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DISCOVER SIPI

4 DAYS MOUNTAIN ELGON HIKE

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 km², 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 Sabinu tribes.
- ✚ The marginalized Ndorobos dwell deep within the Benet forest.
- ✚ 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.

Adventure & Exploration

- ✚ Unlike many mountains, climbing Mt. Elgon is not about reaching the summit but descending into its vast 40 km² 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.

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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4 DAYS SIPI-BUSHIYI MOUNT ELGON SUMMIT TRAIL

(Kapkwai - Wagagai - Bushiyi | Fast & Strenuous Itinerary)

This 4-day Mount Elgon summit hike is a challenging but achievable itinerary designed for fit and determined hikers. It follows the Kapkwai access route, crosses the high caldera, reaches Wagagai Peak (4,321 m), and exits via Bushiyi Gate (1,800 m). Expect long hiking days, significant altitude gain, and incredible rewards in scenery and summit success on Mount Elgon.

Day 1: Kapkwai Trailhead → Tutum Cave (Lunch) → Kajeri Camp (3,383 m)

Start altitude: 2,050-3383m | **Distance:** 28 km

Begin at Kapkwai Exploration Centre after registration and briefing. Hike through lush montane forest, rich in birdlife and giant trees.

Stop at Tutum Cave for a lunch break only, then continue the steady ascent as vegetation gradually changes and temperatures cool.

Arrive at Kajeri Camp (3,383 m) for your first overnight, marking a significant altitude gain on day one.

Highlights

- ✚ Dense forest and mossy trails
- ✚ Tutum Cave lunch stop
- ✚ Strong acclimatization push on Day 1

Overnight: Kajeri Camp

Meals: Lunch & Dinner

⚠ Long and demanding first day

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Day 2: Kajeri Camp → Mangongo Camp (3,800 m)

Distance: ~14 km

After breakfast, continue ascending into open afro-alpine moorlands dotted with giant lobelias and groundsels. The trail becomes quieter and more exposed, offering wide views across the caldera landscapes.

Reach Mangongo Camp (3,800 m) by afternoon for your second night at high altitude.

Highlights

- ✚ Moorland scenery
- ✚ Cooler air and expansive views
- ✚ A physically demanding but scenic climb

Overnight: Mangongo Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3: Mangongo Camp → Jackson Pool → Wagagai Peak (4,321 m) → Dubi Camp (3,600 m)

Summit Day | Long & Exhilarating

An early start is essential. Hike past Jackson Pool (4,050 m) before traversing the caldera ridge toward the summit.

Reach **Wagagai Peak (4,321 m)** the highest point of Mount Elgon—where sweeping views stretch across Uganda and Kenya.

After celebrating the summit, descend carefully to Dubi Camp (3,600 m) for your third night.

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- ✚ Jackson Pool
- ✚ Summit of Wagagai Peak
- ✚ Dramatic caldera and ridge views

Overnight: Dubi Camp 3600M

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

⚠ *Longest and most strenuous day*

❖ **Day 4: Dubi Camp 3600 → Shilonko Camp 2900m-Bushiya Exit Gate (1,800 m)**

Descent time: 5 hours

Begin a long descent through changing ecosystems—from moorlands to forest and finally farmland. This is a continuous downhill hike of approximately 5 hours, demanding on the knees but highly scenic.

Exit the park at Bushiya Gate (1,800 m), where a boda boda transfer takes you to your vehicle.

Highlights

- ✚ Long scenic descent
- ✚ Final views of Mount Elgon slopes
- ✚ Trek completion via Sipi-Bushiya route

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Trek Summary

- ✚ **Duration:** 4 Days / 3 Nights
- ✚ **Highest Point:** Wagagai Peak (4,321 m)
- ✚ **Route:** Kapkwai → Wagagai → Bushiya
- ✚ **Difficulty:** Strenuous but achievable
- ✚ **Recommended for** Fit hikers, adventure travelers, summit-focused trekkers

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Inclusions

- ✚ Park entrance fees
- ✚ Professional porters to assist with luggage
- ✚ 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 gears (tents, sleeping bags, mats)

- ✚ Water to keep Hydrated

- ✚ 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 (USD)	FOREIGN RESIDENTS (USD)	EAST AFRICANS (UGX)
3 NIGHTS 4 DAYS	643	592	1.602.000

PRICE WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION

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NUMBER OF DAYS	FOREIGN NON RESIDENTS (USD)	FOREIGN RESIDENTS (USD)	EAST AFRICANS (UGX)
3 NIGHTS 4 DAYS	600	549	1.452.000

EXCLUSION

- ✚ International flights to and from Uganda
- ✚ Visa fees and travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✚ Personal trekking gear, including hiking boots, warm clothing, rain jacket, gloves, trekking poles, headlamp/torch, and personal backpack
- ✚ Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks
- ✚ Tips and gratuities for guides, porters, and the cook/chef
- ✚ Extra hotel nights before or after the trek (e.g. Mbale town, Kampala, Riverline Hotel, or Sipi Falls lodges)
- ✚ Personal expenses, such as souvenirs, laundry, phone calls, data/internet use, and personal snacks
- ✚ Medical expenses or evacuation costs in case of illness or emergency
- ✚ Optional activities outside the trekking itinerary (cultural visits, waterfall tours, coffee tours, etc.)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES BEFORE TREKKING IN SIPI FALLS.

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✚	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

- ✚ Warm layers (temperatures can drop below 5°C)
- ✚ Waterproof jacket & Extra pants
- ✚ Warm Woolen socks
- ✚ 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

2. Why Choose Us?

- ✚ Experienced local guides
- ✚ Strong safety record

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- ✦ Community-based tourism
- ✦ High-quality camping equipment
- ✦ Personalized trekking experience
- ✦ Knowledge of local culture, plants, birds

Trip Highlight Summary

- ✦ Largest volcanic caldera in the world
- ✦ Four ecosystems: montane forest → bamboo Forest → heather zone → moorlands.
- ✦ Jackson's Pool (4,050m)
- ✦ Wagagai Peak (4,321m)
- ✦ Over 300 bird species
- ✦ Unique Sipi-Bushiya descent

We're Excited to Welcome You to Uganda!

Thank you for choosing a Ugandan-owned company,
We are committed to delivering a safe, comfortable and magical Mountaineering experience.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the transfer, please feel free to contact us any

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