



# GOMBE NATIONAL PARK

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*"The home of Chimpanzee"*



## *Welcome to Gombe National Park*

**I**f you are looking for a truly wild place in Tanzania with such significant representation of the few magnificent remaining great apes known as chimpanzees and other endemic species in fragile strip of lush forest and steep river valleys rising towards the Rift Valley Escarpments Gombe is an ideal place to visit as one can conduct different activities like chimps trekking, lake excursion, snorkelling and hiking.

## **Brief History of the Park**

The park was gazetted in 1968 with an area of 56 sq. km. Existence of chimpanzees in this area was the main course of upgrading this place into a national park. The research done by the renowned scientist and conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall also showed the importance of conserving this remaining habitat which is a home of the closely related creatures to human beings; the chimps.









a local tax or charter boat from Kigoma to Gombe (2-3 hours). You can plan for an overnight stay or for a day trip and return to Kigoma town in a single day.

For brilliant chimpanzee trekking and viewing we recommend you to have two nights for exploring their culture, beauty and behavior.

## Climate

The park experiences bi-modal rainfall pattern with short rains starting from November to December and long rains from March to May. The dry season is from late June to October and from January to early March.

## Attractions

- **Chimpanzee**

Chimpanzee which shares 98% of human gene are easily seen living in social communities of several dozens. They communicate through hugging, beating and kissing as human do. These animals allure the park thus making it an ideal place to visit especially chimp lovers.





- **Wild animals**

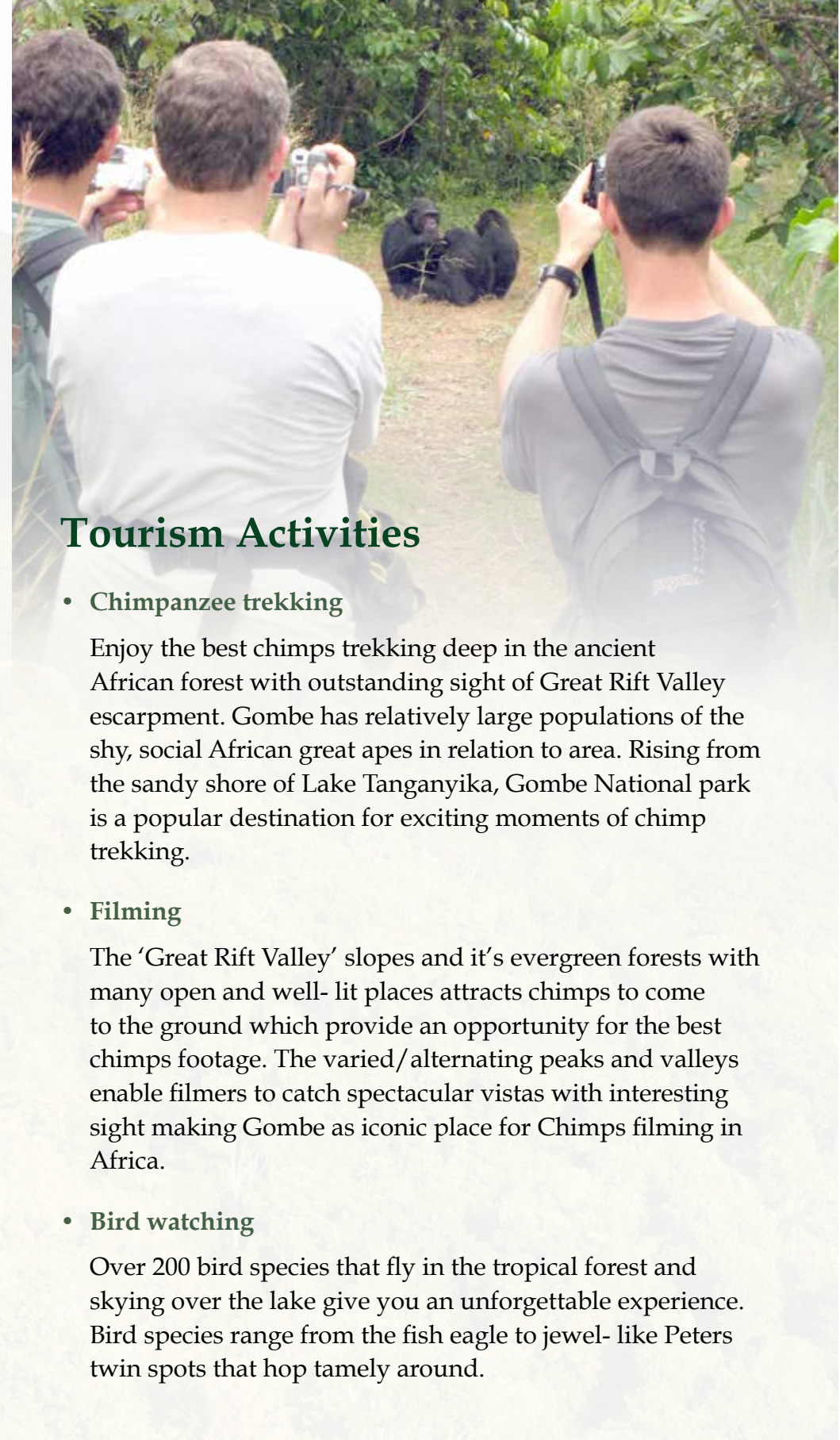
Gombe is a true primatology marvel with 8 primate species found in the park. The species include olive baboons, blue monkey, red tailed monkey, vervet monkeys, red colobus monkeys and bush babies. It also protects 35 mammal species including the bushbuck, bush pigs, duiker, civets, white tailed mongoose and checkered elephant shrew making it a superb place to travel.

- **Lake Tanganyika**

The longest and deepest lake in Africa, the second deepest lake in the world with depth of 1,447m and a width 70km from east to west . It is also the world's longest freshwater lake with length of 675kms. Plan your visit to come and see this longest and deepest lake that provides breeding ground to more than 300 species of fish most of them being endemic including the ornamental cichlid.

- **Scenic beauty (Mountains and waterfalls)**

The view of Mountains of rift escarpment falling westwards in the lake are magnificent. The undulating terrain and valleys provide a visitor with attractive landscapes. The deluge of water created by Mkenke and Kakombe rivers leads to gushing over craggy rocks 25 feet plume that roaring into a pool of water. A visit to Kakombe and Mkenke waterfall is a truly rewarding experience.



## Tourism Activities

- **Chimpanzee trekking**

Enjoy the best chimps trekking deep in the ancient African forest with outstanding sight of Great Rift Valley escarpment. Gombe has relatively large populations of the shy, social African great apes in relation to area. Rising from the sandy shore of Lake Tanganyika, Gombe National park is a popular destination for exciting moments of chimp trekking.

- **Filming**

The 'Great Rift Valley' slopes and it's evergreen forests with many open and well- lit places attracts chimps to come to the ground which provide an opportunity for the best chimps footage. The varied/alternating peaks and valleys enable filmers to catch spectacular vistas with interesting sight making Gombe as iconic place for Chimps filming in Africa.

- **Bird watching**

Over 200 bird species that fly in the tropical forest and skying over the lake give you an unforgettable experience. Bird species range from the fish eagle to jewel- like Peters twin spots that hop tamely around.



- **Hiking to the forest and mountains climbing**

Enjoy the quiet beauty of forested mountain terrain, towering termite mounds, rivers lined with evergreen forest and the bounty inquisitive primate species. Over 45 kms of trails on top of majestic mountains you will find yourself wanting to return often once you discover the refreshing change of pace awaiting you in Gombe Mountain.

- **Watersports and sunbathing**

Lake Tanganyika offers watersport activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing, sport fishing and sunset viewing opportunities.

- **Lake excursion**

This is an amazing experience; you can choose a luxury boat or an ordinary speedboat, depending on your budget. This activity allows you to feel Lake Tanganyika's breeze while savoring the culture of local communities.

- **Visit to cultural tourism**

You are invited to experience authentic hospitality, learn about traditional arts, crafts and enjoy traditional dances at Mwamgongo women group.

- **Visit Historical Centre**

This site can be joined to your safari when visiting Gombe. The Dr.

Livingstone historical site (1813-73) is situated nearby Ujiji and is the site where Henry Stanley's and Dr. David Livingstone had famous encounter.





## Available tourism facilities

- **Special campsite**

From your front door, the world's unfolds around you, impressive expansive view of clear water of Lake Tanganyika that stretches for miles enable you to see a gorgeous sunrise. Sound tempting! You too can wake up to such a view when you rent a tent at Kasekela special camp.

- **Public campsite**

Camping in the designated areas inside the forest provides solitude in the wilderness thus making your camping awesome.

- **Rest house**

The Kasekela, Mitumba, Jane Goodall Memorial and Gombe VIC rest houses will cater for your accommodation while in the park.





# TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
<b>A. Conservation fees per person</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	100	50
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,000	20	10
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>B. Camping Fee - Public Campsite</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	30	30
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	5	5
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>C. Camping Fee - Special Campsite</b>			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>D. Camping Fee - Flying Campsite</b>			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	5,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,500	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>E. Accommodation fee</b>			
i. Rest House	10,000	20	20
ii. Tented camps and memorial House			
a) Kasekela luxury tented camp (shared 2 Pax per tent)	40,000	50	50
b) Kasekela Luxury Tented Camp (Suit)	50,000	60	60
c) Jane Goodal Memorial House	10,000	35	35

**F. Sport Fishing**

i. Age 16 and above	10,000	25	25
ii. Age between 5 and 15	5,000	10	10

**G. Guide/Ranger per group** 5,000 20 20**H. Filming Fees**

The following filming fees are applicable to each person per day and covers entrance, camping and filming. This applies to all Nationalities US \$ 180

**I. Filming Fees Crew Fee (Tanzanians)**

this includes Conservation fee (Tshs 1,000)  
and Camping fee (Tshs 2,000) Tshs 3,000

**J. Hotel Concession Fees**

i. Of or above age of 16 years	20,000	30	30
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	10	10

**K. Video shooting per group of 2-20 pax**

This is for recording own art (music or movies)

i. Inside the Park (payable on top of conservation fees per day)	100,000	100	100
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**L. Hiring of various items**

Boat/vehicle hiring fee - Fuel cost plus 40%

**M. Boat safari fee (per person)** 10,000 20 20**N. Snorkeling** 10,000 10 10**O. Annual Directors' Pass Fee** US\$ 100

*Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner*

**P. Fee for Antiquities, Sites and Museums**

i. Students (in primary or secondary school)	1,000	5	2.5
ii. Adults	2,000	10	5



**Q. Students Fee for Orgniaized Groups or Individuals**

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| i.   | Conservation fee for Primary, Secondary and High School students | TShs 2,000 |
| ii.  | Conservation fee for Colleges and Universities Students          | TShs 5,000 |
| iii. | Camping fees for Primary, Secondary and High school students     | TShs 2,000 |
| iv   | Camping fee for College and University students                  | TShs 3,000 |
| v.   | Huts and hostel for the students                                 | TShs 5,000 |

**R. Multiple entry in the park**

There shall be two multiple entries in the Park where entry fees shall apply

- i. Day-trip permit, which is valid for twelve daylight hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.
- ii. A sleep-over permit which is valid for twenty-four hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.

**S. Tourism Investment Site Allocation Fee and Annual**

**Land Base Rent Fee**

Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation and Annual Land Base Rent fees for new investors in National Parks.

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| i.  | Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation fee | US\$ 1,000 |
| ii. | Annual Land Base Rent fee:                            |            |
|     | a) Seasonal campsites                                 | US\$ 100   |
|     | b) Permanent Tented Camps                             | US\$ 1,000 |
|     | c) Lodges   | US\$ 5,000 |

## NOTE:

- Conservation and Vehicle fees are for multiple entry
- Fee once paid is non- refundable
- Proof of identification is mandatory at entry gate
- All tariffs are VAT (18%) exclusive
- Expatriates/residents and their dependents living in Tanzania must have either of the following documents: residents permit Class A,B or C; exemption certificate; temporary pass attached with
- Government receipt plus acknowledgement letter; and Diplomatic passport or ID
- EAC citizen refers to the nationals of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan
- Nationals of other EAC member states must produce their passport at entry gate
- EAC private vehicles are strictly prohibited to conduct any tourism business in the park
- For video shooting consult Park Management for guidance







## Visit and support

*Visit the park and experience the real side of an Africa culture where locals can share their traditions and cultural values where you can contribute by improving their livelihood in this ever changing world! Thank you!*

## Park Rules and Regulations

- Maintain a distance of at least 10 meters from the chimps at all times.
- Always wear a mask (provided by your guide) over your nose and mouth when you are close (50m) to a chimps.
- Do not eat or drink, while you are near the chimpanzees
- Do not leave personal belongings on the ground
- If you feel the urge to cough or sneeze -when you're near the chimps, please cover your nose and mouth to reduce the spread of germs.
- Try not to go to use bush toilet in the forest
- You're not allowed to visit the chimps if you are sick or have an infectious disease
- No person under the age of 12 is permitted to visit the chimps
- No more than 6 visitors (plus one guide) are permitted close to the chimps at any one time
- Maximum viewing time is one hour.



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