



## **Volcanoes Safaris Announces May 2024 Debut of Kibale Lodge in Uganda** *Celebrating 25 Years at the Forefront of Eco-Tourism & Opening of 5th Lodge*



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**Kampala, Uganda (October 31, 2023):** Volcanoes Safaris, the pioneer of gorilla and chimpanzee eco-tourism in Uganda and Rwanda since 1997, is opening its fifth lodge in May 2024. Kibale Lodge will be perfectly positioned for chimpanzee trekking in Kibale National Park in Uganda, one of the best parks to view chimpanzees in Africa, with a community of over 1,500. This expansion complements the existing circuit of [Volcanoes Safaris'](#) four great ape lodges. It will offer a seamless safari across Rwanda and Uganda, letting guests experience the unique gorilla, chimpanzee, and wildlife of the Albertine Rift.

Kibale Lodge will comprise eight deluxe rooms, plus a spa, sauna, and pool. Three deluxe bandas will be open by May 2024 and five more by the end of 2024. Hand-built by the Volcanoes Construction team, the lodge is sensitively built to bring out the characteristics of its special 150-acre site, dominated by a rocky outcrop with stunning views of the Queen Elizabeth plains and the Kazinga channel. The site which sits by a nearby lake has outstanding panoramic views of the snow-covered peaks of the Rwenzori Mountains (Mountains of the Moon) from the main ridge line, looking towards the west. The area is surrounded by the lush homesteads of the Kabarole area, with its welcoming temperate climate.

Kibale Lodge is an hour's drive from the historic hill town of Fort Portal and an hour from the Kasese airstrip, from which there are daily flights to and from Entebbe, and to Volcanoes Safaris' four other lodges. The Kibale Forest, the base for chimpanzee tracking, is a thirty-minute drive from the lodge.

Rates for Kibale Lodge start from \$1,200 per person per night and include accommodation and meals, all soft and alcoholic drinks (except French champagne) including cellar collection wines, cocktails and single malt whiskeys, laundry services, lodge activities, massage and spa treatments. A \$50 per person per night community fee is applied and donated to the Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (VSPT), which was established in 2009, as a non-profit organization to support and fund long-term, self-sustaining projects that enrich the livelihoods of local communities, promote the conservation of the great apes, restore natural habitats and work with communities and institutions to reduce human-wildlife conflict. The VSPT will be developing projects with the Jane Goodall Institute Uganda in Kibale Forest modeled after the long-term successful community-based conservation projects at Kyambura Gorge Lodge. Guests will be able to visit and participate in community and conservation projects as well as walking safaris through the beautiful landscape to visit local homesteads.

Bookings for the lodge will begin in early 2024. As a special introductory offer guests will be able to combine Kibale Lodge with gorilla trekking at Bwindi or Mount Gahinga Lodge and receive five nights for the price of four. For further details please contact our sales team at [enquiries@volcanoessafaris.com](mailto:enquiries@volcanoessafaris.com).

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**About Volcanoes Safaris:**

Volcanoes Safaris is recognized as the leader in great ape ecotourism specializing in mountain gorilla and chimpanzee trekking in Rwanda and Uganda since 1997. With four boutique safari lodges and a fifth opening in early 2024, guests can enjoy all the highlights of Uganda and Rwanda in comfort and style while primate trekking through Africa. Guests can also experience and take part in the eco-tourism and conservation efforts designed around and with the local communities, developed by the Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (VSPT).

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