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DISCOVER SIPI

5 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.
  - ✚ 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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## 5-Day Mount Elgon Trek: Sipi - Bushiyi Trail

### Day 1: Kapkwai Trailhead → Tutum Cave Camp (2667m)

- ✚ Begin at Kapkwai Exploration Centre (2050m).
- ✚ Hike 11 km to Tutum Cave Camp.
- ✚ Lunch and overnight stay at 2667m to acclimatize.
- ✚ Experience lush forest trails and the first taste of Elgon's wilderness.

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### Day 2: Tutum Cave Camp → Kajeri Camp (3383m)

- ✚ Early breakfast before trekking.
- ✚ Cover 17 km to Kajeri Camp (3383m).
- ✚ Overnight stay surrounded by montane vegetation and cooler air.
- ✚ A challenging but rewarding climb with panoramic views.


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### Day 3: Kajeri Camp → Mangongo Camp (3600m)

- ✚ Continue the ascent after breakfast.
- ✚ Trek 11 km to Mangongo Camp (3600m).
- ✚ Overnight stay at higher altitude, offering stunning views of moorlands.
- ✚ A quieter section of the trail, perfect for reflection and immersion in nature.

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## Day 4: Mangongo Camp → Wagagai Peak (4321m) → Dubi Camp (3600m)

- ✚ Begin with a hike through Jackson Pool (4050m).
- ✚ Traverse the caldera ridge to reach Wagagai Peak (4321m), the highest point of Mount Elgon.
- ✚ Descend to Dubi Camp (3600m) for the night.
- ✚ This is the most exhilarating day, combining summit achievement with breathtaking caldera views.

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## Day 5: Dubi Camp → Shilonko Camp (2400m) → Bushiyi Gate (1800m)

- ✚ Trek down to Shilonko Camp (2900m) for lunch.
- ✚ Exit via Bushiyi Gate (1800m).
- ✚ Pick-up by boda boda to your vehicle.
- ✚ Option to stay at Riverline Hotel (9 km from the gate) or in Mbale town for recovery and relaxation.
- ✚ Completion of the 5-day Mount Elgon trek via the Sipi-Bushiya Trail.

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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

## PRICE PER PERSON

NUMBER OF DAYS	FOREIGN NON RESIDENTS	FOREIGN RESIDENTS	EAST AFRICANS
4 NIGHTS 5 DAYS	719 USD	659 USD	1,850,400 UGX

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

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## Exclusions

- + International flights to and from Uganda
- + Visa fees and travel insurance.

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- ✚ 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.

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## 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

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- + 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

- 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
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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  
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