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### 3 DAYS MOUNTAIN ELGON HIKE

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# Mount Elgon National Park at a Glance

## Geological Significance

- ✚ Mount Elgon is an extinct volcano and one of Uganda's oldest physical features, first erupting about 24 million years ago.
  - ✚ Once Africa's highest mountain, it stood taller than Kilimanjaro's 5,895m. Today, erosion has reduced its height to **4,321m**, ranking it the 4th highest peak in East Africa and 8th on the continent.
  - ✚ With a base covering 4,000 km<sup>2</sup>, it boasts the largest volcanic base in the world.
  - ✚ Its vast form, 80 km in diameter, rises more than 3,000m above the surrounding plains, offering cool heights and a refuge for diverse flora and fauna.
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## 👥 Cultural Heritage

- ✚ The mountain is home to the Bagisu (BaMasaba) and Sabiny tribes.
- ✚ The marginalized Ndorobos dwell deep within the Benet forest.

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For the Bagisu, Mount Elgon embodies their founding father Masaba, and they often refer to the mountain by this name.



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## Biodiversity & Conservation

- ✚ The park shelters over 300 bird species, including the endangered Lammergeyer.
- ✚ Its higher slopes are protected by national parks in both Uganda and Kenya, forming a trans-boundary conservation area recognized as a UNESCO Man & Biosphere Reserve.

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## Adventure & Exploration

- ✚ Unlike many mountains, climbing Mt. Elgon is not about reaching the summit but descending into its vast 40 km<sup>2</sup> caldera, one of the largest in the world.
- ✚ The trek to Wagagai Peak (4,321m) takes about 5 days and 4 nights, beginning at Kapkwai Gate.
- ✚ The initial ascent is steep, but once overcome, the trail becomes gentler yet remains intensive, leading to Shilonko Camp (2,900m) after 7kms from the Wagagai peak 4,321m via Dubi Camp 3600m.
- ✚ The journey unveils deserted moorlands, magnificent wilderness, and uncluttered landscapes—perfect for explorers seeking solitude and natural beauty.

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Mount Elgon National Park is not just a mountain—it's a living tapestry of history, culture, and biodiversity, offering one of East Africa's most unique wilderness experiences.

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## 3 DAYS MOUNT ELGON SUMMIT (4,321 m a.s.l) VIA BUSHIYI TRAIL



Mount Elgon National Park is Uganda's second-highest mountain (4,321 m a.s.l), after Mount Rwenzori. Straddling the Uganda-Kenya border, Mount Elgon is an ancient extinct volcano famous for one of the world's largest calderas about 8 km wide formed millions of years ago.

The mountain is a vital water catchment area, feeding rivers and waterfalls such as Sipi Falls, and is renowned for its rich biodiversity. Wildlife includes black-and-white colobus monkeys, blue monkeys, duikers, jackals, forest squirrels, and over 300 bird species, including the Lammergeyer (bearded vulture) and Jackson's francolin—a true paradise for nature lovers and birding enthusiasts.

This 3-day Bushiyi Trail trek is a short, demanding but rewarding summit adventure, taking you through montane forest, bamboo, heather, and afro-alpine moorlands, while supporting community-based conservation and sustainable tourism around Mount Elgon.

### 3 Days Best of Bushiyi Trail Itinerary

#### Day 1: Bushiyi Gate (1,800 m) → Dubi Camp (3,600 m)

After an early breakfast at your lodge, take a boda boda (motorcycle) ride (7-8 km) to Bushiyi Gate (1,800 m).

After registration and briefing, meet your guides, ranger, porters, and chef before starting the hike.

Trek for about 4 hours to Shiloko Camp (2900 m) for lunch and coffee break. Continue through dense forest—this is one of the steepest sections of the Bushiyi Trail before the gradient eases as you approach Dubi Camp (3,600 m).

In the evening, enjoy a warm campfire and a freshly prepared dinner as temperatures drop.

- ✚ **Hiking time:** 6-7 hours
- ✚ **Overnight:** Dubi Camp
- ✚ **Meals:** Lunch & Dinner.

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## Day 2: Dubi Camp → Wagagai Peak (4,321 m) → Shiloko Camp (2,900 m)

After an early breakfast, hike through heather zones, giant lobelias, and dramatic alpine landscapes. The trail opens to sweeping views across Uganda and Kenya.

After approximately 4 hours / 6 km, reach Wagagai Peak (4,321 m) the highest point on Mount Elgon. From the summit, enjoy views of nearby peaks such as Sudek (4,302 m), Koitobos (4,222 m), and Mubiyi (4,221 m).

Descend back to Dubi Camp for a late lunch, then continue the steep descent to Shiloko Camp (2,600 m) for your overnight stay.

- ✚ **Hiking time:** 7–8 hours
- ✚ **Overnight:** Shiloko Camp
- ✚ **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## Day 3: Shiloko Camp → Bushiyi Gate (1,800 m)

After breakfast, pack up and descend through forest trails back to Bushiyi Gate. The hike takes about 3–4 hours, depending on trail conditions.

At the gate, receive a certificate of completion for conquering the 3 Days Mount Elgon Summit Trek, then take a boda boda back to your vehicle or onward destination—marking the end of an unforgettable adventure.

- **Hiking time:** 3–4 hours
- **Meals:** Breakfast

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## Inclusions

- ✚ Park entrance fees
- ✚ Professional porters to assist with luggage

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- + All meals during the trek (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- + Camping accommodation at designated campsites
- + 1 Night accommodation On Bed and Breakfast
- + Chef services for meal preparation
- + Camping gear (tents, sleeping bags, mats)
- + Water to keep Hydrated

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- + Local transportation:
- + Boda Boda transfer from accommodation to the starting point
- + Motorcycle pick-up at Bushiyi trail exit point
- + Experienced guiding services throughout the trek

## PRICE PER PERSON WITH ACCOMMODATION

NUMBER OF DAYS	FOREIGN NON RESIDENTS	FOREIGN RESIDENTS	EAST AFRICANS
2 NIGHTS 3 DAYS	499USD	460USD	1.260.000 UGX

## PRICE WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION

NUMBER OF DAYS	FOREIGN NON RESIDENTS (USD)	FOREIGN RESIDENTS (USD)	EAST AFRICANS (UGX)
2 NIGHTS 3 DAYS	456	418	1.110.000

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## Exclusions

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- ✚ International flights to and from Uganda
- ✚ Visa fees and travel insurance.
- ✚ Personal trekking gear (boots, warm clothing, rain jackets, gloves, trekking poles, headlamps, etc.)
- ✚ Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks.
- ✚ Tips/gratuities for guides, porters, and chef
- ✚ Extra nights in hotels after the trek (Mbale, Kampala, Riverline Hotel, etc.)
- ✚ Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, phone calls, internet, etc.)
- ✚ Medical expenses or evacuation costs in case of emergencies
- ✚ Optional activities outside the trekking itinerary.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES BEFORE TREKKING IN SIPI FALLS.

✚ SIPI FALLS NATURE WALK	15\$ Per Person
✚ COFFEE TOUR EXPERIENCE	15\$ Per Person
✚ SUNSET EXPERIENCE	10\$ Per Person

## REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Detailed Packing List For the Trek

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- + Warm layers (temperatures can drop below 5°C)
- + Personal Backpack for carrying snacks, medication, rain jacket and water.
- + Waterproof jacket & Extra pants
- + Warm Woolen socks
- + 40-50 litre's backpack for your hiking extras for the porters to carry during the trek and recommended a backpack with at least a cover or waterproof to keep items dry during a rainy day.
- + Extra Cash for Tipping Porters and Guides
- + Local Currencies for souvenirs and Personal Expenses.
- + Steady hiking boots
- + Headlamp
- + Refillable water bottle
- + Power bank
- + Personal medication
- + Trekking poles
- + Sunscreen, lip balm, and sunglasses

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## 2. Why Choose Us?

- Experienced local guides
- Strong safety record
- Community-based tourism
- High-quality camping equipment
- Personalized trekking experience
- Knowledge of local culture, plants, birds

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## Trip Highlight Summary

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## ★ Trip Highlights - 3 Days Mount Elgon Summit via Bushiyi Trail

- ✚ 🏔️ **Summit Wagagai Peak (4,321 m a.s.l)**  
Stand on the highest point of Mount Elgon and enjoy sweeping views across Uganda and Kenya from one of East Africa's oldest volcanic mountains.
- ✚ 🌿 **Four ecosystems: montane forest → bamboo Forest → heather zone → moorlands.**
- ✚ 🌋 **Explore One of the World's Largest Calderas**  
Walk along the dramatic rim of Mount Elgon's 8 km-wide volcanic caldera, a rare and breathtaking geological feature.
- ✚ 🌿 **Diverse Vegetation Zones in Just 3 Days**  
Hike through montane forest, bamboo, heather, and afro-alpine moorlands, showcasing giant lobelias and groundsels adapted to high altitude.
- ✚ 🐒 **Rich Wildlife & Birdlife**  
Spot colobus monkeys, blue monkeys, duikers, and enjoy birding opportunities with over 300 bird species, including rare highland birds.
- ✚ 🥾 **Adventurous Bushiyi Trail**  
Experience one of Mount Elgon's steepest and most scenic routes, ideal for hikers seeking a challenging but rewarding ascent.
- ✚ 🔥 **Authentic Mountain Camping**  
Spend nights at Dubi and Shiloko Camps, enjoying warm campfires, freshly prepared meals, and peaceful high-altitude surroundings.
- ✚ 🌍 **Cross-Border Mountain Views**  
Enjoy uninterrupted panoramas stretching deep into Kenya and eastern Uganda, especially on summit day.
- ✚ 🤝 **Community & Conservation Impact**  
Support local guides, porters, and chefs, contributing directly to sustainable tourism and conservation around Mount Elgon National Park.
- ✚ 🏆 **Short, Intense Summit Challenge**  
A fast-paced 3-day trek designed for fit adventurers who want a true mountain experience in limited time.

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