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Route map to Ishasha Wilderness Camp & Buhoma lodge

- Lodge
- NATIONAL PARK
- WILDLIFE RESERVE
- Park gate
- distances in km
- 70 Tarmac road
- Dirt road
- international boundary



Route Directions for Ishasha

1. Kampala - Ishasha via Fort Portal (approximately 9 hours drive from Kampala)

From Fort Portal, head south through Kasese and follow the main road through Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP) to the Kazinga Channel (110km). Cross the bridge and after 4km TURN RIGHT onto a dirt road beside the UWA headquarters. This road runs for 70km, crossing 5 bridges, to QENP's Katookye Gate which enters the Ishasha sector. This lies on the right hand side of the road, approximately 1km beyond the fifth bridge.

2. Kampala - Ishasha via Kichwamba Escarpment and Ishasha Road (approximately 9 hours drive from Kampala)

At the eastern side of Mbarara, follow the bypass for 7.5km and TURN RIGHT onto the Kasese road at the Buffalo Resort roundabout. Follow the road for 110km to the Kichwamba Escarpment. Descend onto the plains of Queen Elizabeth National Park and after 5km TURN LEFT onto a dirt road at the QENP headquarters. Follow the directions above from the QENP headquarters to Ishasha.

3. Kampala - Ishasha via Ntungamo and Rukungiri (approximately 9 hours drive from Kampala)

At the eastern side of Mbarara, follow the bypass around the town onto the Kabale road. After 64km TURN RIGHT at a Fuelex fuel station just beyond Ntungamo and drive to Rukungiri (50km). At the central roundabout, TURN LEFT and then immediately RIGHT down a hill, passing a Total fuel station on the left on the way out of town.

After some 17km, the road descends into the deep Mitano Valley before a long ascent to Kambuga (28km). At a junction shortly after Kambuga Hospital, TURN RIGHT towards Kihihi then, after crossing a small valley, TURN RIGHT at a T-junction (32km from Rukungiri). Follow the larger road to the RIGHT in the next village and to the LEFT in the next one. At Kihihi (45km from Rukungiri), drive straight through the town for about 12km to a T-junction. TURN RIGHT and continue for 15km to reach the Ishasha entrance gate.

Route Directions for Buhoma (Bwindi)

(approximately 10 hours drive from Kampala)

Follow one of the routes above to Kihihi, then take the Kanungu road south out of the town (If arriving from Rukungiri, TURN LEFT onto the first tarmacked street and LEFT at the far end onto Kanungu road. From Ishasha, fork right on the northern edge of the town centre to join the Kanungu road). Drive south for 9km then TURN RIGHT at Kanyantarogo, crossing the Ishasha River and passing through Butogota (12km). TURN RIGHT onto the 15km road to Buhoma, at a signposted junction 1km beyond the town.