



Deep in the misty mountains of Southwestern Uganda stands an ancient tract of lush montane rainforest, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. Here in this ancient rainforest that has flourished since the last ice age, live half of the world's remaining Mountain Gorillas. Above the canopy of the trees, high on Nteko Ridge and in the shadow of the great Virunga volcanoes, 'Clouds' Mountain Gorilla Lodge stands. A luxury retreat at the gateway to the Bwindi forest.

Situated along the Great Rift valley, Bwindi extends over a series of steep ridges. Its massive rainforest is almost untraversable. The interior provides the perfect habitat for around 330 Mountain Gorillas, one of humankind's closest cousins. At least 7 other primate species are present here including Chimpanzees and the rare and beautiful L'Hoest's monkey. There are 79 other mammal species in this UNESCO world heritage site including; duiker, elephant, bushbuck, bush pig, giant forest hog and the elusive golden cat. More than 350 species of birds have been recorded, of which many are regional endemics. The forest birding ranks best in Uganda with 23 highly localized Albertine Rift endemics present.

'Clouds' Mountain Gorilla Lodge is perfectly situated as a starting point to experience the raw beauty of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and the Mountain Gorillas it protects. From this haven high on the ridge you can track the gorillas, visit the community and walk deep into the forest with its original guardians, the Batwa Forest people. With the ultimate goal of safeguarding the natural habitat of the mountain gorilla, the lodge directly benefits the local Nkuringo community who have a significant stake in the lodge. This is the magic of 'Clouds'.

