



# GET READY TO TRACK THE GORILLAS RWANDA/UGANDA

Thank you for joining UAE TREKKERS on this adventure!

Here is everything you need to know  
September 27th-30th

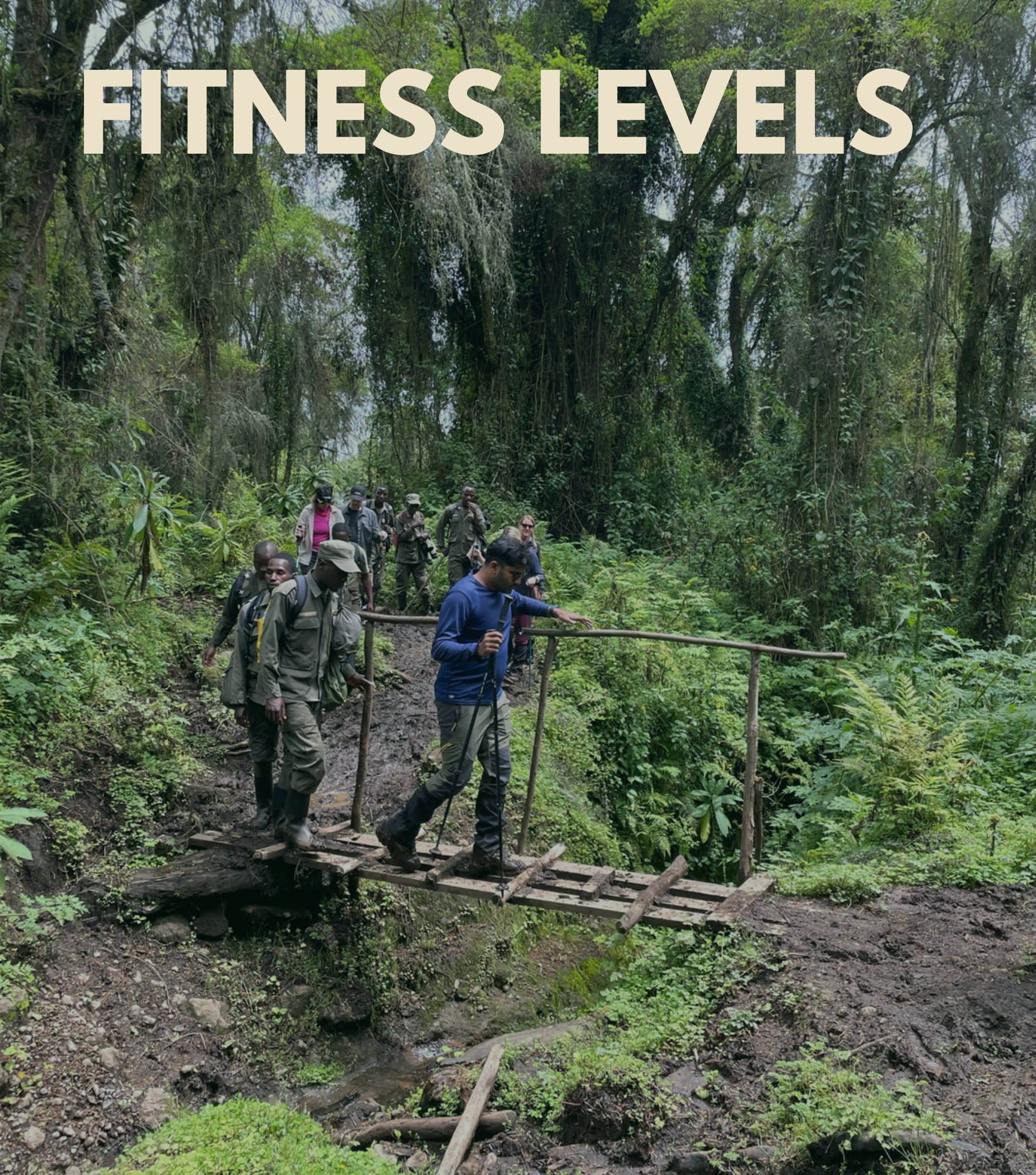


# WHAT TO EXPECT

## A trip of a life time!

- **Exciting mornings**, hiking through dense jungles and bamboo forest looking for gorillas and golden monkeys.
- **Bewilderment** witnessing incredible scenery and abundant wildlife.
- **Rejuvenation** while staying in unique lodges that tend to your every need.
- **Anticipation** for each activity that is just as exciting and interesting as the one before it.
- **Immersion and appreciation** in a culture that will surprise you on many levels.
- **Gratitude** that you had the opportunity to be a part of this tiny spot in the world, even for a few days.

# FITNESS LEVELS



- **Gorilla Tracking:**
- Tracking the gorillas can take up to 2 -3 hours to find them but the rangers will go at your pace and ensure everyone is comfortable with the pace. It is important to have the recommended gear. The weather can change at any moment, it is muddy, steep in spots and there are nettles in the jungle.
- **Golden Monkey Tracking** - You will walk about 30 minutes through through muddy farm fields to the bamboo forest managed by Volcanoes National Park. It's an easy and enjoyable walk.
- **Canoeing on Mukungwa River/Dugout Canoes**
- You will not get wet on either of the activities, but you can bring some water shoes if you feel more comfortable. In the dugout canoe, a guide will do the paddling. On the Mukungwa River you and a fellow traveler will paddle.
- **City Day**- a good pair of trainers is all you need for the Nyamirambo Women's Center Walking Tour and the Genocide Memorial. These trainers will also be used while the hotel in Rwanda cleans the mud off of your trekking shoes after your gorilla trek.

# GEAR REQUIRED



- Hiking boots (Mandatory!)
- Traveling shoes or sandals
- Gaiters – for MUD essential
- Trekking poles essential
- Backpack 20 L with water bladder & waterproof cover
- Light colored hiking pants, long & short sleeve shirts.
- Fully waterproof rain jacket or poncho
- Quick drying trekking clothes. Jeans are only acceptable on travel days.
- 3 pairs good hiking socks (they will be muddy!)
- Fleece jacket & light gloves
- Hat, Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Head torch or flashlight



# LODGING/FOOD

**We have 10 years experience running this tour.  
You will be accompanied by a driver and our UAE  
Trekking Leader, Kelly for the whole tour.**

**The staff in the lodges all know us and you will be given a  
very special welcome!**

**The food is clean, locally grown, organic and delicious!**

**The Hotels:**

- **Lake Mulehe Gorilla Lodge**
- **Le Bambou Gorilla Lodge**

# Itinerary in Detail

Departure from Dubai, arrival to Kigali

## Day 1

- Fly on Rwanda Air early morning
- Arrive at 6 am, clear customs, purchase our East African Visa (good for Rwanda and Uganda)
- Quick Coffee/pastry at Bourbon Coffee Shop
- 8am-11am Local Walking tour with lunch
- 12pm-2pm Genocide Museum
- 2pm-6pm Cross into Uganda, arrive at Lake Mulehe
- Evening dugout canoe tour before dinner
- Dinner around 7 pm.



# Gorilla Trekking and Dian Fossey

Day 2

6:00 am Breakfast

6:30 am Drive to trek start

8:00 am Begin trek in Mgahinga National Forest

1:00 pm Drive to Rwanda

3:00 pm Dian Fossey Gorilla Exhibition

4:00 pm Handicraft and souvenir shop

7:00 pm Dinner



# Golden Monkeys

Day 3

6:30 am Breakfast

7:00 am Drive to Trek start

8:00 am Begin trek in Volcanoes National Park

12:00 pm Lunch at Migano Cafe

1:30 pm Canoe on the Mukungwa River

4:30 pm Drive to Kigali

6:00 pm Dinner at Les Milles Collins (formally the Hotel Rwanda)

9:00 pm Leave for the airport

00:30am fly back to Dubai





# TOTAL COSTS

## 5,500 Dirhams

### Additional Cost

- Airfare to Kigali
- Eastern Africa Visa (\$100)
- Gorilla Permit (\$800)
- Travel Insurance
- Beverages other than water
- Tips (\$80)

Travel insurance is still required as things can happen upon arrival or during our trip that can disrupt or cancel it after arrive.





# INCLUSIONS

- 2 Nights 3-star Hotel
- All meals, snacks and water
- Expert UAE Trekker guide accompanying you from UAE
- Driver/guide/transportation fees
- Activities as Listed:
  - Nyamirambo Women's Center Walking Tour
  - Genocide Memorial
  - Lake Mulehe Dugout Canoe
  - Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund
  - Handicraft Market
  - Golden Monkey Trekking
  - Canoeing on Mukungwa River

# CANCELLATION POLICY

We keep our prices as competitive but they are based on group tours and we have a minimum number of clients required to run a trip, based on the agreements that we have with our international operators. These policies reflect what we are charged and attempt to ensure that if someone does cancel, we can still run the trip for the other clients at the increased cost for the smaller group.

All changes or cancellations must be made in writing to UAE Trekkers at [uaetrekks@gmail.com](mailto:uaetrekks@gmail.com) by the following deadlines:

## **60 days before trip departure; 50% Cancellation Fee**

Changes or cancellations made after this point are subject to a fee of 50% of the total cost of the trip.

## **30 days prior to departure: 75% Cancellation Fee**

Cancellations made within are subject to a fee of 75% of the total cost of the trip.

## **Less than 15 days before departure- 100%**

Cancellations within 15 days prior to departure are subject to cancellation fees of 100% of the trip cost.

## **Cancellation fee refunds**

Refunds will be issued within 60 days of the cancellation date.

## **Exceptions**

There are a few exceptions to our cancellation policy:

If the trip is canceled due to a natural disaster or other unforeseen circumstances, we will issue a credit note for the full price of the trip to be used for another trip within the next 1 year.

## **Travel Insurance**

Insurance for the trip is mandatory and should be purchased at the time of booking to ensure against any financial losses due to medical or unforeseen circumstances.

is non refundable

Balance payable 30 days prior to departure

After final payment is made refunds are not possible

Cancellations will impact the total cost for everyone.

Trip insurance is mandatory.