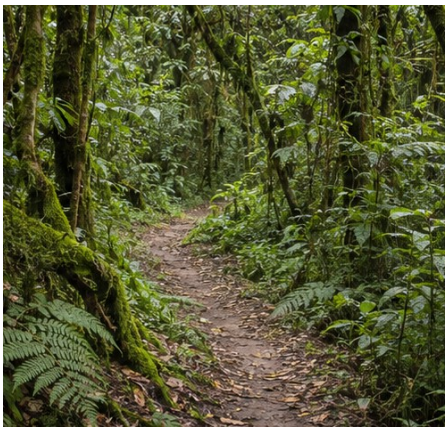
Continue by road into south-western Uganda. As you reach Bwindi, cultivated hills give way to dense rainforest. Settle into your lodge and leave the rest of the day easy before the trek.

NIGHTS 11–13 / BWINDI, UGANDA

Into the forest with the gorillas

Three nights in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park







Track mountain gorillas on foot

After a ranger briefing, head into the forest to look for a habituated mountain gorilla family. The route and time on foot vary with the gorillas' movements, and trails can be steep or muddy. Once the group is located, you can spend up to an hour observing them. This sample includes one gorilla trekking permit. The minimum trekking age is 15.

SUGGESTED STAY / 3 NIGHTS

Rainforest lodge · Buhoma, Bwindi · Full board

Set among the trees in Bwindi's Buhoma sector, the lodge has forest-facing decks where you can sit and listen to the canopy. Spend the rest of your stay at an easy pace or ask about a guided forest walk or a local community visit.

After your final night in Bwindi, continue with your onward travel arrangements.

MAKE THIS JOURNEY YOURS

Get in touch to talk through the route, the lodges and how you would like to experience the forest.

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