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KEY FACTS

Volcanoes Safaris is an award-winning collection of eco-luxe lodges in Rwanda and Uganda. Founded in 1997, Volcanoes Safaris was at the forefront of reviving tourism near the great ape parks

From tracking the endangered mountain gorillas of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to summiting volcanoes, or simply sharing the heritage of the indigenous Batwa tribe, the unrivalled expertise of the Volcanoes guides guarantees a truly unique experience

All four lodges have inspiring views, which include the

soaring Virunga volcanoes, the expansive Queen Elizabeth National Park and the mythical Mountains of the Moon. The lodges themselves have an authentic feel and were carefully constructed using local techniques to ensure they blend in with their surrounds

Volcanoes Safaris takes great pride in supporting people from the local area by training them to help run and manage the lodges. In addition, Volcanoes Safaris formed its own Partnership Trust in 2009, a non-profit organisation, which helps to raise funds for local conservation projects through tourism

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Flight time to Entebbe airport (Uganda) from the UK: 11 hr 5min

Flight time to Kigali airport (Rwanda) from the UK: 10 hr 50 min

Flights to Uganda are available with: British Airways,

Emirates, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, Brussels Airlines, KLM, Egyptair, Ethiopian Airlines, African Express, South Africa Airways and Kenya Airways

Flights to Rwanda are available with: KLM, Kenya Airways, Brussels Airlines, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, South Africa Airways and Ethiopian Airlines Uganda

ACCOMMODATION

4 lodges in total, including:

Bwindi Lodge, Uganda - overlooking the primeval Bwindi forest with magnificent views. Gorillas, chimpanzees and birds can often be heard and seen. 8 bandas overlook the forest canopy, each with a private terrace

Kyambura Gorge Lodge, Uganda - Volcanoes' award-winning lodge, located on the savannah plains below the Rwenzori Mountains, at the edge of Queen Elizabeth National Park. 8 beautiful, spacious bandas with panoramic views over the gorge, savannah and mythical Rwenzoris

Mount Gahinga Lodge, Uganda - nestled in the foothills of the Virunga volcanoes. 9 authentic bandas echoing traditional pygmy huts complete with modern comforts, spacious sunroom and breath-taking views

Virunga Lodge, Rwanda - set in a spectacular location on a stunning hilltop overlooking the Virunga volcanoes and shimmering Ruhondo and Bulera lakes. The 10 bandas offer a unique view of the surrounding landscape. The lodge celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2014, with the addition of two new Deluxe Bandas

FACILITIES

Special occasion safaris and Honeymoon safaris

Travelling either as part of a small group departing on scheduled dates or on a tailor-made private safari, Volcanoes Safaris can arrange a wide range of safari

itineraries in Uganda, Rwanda or both. Guests can discover the many community projects run by its Partnership Trust, including meeting age-old tribes, learning traditional dances and witnessing local community projects from bee keeping to a coffee co-operative

DID YOU KNOW?

The Volcanoes guides will make you a walking stick if needed!

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As an award-winning pioneer in ecotourism, each and every Volcanoes safari, and its network of lodges, respects the culture of local communities, the fragility of the surrounding environment and the need to use resources in a sustainable way

Aside from tracking mountain gorillas and chimpanzees, guests can also track golden monkeys, climb spectacular volcanoes, go for game drives on the plains of Queen Elizabeth, river walks, cruises on the Kazinga Channel, bird spotting or explore the open plains of the Western Rift Valley

In August 2015, the Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (VSPT) opened its first Jamaican style café, Bwindi Bar, located near Volcanoes Safaris' Bwindi Lodge, with breathtaking views of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Customers can enjoy a variety of teas, coffees and delicious breakfast options, while being treated to a cacophony of sound from local monkeys and chimpanzees - they may even be greeted by a wandering mountain gorilla

The rustic, vibrant café is staffed by disadvantaged local Ugandan youths who undergo training before commencing a two-month internship. They are encouraged to progress with further training and employment

Guests can visit local community projects supported by Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (a non-profit organisation connecting Volcanoes lodges to neighbouring communities and conservation activities), such as the Mwiko School, the Kyambura Women's Coffee Cooperative, the Batwa Pygmy Dance and Demonstration Group, the Kyambura and Omumashaka Wetland, Bee Keeping in Kyambura and the Omumashaka Drama group among many others

The Kasenyi plains are excellent for sighting lion and large herds of Ugandan kob, whilst the Mweya peninsula is one of the best places to look for leopard

The Kazinga Channel is home to one of the greatest concentration of hippo in Africa. It is where herds of elephant, buffalo and other animals come to drink at the water's edge. The channel is also a magnet for water birds, with great flocks of pelicans and others birds on the shore, and a great spot to see African fish eagle

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Kyambura Lodge



Kyambura

Gorillas



Baby Chimp



Colobus



Gorillas



Buffalo



Bwindi Hero



Gahinga Volcanoes



Kyambura Panoramic View

