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FACTSHEET

# Chimpanzee viewing rules

Greystoke, Mahale

Thank you for coming from afar to visit your closest animal relatives. By doing so, you're supporting the most vulnerable members of your extended family. Habitat loss is the greatest single threat to animal extinction today, but the National Park fees you've paid to be here make sure this particular habitat remains secure - not just for over 1000 wild chimpanzees, but a vast array of other living things.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated, and we're going to do everything to help you enjoy this incredible place. In return, when you're chimpanzee viewing, we're asking you to keep to a few really important rules which are there solely to protect the chimpanzees. The rules have been devised for Mahale and Gombe National Parks by an international team of scientists, doctors and veterinarians and will protect the chimpanzees, their forest and you.

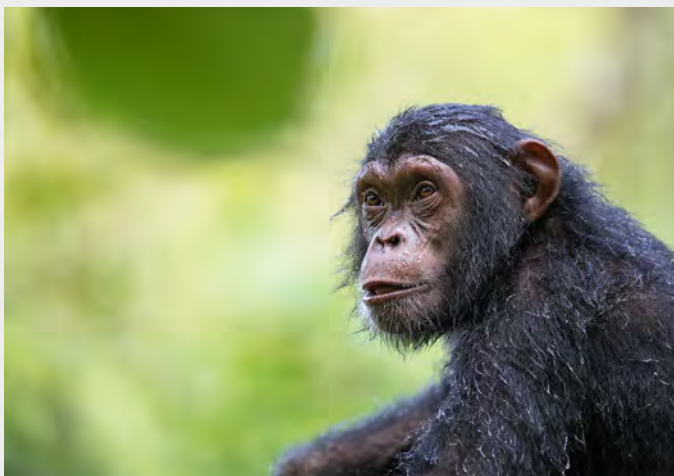
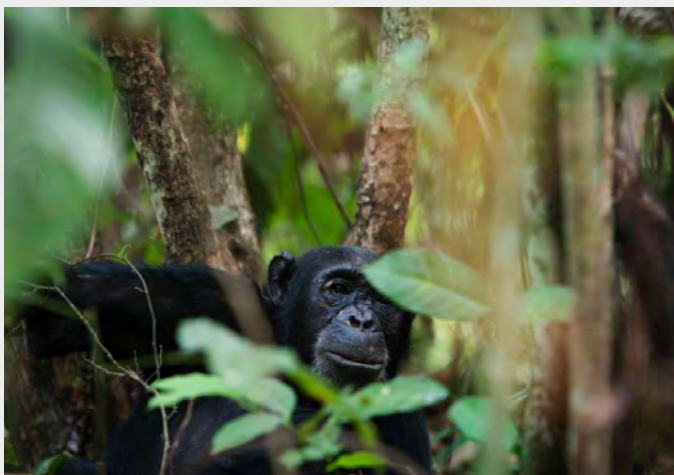
Nomad fully supports them so please do take a moment to read and digest them.





Chimp trekking at Mahale is often strenuous and Greystoke camp managers reserve the right to restrict chimp viewing for any guests who they feel are not fit enough and could hold the entire group back. Good walking shoes or boots are necessary footwear for trekking in the forest.

We offer one chimp trek per full day, and this will usually take place in the morning. The time spent with the chimps is 1 hour only, but please remember that the trekking time is very variable. Each group has a maximum of 6 people per group. We cannot go over this maximum number, so depending on the amount of guests in camp, a chimp visit may not be possible for the 3rd bed of a requested triple room.



1. DO tell the camp manager if you feel unwell in any way, especially with any cold or flu symptoms, as chimpanzees can be killed by the mildest of diseases passed from humans. We insist that light surgical masks are worn whilst in close proximity to the chimps to minimise transmission of any contagious diseases. Unfortunately we will not be able to let you view the chimps if you have any signs of a contagious disease (viral or bacterial).
2. DO keep a distance of 10 metres from the chimpanzees - to further reduce infection risk, and maximise your safety, as chimpanzees are strong and potentially dangerous. If they approach you, move away slowly, your guide will show you how and where.
3. DO control sneezing or coughing – and please don't spit on the forest floor.
4. DO keep your equipment on you at all times – chimpanzees can be very curious.
5. DON'T smoke or litter in the forest.
6. DON'T eat, except where directed by your guide – food remains can spread disease.
7. DO stay quiet, calm and relatively still.
8. DON'T try to attract a chimpanzee's attention with sound or movement.
9. DON'T use flash on your camera – it alarms the chimpanzees.
10. DO tell your guide if you have to go to the toilet – he will direct you.
11. DO follow your guide's instructions at all times.
12. No one under 12 can view the chimpanzees.

**We also have a couple of rules of our own:**

1. DO have a fabulous day – you've come a long way, you deserve it.
2. DON'T be surprised when you are totally blown away.