

Uganda: Gorilla Trekking with Wildlife Photographer Scott Portelli

This six day journey explores the impenetrable forest of Bwindi National Park in search of the endangered mountain gorillas that call it home. Two mornings are spent trekking the gorillas in their natural habitat in the company of award-winning photographer, Scott Portelli. Scott is there to assist you in taking the perfect images of these great apes, come rain or shine – he knows the best time, angles and camera settings to get great shots during your limited time with them.

You can spend up to an hour with the gorillas each time, and with the option of a third trek, you'll have plenty of opportunity to capture some incredible images. The afternoons are not wasted, learn how to edit your images professionally with expert guidance from Scott.

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YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Day	Date	Travel/Activities	Accommodation
1	26 Apr	Arrive Entebbe	No.5 Boutique Hotel
2	27 Apr	Entebbe - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park	Bwindi Lodge
3	28 Apr	Bwindi – 1 st Gorilla Trek	Bwindi Lodge
4	29 Apr	Bwindi – 2 nd Gorilla Trek	Bwindi Lodge
5	30, Apr	Optional Gorilla Trek & Batwa Community Visit	Bwindi Lodge
6	1, May	Bwindi - Entebbe - Ngamba – Depart	

HIGHLIGHTS

Tracking the mountain gorillas in the wild, twice!

Getting expert photographic advice from Scott Portelli

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Scott Portelli is an international award winning wildlife, nature and underwater photographer. A member of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP), he is regarded as a leading professional in his field. Scott has spent thousands of hours in remote locations across the globe filming and photographing wildlife, the underwater environment and wild places.

He was awarded at the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the year in London in 2016 and announced National winner of the Sony World Photography awards 2016 and winner at Travel Photographer of the Year 2015. His conservation documentary also took out 2 awards at the prestigious French Underwater Film Festival in Marseille in 2015. More recently he was awarded

winner in the Animal Behaviour Category at the Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year ANZANG 2017 and Winner in the Underwater Category of the Asferico International Nature Photography awards 2018.

An accredited licensed RPAS/UAV Pilot, Scott has worked on aerial projects for some of Australia's most sort out tourism destinations. Working in extreme conditions, Scott's photography and filming credits show above and below the surface.

Scott runs photography workshops and lectures to show enthusiasts and experts alike the best way to get the most out of their photography. On his tours he specializes in underwater and wildlife photography bringing the best tips and techniques for photographing in challenging locations.

For a character feature visit: <https://vimeo.com/132677858>.

NATURAL WORLD HIGHLIGHTS



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1



26 April 2019

Arrive Entebbe

Upon arrival at Entebbe airport you will be met and driven to a nearby guesthouse for the rest of the day. In the evening there will be a welcome dinner, hosted by Scott, who will help prepare you for the next few days!

Overnight accommodation

No. 5 Boutique Hotel – This newly opened (July 2018) stylish boutique hotel is nestled into the leafy suburbs of Entebbe just 10 minutes from the airport. There are just 10 deluxe rooms and 5 apartments set in the peaceful hotel grounds. Unwind beside the swimming pool, enjoy the gym and spa facilities and enjoy the versatile menu offered at the onsite restaurant.

Meals: D



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2



27 April 2019

Entebbe - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

In the early morning you'll be driven back to the airport for the Aerolink scheduled flight (07:00/09:00) to Kahihi. **There is a luggage restriction of 15kgs per person on the internal flights.** The lodge shared vehicles await to transfer you 1hr30 mins to your lodge. Afternoon relaxation at the lodge to prepare for the following day's adventure or if you fancy you can visit a local tea plantation or enjoy a self-guided community walk.

Overnight accommodation

[Bwindi Lodge](#) - Bwindi Lodge is a comfortable and stylish eco-lodge with 8 tranquil bandas and stunning views overlooking the primeval forest. Each banda has an en-suite eco-bathroom with bush showers and self composting toilets. On occasions gorillas, chimpanzees and birds can often be heard screeching near the river below whilst you sit back and relax on the open veranda after a hard days gorilla tracking through the Impenetrable Forest. This eco-lodge set in the forest is a favourite haunt for the gorillas which can often be found sleeping at the lodge.

Meals: B,L,D

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3 - 4



28 – 29 April 2019

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Two days of tracking! The Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi are part of a worldwide population of just 820. The gorillas you can track belong to one of three habituated family groups. For up to five years each, these groups have undergone an extremely delicate process that has gradually brought them to tolerate the presence of humans for a brief period every day and allowed a few privileged visitors to interact with them. The gorillas are by no means tame, and are completely wild. Experienced guides will accompany you, many of whom have been involved in the habituation process themselves. The guides will use their knowledge of the gorillas' habits and information from the previous day to locate the group's whereabouts. Because of this, the time taken to track the gorillas varies enormously, from as little as half an hour to 9 hours.

Scott will guide you through how to get the best out of your photographs and in the evenings, go through them with you so you can improve your skills in following days.

Overnight accommodation

[Bwindi Lodge](#) -

Meals: B,L,D

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 5



30 April 2019

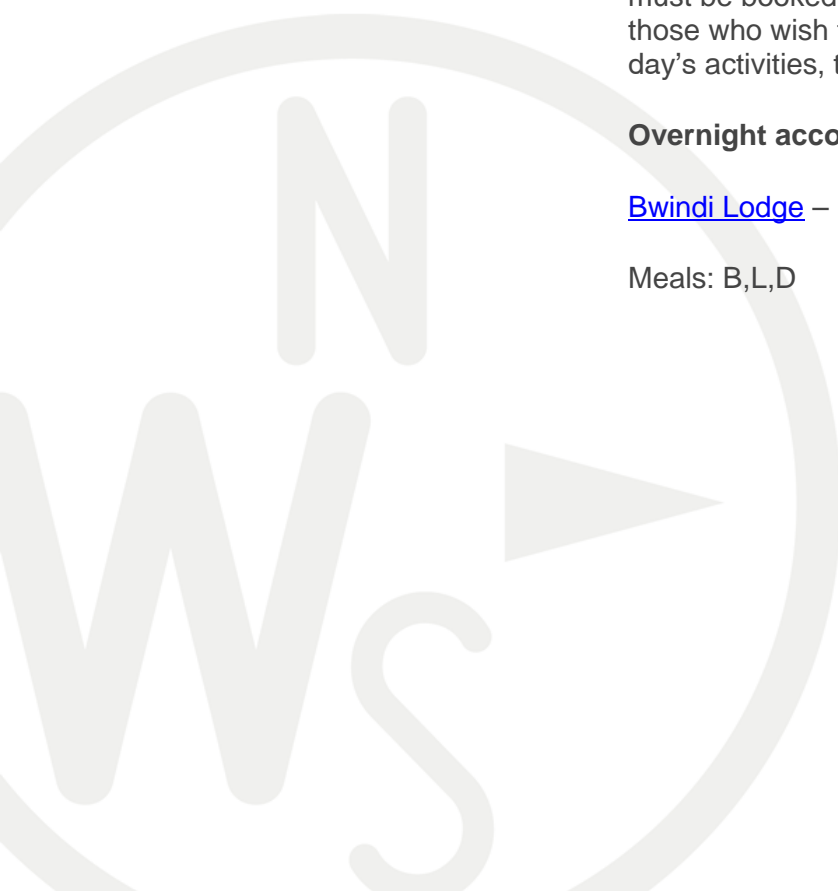
Optional Gorilla Trek or Batwa Community Visit or Forest Walk

Today choose from a third gorilla tracking experience (£480), a full day guided community walk with the Batwa/Pygmy tribe (£65) or a forest walk to the Munyaga waterfall (£56). These activities must be booked at time of booking and are at additional cost. For those who wish to relax at the lodge and recuperate after the last day's activities, then this is of course also an option!

Overnight accommodation

[Bwindi Lodge](#) –

Meals: B,L,D



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6



1 May 2019

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park - Entebbe

Today depart at 7:30am to Kihiki for the scheduled Aerolink flight to Entebbe (09:30/11:30) You will be met and transferred to a guest house where you leave luggage, pick up a packed lunch and then transfer approx 15mins to the pier for your afternoon shared boat ride to Ngamba Island for the afternoon viewing and feeding of the chimps. Return to the mainland, freshen up, have a farewell dinner before transferring to the airport to check in for your International departure flight. (guests departing on flights before 6pm will not be able to join on the Ngamba Island trip).

Meals: B,L,D

Farewell to Africa – Safe onward travels



COSTS

Per Person Sharing: £4,480 plus add £960 for 2 Gorilla Permits per person = £5,440

Single Supplement: £470

Based on a group of 7 people + Scott as photographic leader

Includes: accommodation & meals as stated (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner), airport meet/greet & airport transfers as per itinerary, shared lodge vehicle while in Bwindi, Scott Portelli photographer guide, park entrance fees as per itinerary, return flights from Entebbe – Kahiji - Entebbe

Excludes: international flights, possible fuel surcharge, possible departure tax, early & late check in/out at lodges/camps/hotels, visas, tips, items of personal nature, optional activities on day 5, items not mentioned in the `Includes` section

NOTES

Please note the following:

**Small Group Departure: Based on minimum 5 guests and maximum 7 guests.
Per person trip price subject to adjustment if minimum numbers not reached.**

There is a minimum age of 15 for the gorilla treks.

A strict baggage allowance of 15 kilos per person, including hand luggage, is applicable on all small aircraft. The carriage of excess baggage is not guaranteed.

Comprehensive Travel insurance to cover cancellation, curtailment, medical, baggage, loss of personal effects and evacuation cover, is excluded and it is sole responsibility of guests to obtain at the time of confirmation. This is compulsory for all bookings made through Natural World Safaris

Visit your health professional at least 4 to 6 weeks before your trip to check whether you need any vaccinations or other preventive measures. Country specific information and advice is published by the National Travel Health Network and Centre on the [TravelHealthPro website](#) and by NHS (Scotland) on the [fitfortravel website](#).

Check whether a yellow fever vaccination certificate are required

Subject to any additional VAT and Government charges that may be implemented between now and your departure date

WHY US?

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Whilst wildlife comes first, we maintain close links to some of the best luxury camps and lodges in the world so you can enjoy your safari in comfort.

What makes us different?

- **Passionate, knowledgeable experts.** Our experts have extensive on-the-ground knowledge, years of experience and excellent relationships with local guides and conservationists. We will lead you to experiences you won't find in any guide book.
- **Extraordinary wildlife encounters.** This is our specialism. Creating wildlife experiences normally reserved for the likes of National Geographic or documentary makers.
- **Dedicated support.** From your first point of contact, throughout your safari and well beyond your return, we take care of you, so you can relax knowing you are in safe hands. Whilst you are away you'll have access to our 24/7 emergency line so that you can speak to somebody from our UK office at any time of night or day.
- **Personalised.** We take time to find out what will make your holiday extra special to you, making your itinerary personal to your interests, requirements and budget.
- **Everything taken care of.** We book and confirm every aspect of your trip before you leave home so you know exactly what to expect on your holiday. You'll receive all your travel documentation beautifully presented in one folder or smart phone app.
- **Brand values.** We actively support a number of conservation projects world-wide and demonstrate a continued, pro-active commitment to the conservation of wildlife habitats.
- **Awards and recognition.** In 2014 we were included in the prestigious Conde Nast Traveller Reader Awards as one of the top 10 specialist tour operators in the world. We also won two silver awards in the British Travel Awards; *Best Safari, Wildlife and Nature Company* and *Best Holiday Company to Sub-Saharan Africa*.
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