



While staying at Clouds there are a number of things besides gorilla trekking that you can enjoy.

On the community side we have the following...

- **Community Village Tour:** - This tour takes you through a journey of sustainable life in remote Uganda, showing the lifestyle and culture of the Bakiga people. Interpreting the life by one of the trained community guides who leads the walks through the Nkuringo community visiting the sites of brewing masters (for a taste of the local moonshine); traditional homesteads to see how the woman really do control everything in the family; a fascinating blacksmith to see the art of providing the locals with the tools that they use in their everyday lifestyle such as machetes, hoes and many other fascinating utensils; visiting the local school which gives you the opportunity to interact and see how these children are taught in a poverty-stricken area and their humble respect for education; possibly being fortunate enough to hear the rehearsals of the neighboring church choir; visiting the community projects that we have initiated with pig-farming, school vegetable gardens and chicken-laying; then taking a walk to some of the most scenic views in Africa providing exciting photo opportunities, not only of landscapes but also the warm smiles of the Bakiga. The walk ends with a stroll to see the weavers in action making baskets.

Cost is \$ 15.00 per person

- **Visiting the Batwa community of Sanerio:** - A short 15-minute drive will take you down to the far South-Western Boundary of the Bwindi Forest where you will have a chance to interact with Central Africa's most ancient ethnic Group. A community of Batwa that left the forest and were relocated into an area of 13 hectares; where today they too are learning sustainable lifestyles. The Batwa are the most fascinating of Ethnic groups that people can interact with: their wealth of knowledge about nature and their primitive hunter-gather ways will keep you captivated... while you wonder to yourself how people live like they are still somewhat in the Stone Age and are yet so warm and friendly. The Batwa will guide you through their lifestyles today showing you their homes and farming as well as displaying their wealth of knowledge such as the many uses of plants and their talents in basket weaving, collecting honey and many other things that are unique to these fascinating people

Cost is \$ 15.00 per person

- **A walk through the Baniga Forest:** - There is a small but beautiful pocket forest neighboring the lodge, which has been protected by the government as it hosts a number of endemic bird and plant species. A trained nature guide will take you on a walk, allowing you

to admire the beauty of the forest at your own speed, whether it is watching the colobus or red-tailed monkeys, or admiring the huge trees and listening to the noise of nature. The guides will also have a chance to show you Mother Nature's pharmacy, and if you are lucky enough you can get the glimpse of the wild chimpanzees that feed off the fruit in this forest.

Cost is \$ 15.00 per person

From the Lodge...

- **Let us entertain you:** - Clouds lodge offers complementary sundowners over looking the dramatic view of the Virunga Volcanoes while being entertained by one of our local performing groups. The people have such passion and rhythm, with voices that will amaze you. Their friendly faces and warm hearts will be a memory of a life time.

Cost is free of charge (donations are appreciated)

- **Unwind and relax with a massage in Africa:** - A Spa is located at the lodge where local woman have been trained in the art of massage the African way. Using all-natural products, Okuruhuka Spa will be sure to treat your tired bones after your travels and day of trekking. Okuruhuka Spa has a number of different massages available and booking can be made at the lodge.

Cost is dependant on the treatment

- **Indulge in a private romantic dinner:** - This is set up for you in a variety of locations. Enjoy some of our finest wines and a gourmet dinner while our trained butlers ensure you enjoy an evening to remember

Cost is free of charge (pre-booking is appreciated)

- **Pack a picnic:** - Allow us to pack a picnic for you and take you into the Baniga pocket forest where you can relax, sip some French Champagne and having a private picnic

Cost is \$ 35.00 per person (excludes champagne)

- **Birding Tour:** - Be lead by some of the best birding guides south-western Uganda has to offer. Whether walking and viewing, or sitting in a hide and watching from a distance is your thing, we will be able to provide a birding experience which will be sure to impress any avid birder. If you are a beginner, our guides have the passion and knowledge to open this whole new world up to you.

Cost is \$ 65.00 per person

- **Take a ride on the wild side:** - *For the adventurous:* Clouds offers you a mountain bike ride that will stay in your mind forever by allowing you to appreciate the beauty of the landscape a different way. The hills are hard and they will get your heart rate pumping but as the guides lead you, you will get a different appreciation for this part of the Pearl Of Africa. Riding conditions are hard but rewarding.

Cost is \$ 15 .00 per person (including your guide)

- **Go on a photographic journey:** - Allow our trained guide to take you into the community and show you some of the most beautiful landscapes and people to photograph in order to add to your collection. This is truly a fun & interactive way to spend a few hours capturing the spirit of Africa and the Bakiga People.

Cost \$ 40.00 per person

Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge prides itself on five-star personal attention. If you would like to do something that is not on our list, it does not mean that it is not possible! Please feel free to contact us and let's see how we can make your stay as unforgettable as possible. Contact us at clouds@wildplacesafrica.com.