



Uganda - Ultimate Primates

Safari Itinerary - May 2023



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Day One

Arrive by air into Entebbe, Uganda at the international airport and be met by Alex and representatives of Wild Frontiers, Alex's tried and trusted local safari outfit - and drive the short distance to the lovely Hotel No. 5 in a quiet location close to the airport.

Once our group is assembled, Alex will talk through the upcoming safari and logistics, answering any questions you may have and share insights and inspiration for photography; discussing settings and inspiration to begin creating your own wonderful portfolio. The rest of the day is yours to relax before your safaris starts proper the next day.



Hotel No. 5 - Entebbe

Day Two

Your safari begins proper as we rise early for a hearty breakfast before catching our internal flight north towards Kibale, one of the greatest strongholds for chimpanzees in East Africa.

Once settled into our home for the next two nights at Turaco Treetops and after lunch, we'll head out on the first of many primate experiences and spend the afternoon trekking for chimpanzees through the lush tropical forests.

Trekking for primates can be strenuous so a reasonable level of fitness is required but don't let this deter you as coming face-to-face with these cousins of ours in the wild is a very special experience.

Day Three

One chimpanzee trek is simply not enough and after breakfast we make our way back to the ranger outpost in Kibale NP for a full day of chimpanzee trekking. This time, we'll go in search of troops which are being habituated to human presence. The process allows researchers and scientists to learn more about these magnificent primates and at the same time allows us to spend more time in their presence, up to four hours. It can be harder work than the morning or afternoon treks but more time, means better opportunity for learning, understanding, appreciating and photographing these wonderful cousins of ours.



Turaco Treetops - Kibale NP



Chimpanzee trekking - Kibale NP



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Days Four and Five

After two nights in Kibale, we drive south towards the Northern section of Queen Elizabeth National Park, crossing the equator en-route and stopping at Mweya on the Kazinga Channel for a private boat cruise and lunch before continuing south to the beautiful, remote concession of Ishasha and our home for the next two nights - the brilliant and award winning Ishasha Wilderness Camp, idyllically located on the banks of the Ntungwe River.

This will be our base from which to explore the savannahs and riverine areas in search of elephants, hippo, buffalo, the Ugandan Kob and the tree-climbing lions for which the area has become synonymous.

Ishasha is an excellent example of an authentic, luxury safari camp which you will undoubtedly fall in love with.

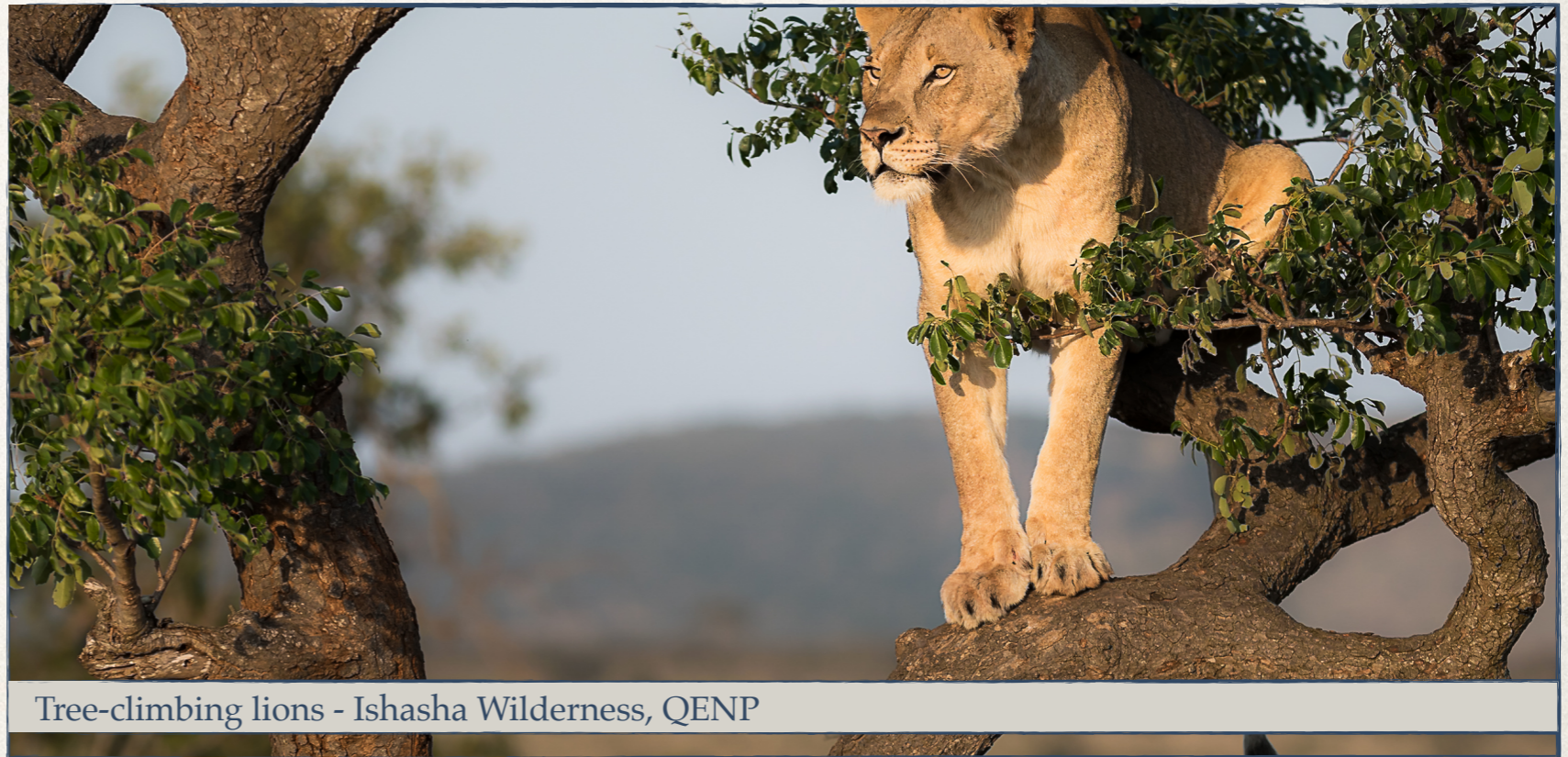
We'll enjoy early morning and afternoon game drives, bush breakfasts, sundowners over looking the grassy plains of Ishasha and at night listen to the unmistakable sounds of hippos as they leave the cooling waters of the river which flows gently in front of camp.



Ishasha Wilderness Camp - QENP



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Tree-climbing lions - Ishasha Wilderness, QENP



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Day Six

After two nights, we depart Ishasha by road, leaving behind the savannahs and travelling through colourful communities, vast tree plantations as we approach the indomitable Bwindi Impenetrable Forest - home of the noble mountain gorilla.

Our home for the next two nights will be at Buhoma Lodge. After arriving the afternoon will be yours to relax or explore the safe and friendly local community.

The superb Buhoma Lodge is inside the borders of the national forest and commands spectacular views over the mist shrouded jungle.



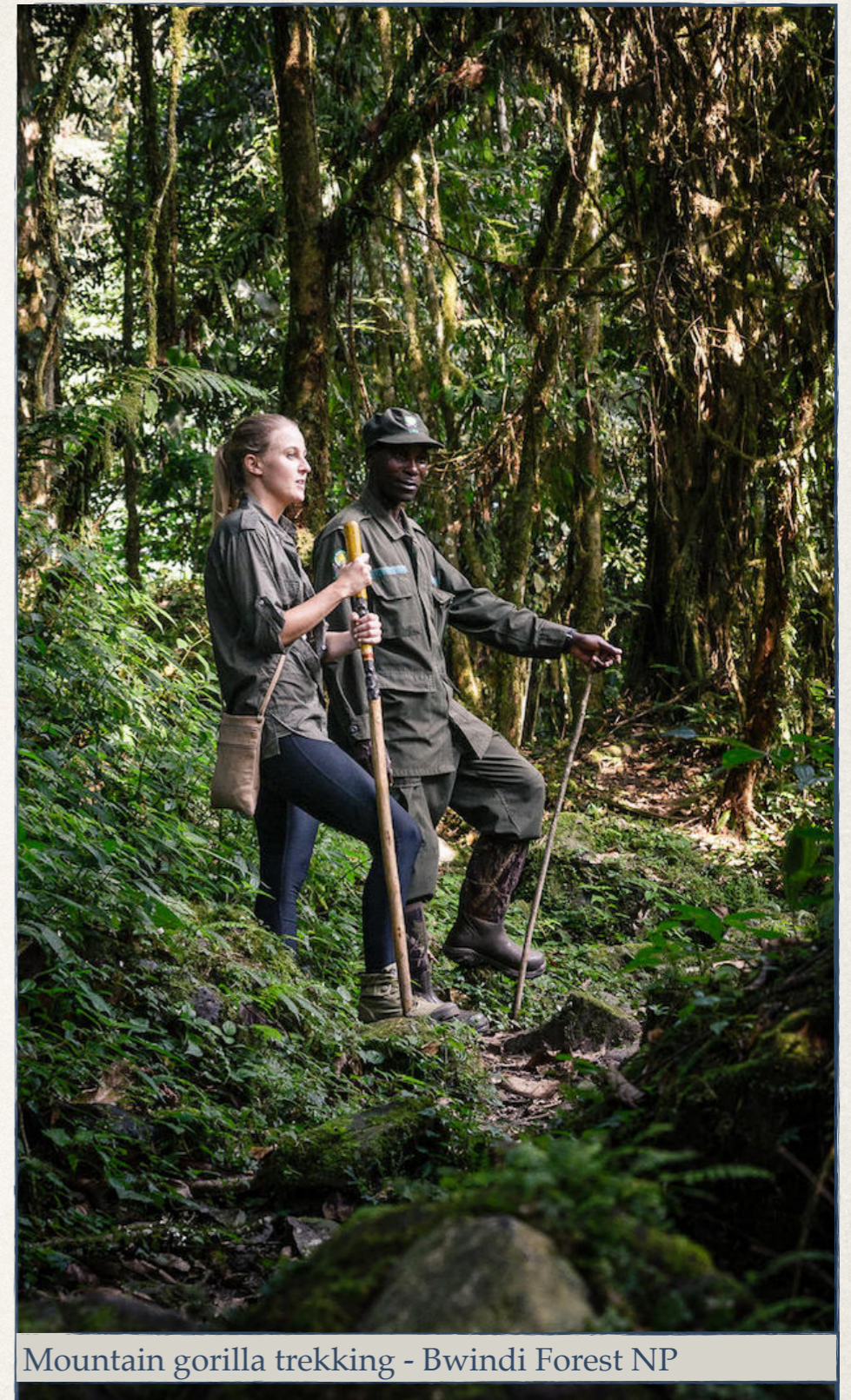
Buhoma Lodge - Bwindi Forest NP

Day Seven

This is the morning of your first of two gorilla trekking experiences. Each trek varies in duration depending on the gorilla family the group has been assigned to. Gorilla trekking, as with chimpanzee trekking can be strenuous so a reasonable level of fitness is preferable. Local porters are on hand to assist with carrying backpacks and photography equipment if needed. Once the family has been located, the group will be allowed to spend up to one hour in the company, keeping a distance of seven meters from these amazing creatures... but bear in mind gorillas don't adhere to the rules and the possibility of them coming closer is a reality.



Mountain gorilla - Bwindi Forest NP



Mountain gorilla trekking - Bwindi Forest NP



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Day Eight

We leave Buhoma and head towards Nkuringo sector of Bwindi Forest. How you get there is up to you... you can either sit back and enjoy the ride in our private 4x4 vehicle as it winds its way south or, you can take the route of explorers from years gone by and hike the trail under the guidance of local guides.

The four to five hour trek is simply stunning and you'll no doubt encounter various primate species as well as a multitude of beautifully coloured birds as the guides explain about the local flora and fauna.

Home for the next two nights is the tranquil Lake Mutanda Resort on the shores of Lake Mutanda and the rest of the day is yours to relax or enjoy water activities on the lake.



Lake Mutanda Resort

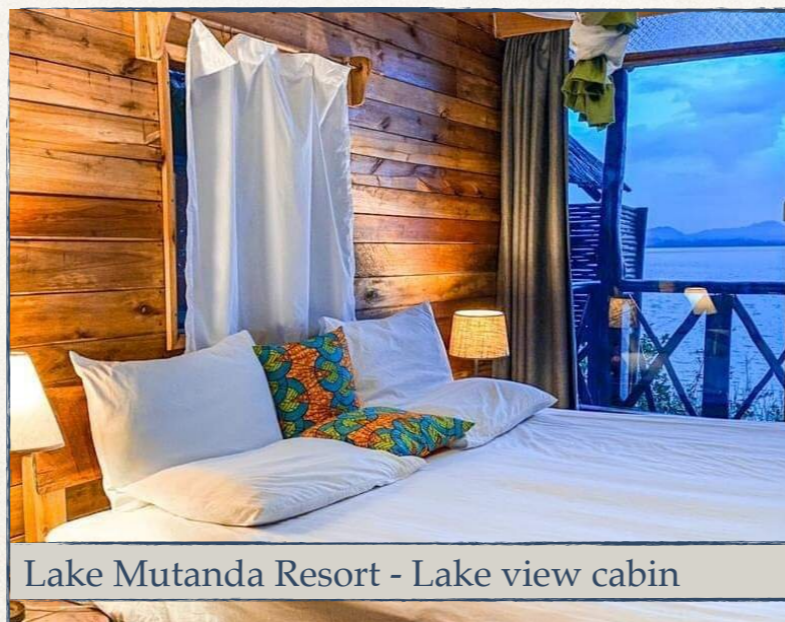
Day Nine

The second of your gorilla trekking experiences and the reason for selecting this second area is because it is the preferred choice for wildlife photographers with dominant silverbacks often showing off their physical prowess and beating their chests - it will certainly get your blood racing!

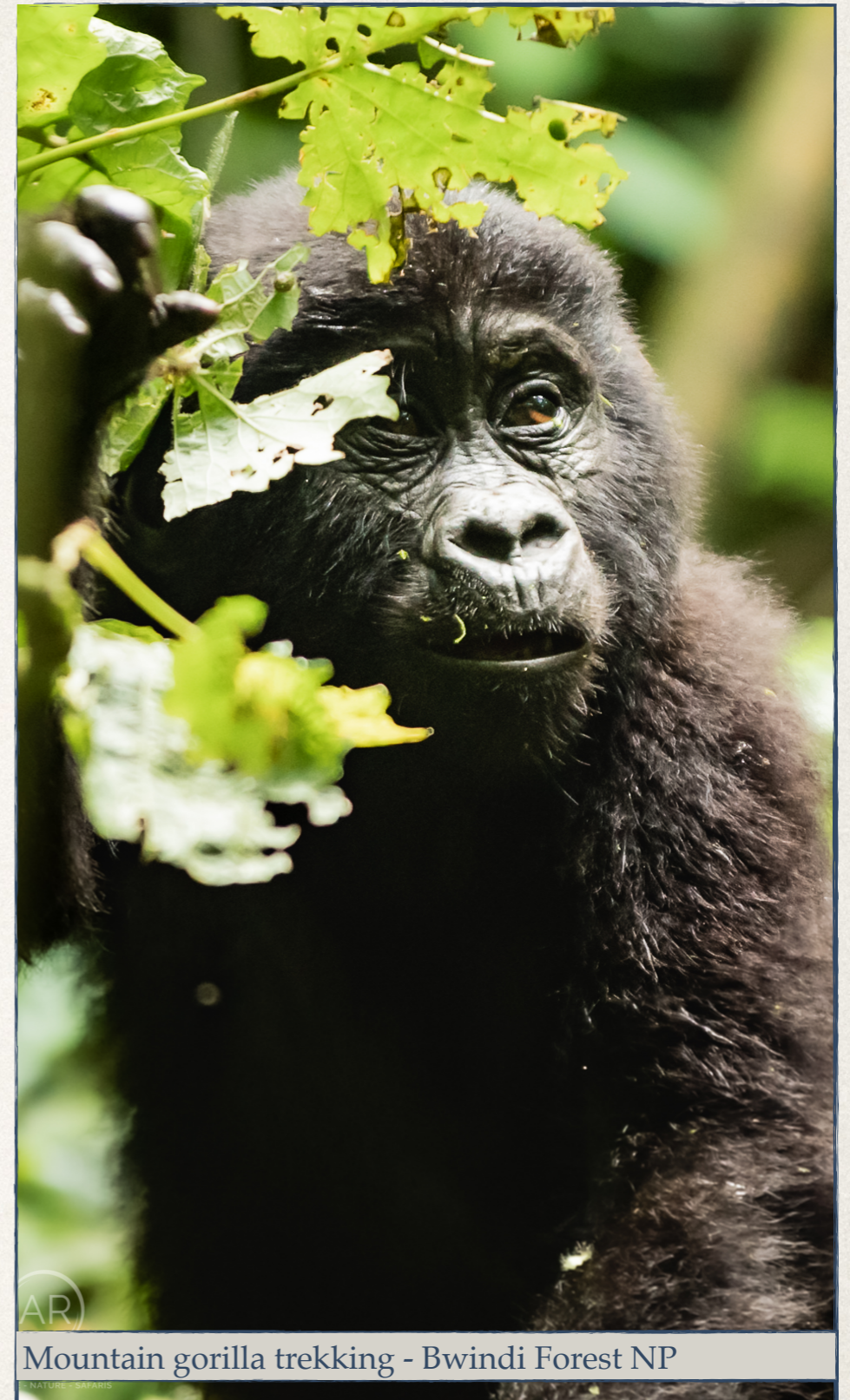
After gorilla trekking, the rest of the day is yours to unwind and relax and take in the splendour of your surroundings.

Day Ten

The last day of our safari and we take a short drive to a local airstrip to catch the internal flight back to Entebbe for your flight home with a longing to return to Africa and experience her magnificence again!



Lake Mutanda Resort - Lake view cabin



Mountain gorilla trekking - Bwindi Forest NP



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INCLUSIONS

All four primate trekking activity permits:

- Kibale - 1x PM Chimpanzee trek & 1x chimpanzee habituation trek
- Bwindi - 1x gorilla trek Buhoma sector & 1x gorilla trek Nkuringu sector
- All accommodation on safari:
 - 1x night Entebbe - Hotel No 5. (Bed & breakfast)
 - 2x nights Kibale - Turaco Treetops (Full board)
 - 2x nights QENP - Ishasha Wilderness Camp (Full board)
 - 2x nights Bwindi Forest - Buhoma Lodge (Full board)
 - 2x nights Lake Mutanda - Lake Mutanda Resort (Full board)
- Exclusive 4x4 safari vehicle and road transport in Uganda
- Internal flights in Uganda with extra baggage allowance: Entebbe to Kasase - Kisoro to Entebbe
- Photography mentorship, tuition and editing sessions with your host, Alex.
- Pre-departure Covid testing from Uganda - if still appropriate.

Booking your place

This couldn't be easier. Click the button below or send Alex an email - alex@alexroldan.co.uk or call +44 (0) 7837924 267 and begin your journey to experience remarkable wildlife

Secure your place

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights and appropriate visas.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Photography equipment.
- Appropriate medical, travel and other insurances - this is highly recommended.
- Evening meal and drinks in Entebbe, Uganda
- Tips, gratuities and primate trekking porter hire.
- Inbound Covid testing from your country of departure/origin.

Read about mountain gorilla trekking



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