



MOUNTAIN GORILLA

UGANDA

Inside Uganda: Primate Quest

September 12–23, 2021



QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK

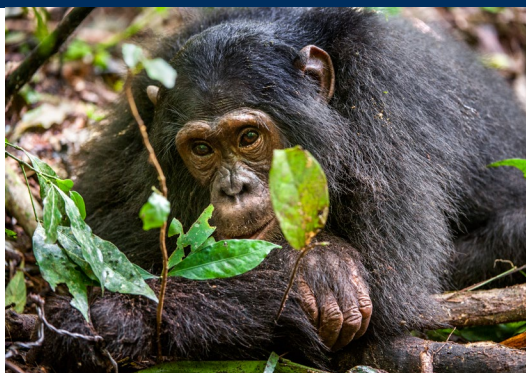
WHY UGANDA? Nestled in the heart of east Africa, Uganda is home to a remarkable 13 primate species, and offers the opportunity to observe gorilla and chimpanzee populations up close in their native habitats. Mountain gorillas in particular are extremely rare, with only an estimated 850 remaining in the wild.

Journey through the rainforests and lush, rolling hills of Uganda

in search of two of the world's most charismatic and endangered great apes—the mountain gorilla and the eastern chimpanzee. With luck, you'll encounter these majestic creatures and observe and photograph them at close range in their natural habitat. Also witness other iconic East African flora and fauna during game drives, hikes, and boat rides amid the spellbinding natural landscapes of rainforests, savannas, volcanic crater lakes, and the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains. In addition to incredible wildlife-viewing opportunities, connect with community members and learn about daily life in local villages.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Journey into the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to track and observe endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.
- Embark on a game-viewing boat ride on the Kazinga Channel in hopes of seeing hippos, buffaloes, crocodiles, elephants, and the unusual Shoebill Stork.
- Look for tree-climbing lions and other wildlife in Queen Elizabeth National Park.
- Trek in the rainforests of Kibale Forest National Park, home to the greatest variety and concentration of primates found anywhere in East Africa, including humans' closest living relative, the chimpanzee.
- Visit a local tea plantation to learn how this important export is grown, harvested, and processed.



ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

Participants should be able to ascend or descend 100 or more stairs consecutively, plus walk for at least 8 hours over some steep slopes, uneven, and potentially slippery surfaces without difficulty. Physical activities typically last for 5 or more hours at a time.

SEPTEMBER 12 - DEPART U.S.

In flight to Uganda.

SEPTEMBER 13 - ENTEBBE

Arrive at Entebbe International Airport where you will be met by our representative and transferred to our lodge in Entebbe, a small town on the shores of Lake Victoria. *Overnight at Boma Lodge.*



SEPTEMBER 14 - BWINDI NP

After breakfast and a program orientation, transfer to Entebbe domestic airport for your hour-long flight to Kihiki airstrip, near Bwindi and Queen Elizabeth National Parks. Please note baggage allowance is 30 lbs per person. Upon arrival you will be met by a representative and driven to Buhoma Lodge within Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies, and 160 species of trees, Bwindi also contains almost half of the world's population of the endangered mountain gorilla. The group will have the opportunity for two days of gorilla tracking while at Buhoma Lodge. One day is included in the program cost, and the second day is optional at an additional cost of \$770 per person in advance. This evening, attend a lecture with Gorilla Doctors. *Overnight at Buhoma Lodge. (BLD)*

SEPTEMBER 15 - BWINDI NP

Following breakfast at the lodge, walk down to National Park Headquarters to begin your gorilla tracking experience. Experienced guides and trackers will accompany your party on an early morning trek into the dense rain forest on the mountain slopes. The journey, through dense foliage and up steep climbs, is abundantly rewarded with the lifetime experience of viewing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. You will have an opportunity to be within meters of these magnificent apes, sharing in their daily lives and experiencing their day-to-day activities. Following the trek, return to your accommodation and have time to relax and savor your experience. Please note: tracking may be fairly strenuous. Treks up to six

hours or longer, at high altitudes, are not uncommon. As mountain gorillas are wild animals, sightings cannot be guaranteed. However viewing success rates are over 95%. *Overnight at Buhoma Lodge. (BLD)*

SEPTEMBER 16 - BWINDI NP

Today, those who have pre-purchased the optional second gorilla trek will depart for a second experience following breakfast at the lodge. Those not tracking gorillas will visit the local villages surrounding Bwindi. Activities may include visits to a local home, orphanage, or school, banana brewing demonstrations, and/or meeting traditional medicinal healers. After lunch, walk through tropical rainforest with experienced wildlife guides. Enjoy scenic views, the sights and sounds of the rainforest, ample opportunities for wildlife viewing. *Overnight at Buhoma Lodge. (BLD)*

SEPTEMBER 17 - QUEEN ELIZABETH NP

This morning depart Bwindi and travel (2-3 hours) to Ishasha in south Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP). Time permitting en route, we may visit a community project and meet Agartha, a local craftswoman and farmer who will share how women of the Bakiga tribe prepare their local food. Check in at Ishasha Wilderness Camp and settle in to your spacious canvas room. Then, embark on a game drive in search of heard of buffalo, elephant, Uganda Kob and tree climbing lions, for which QENP is famous. This evening enjoy a late afternoon sundowner alongside the Ntungwe River. *Overnight at Ishasha Wilderness Camp. (BLD)*



SEPTEMBER 18 - QUEEN ELIZABETH NP

This morning, transfer to the Mweya section of QENP with game viewing en route. Located on a peninsula on Lake Edward, Mweya Safari Lodge offers excellent views of the Kazinga Channel, which connects Lake Edward to Lake George, and the surrounding savanna. After lunch at the lodge, enjoy a scenic boat ride on the Kazinga Channel. Along the banks of this waterway it's possible to spot hippos, buffalos, elephants, and numerous water birds. Lake George is a Ramsar site; its wetlands are important

wintering grounds for migrating water birds as well as a number of native species. Afterward, attend a pre-dinner lecture: “An Introduction to Queen Elizabeth National Park.” *Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge. (BLD)*

SEPTEMBER 19 - QUEEN ELIZABETH NP

Spend the day enjoying game drives in the Mweya area of QENP against the beautiful backdrop of crater lakes and mountain ranges. Embark on another boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel and look for elephants, buffalos, antelopes, warthogs, hippos, and crocodiles basking on the shore. Kazinga’s shores are a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates. The cruise also provides a spectacular view of the beautiful Mweya Peninsula and life in local fishing villages set along the banks. *Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge. (BLD)*



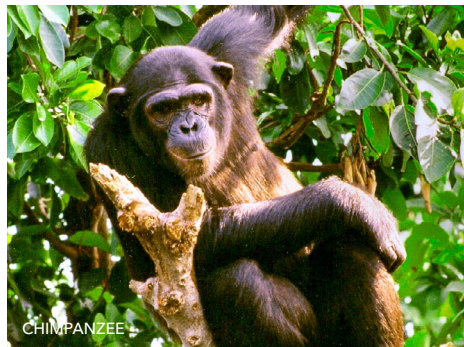
UGANDA TEA LEAVES

SEPTEMBER 20 - KIBALE

After breakfast depart for Kibale (approx. 4 hours). Have lunch en route and arrive at Primate Lodge in the heart of Kibale Forest National Park, Uganda’s most accessible rainforest, and home to a remarkable 13 primate species and 325 species of birds. Accommodations are safari-style tents with en suite bathrooms on raised wooden platforms. This afternoon, visit a local tea plantation and learn how this important export is grown, harvested, and processed. Return to the lodge for a lecture on chimpanzee ecology and behavior. After dinner, set off on a hike to search for nocturnal wildlife like nightjars, potto, bush babies, and tree hyrax. *Overnight at Primate Lodge Kibale. (BLD)*

SEPTEMBER 21 - KIBALE

Today’s highlight is the chimpanzee trek in the forest to see these amazing animals in their natural habitat. The trek is expected to take a full morning. Seeing chimpanzees is not guaranteed, but in general the efforts pay off. Kibale is an extensive national park, harboring abundant avifauna as well as the greatest variety and concentration of primates



found anywhere in East Africa. Kibale’s major attraction, however, is the opportunity to track habituated chimps — these delightful apes are more closely related to humans than to any other living creature. This is one of the best-studied forests in Africa, and has been the site of several long-term primate projects. This afternoon, spend time hiking in Kibale Forest with a focus on endemic plants. *Overnight at Primate Lodge Kibale. (BLD)*

SEPTEMBER 22 - ENTEBBE

Depart after an early breakfast for the drive back to Entebbe, stopping for curio shopping along the way and a quick photo stop at the Equator. Arrive back in Entebbe in the late afternoon and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. You can explore Entebbe, or rest up at our hotel day room before the group transfer to the international airport for flights home later this evening. *Day room at Boma Lodge. (BL)*

SEPTEMBER 23 - ARRIVE HOME

Arrive back in the U.S.

PRICING: \$8,990 per person

Based on 10 participants. Single supplement is \$900.

Price includes:

- Internal flight Entebbe-Kihili
- 9 nights’ accommodations
- 25 meals – 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners
- Non-alcoholic beverages with meals
- Sightseeing and activities as described, including entrance fees
- Private vehicle transportation
- Bottled water on the bus
- All tips and gratuities
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- Carbon offset
- Departure tax

Price does not include: international airfare, trip cancellation insurance, gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff, drinks purchased on own, items of a personal nature.

Holbrook Travel can assist with making your flight arrangements upon request. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended (offered through the Alumni Association of University of Michigan).



MICHIGAN ALUMNI TRAVEL | RESERVATION FORM

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Enclosed is my/our nonrefundable deposit for \$ _____ (\$2500 per person) for _____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/we understand the final payment is due no later than March 16, 2021 (180 days before departure). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Holbrook Travel, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Holbrook Travel, 3540 NW 13th Street, Gainesville FL, 32609. For questions please call the Alumni Association at 855-764-0064 or Holbrook Travel at toll free 800.451.7111, or email travel@holbrooktravel.com.

Full Passport Name _____ DOB _____ Gender _____

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Badge Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Cell Ph. (_____) _____

Please book my/our air from _____. I/we request an air upgrade to _____.

I will share a room with _____.

I request a single room (limited availability).

Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Holbrook Travel, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Holbrook Travel. Final payment is due no later than March 16, 2021 (check or credit card).

ASSOCIATION'S DISCLAIMER

The Association is not the Tour Operator. The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or car-rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control. The Association acts only as an independent contractor and not as a principal, agent or joint venture for the airline, hotel, car-rental company, cruise line and/or tour operator named in brochure. As a result, the Association is not responsible for their acts or omissions. The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control. The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel and tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person's health, actions or general department impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour.

Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price domestic airfare from your departure city; costs of passports; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; and trip cancellation insurance. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

International Air Transportation Estimated airfare: **\$2,125 from Detroit to Entebbe**. Holbrook Travel offers group airfare and ticketing. Group transfers between the airport and hotel are included in your program cost. A note about online airfare: Occasionally, you may be able to find airfares online that are listed at a lower cost. In general, individual fares lack the flexibility of group airfare and often require immediate purchase. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2 1/2 months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Holbrook Travel is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour "Land Only" is available. We recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Michigan Alumni Travel and Holbrook Travel, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Cancellations, Changes and Refunds If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancellations received before March 16, 2021 are refundable minus the \$2,500 per person deposit; cancellations after March 16, 2021 are non-refundable.** Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation before March 16, 2021. From March 17, 2021 until 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. If due to unforeseen circumstances Holbrook Travel cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Health and Medical Issues We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate on a Holbrook Travel tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day). You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Michigan Alumni Travel and Holbrook Travel assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Holbrook Travel has a no smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Required Information Upon reservation, you must provide your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender (for details, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue. **A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on this tour.**

Responsibility The liability of Alumni Association of the University of Michigan (AAUM) as sponsor, and Holbrook Travel Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. AAUM and Holbrook Travel, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. AAUM and Holbrook Travel, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality and may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions. The services of any IATA and ATO carrier may be used in connection with these tours. The participant understands that if he/she books special low cost airfares with penalties, and cancels the reservation, he/she is responsible for any penalties incurred from the airline.



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