

NEW EXPEDITION REVEAL

WOAM UGANDA 2027

THE LOST WORLD EXPEDITION

A pioneering women's trek into
the legendary Mountains of the Moon



FIRST ALL-WOMEN TEAM



Rwenzori Mountains • Bukurungu Trail • January 2027



13-21 JAN 2027

+ WfWI options 21-23 Jan

9 DAYS

WfWI + 2 days

4,091m

4,750m OPTION

WfW RWANDA

IMPACT - NGO visit

US\$ 2,350-2,500

ESTIMATED

A PIONEERING ALL-WOMEN EXPEDITION ON THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

Join a team of bold women for a journey into one of Africa's most extraordinary and least-visited mountain ranges. The Rwenzori Mountains in Uganda, known since antiquity as the Mountains of the Moon, are a world apart.

Over seven days on foot, we trek the newly opened Bukurungu Trail through five ecosystems, from montane rainforest and bamboo valleys at the foothills to moss-draped heather forest, Afro-alpine moorland and a glacier lake camp at 4,091 metres. For those who want to go further, an optional summit attempt reaches 4,750 metres at sunrise. Wild camping throughout. No lodges, no crowds.

On the ground we'll have a team of four to six guides, a dedicated cook, porters for all equipment and personal kit, two armed rangers as required by Rwenzori Mountains National Park protocol, and a medic. We are working to bring as many women as possible into that team.

At the heart of every WOAM expedition is a simple belief: when women come together with intention, meaningful change can happen. We do not finish on the mountain. We cross overland into Rwanda, arriving in Kigali for two days with Women for Women Rwanda. We will visit their programmes and meet the graduates of their one-year program in person. As some of us have had the chance to experience, sitting with these women and witnessing first-hand the real and lasting change in their lives, their independence, their confidence, their empowerment to shape their own futures is one of the most powerful moments of our shared WOAM adventure.

This is more than a trek. It is an adventure with purpose.

A journey of physical challenge, sisterhood and connection. To the mountains. To the women. To each other.

WOAM RWENZORI 2027: FINAL ITINERARY

WED
13/01

Entebbe → Kasese

Arrive Entebbe. Transfer to Kasese (approx. 5-6 hours).

🏠 Snow Heights Lodge, Kasese.

THU
14/01

Omukorokumi (1,750m) → Kasanzi Camp (2,310m)

Elevation gain: +560m . Duration: 5-6 hours

Drive to Rwenzori National Park gate. Gear check and briefing. Trek through coffee plantations, villages and schools. Interact with Bakonzo community.

☀️ Highlights: Ridge views over Kasuka and Isule valleys, Kebitakuli rest point, Montane rainforest with bamboo valleys

🌿 Plants: Disa stairssi, Scadoxus cyrtanthiflorus, Impatiens apiculata.

🦋 Wildlife : Black and white colobus monkeys, Rwenzori turaco, chimpanzee nests.

🏠 Overnight : Kasanzi Camp.

FRI
15/01

Kasanzi Camp (2,310m) → Rwiho Camp (2,900m)

Elevation gain: +590m . Duration: 6-7 hours

Hike through heather zone with moss-draped trees, heather, Senecio, Alchemilla, blackberries.

☀️ Rock shelters. Entry into the high heather zone.

🦋 Black and white colobus, vervet monkeys, sunbirds, Rwenzori turaco.

🌿 Giant lobelias, everlasting flowers.

🏠 Rwiho Camp.

SAT
16/01

Rwiho Camp (2,900m) → Kiharo Camp (3,520m)

Elevation gain: +620m . Duration: 6-7 hours.

Continue along the river Lhume. Climb the steep Mughuli bypass. Mulhalhama viewpoint stop. Optional short peak climbs and waterfalls around camp.

☀️ Mulhalhama viewpoint. Waterfalls

🦋 Rwenzori red-duiker, rock and tree hyrax, wild pigs.

🏠 Kiharo Camp

SUN
17/01

Kiharo Camp (3,520m) → Lake Mughuli Camp (3,900m)

Elevation gain: +380m . Duration: 7-9 hours.

A smaller elevation gain to allow the body to adjust to increasing altitude, but the day remains demanding. The trail is still being cut in places and porters may need to clear the path as the group moves through.

☀️ Entry into Afro-alpine zone.

🦋 Red mountain duiker, rock hyrax.

🏠 Lake Mughuli Camp.

WOAM RWENZORI 2027: FINAL ITINERARY

MON
18/01

Lake Mughuli Camp (3,900m) → Lake Bukurungu Camp (4,091m)

Elevation gain: +190m . Duration: 3-4 hours . Afternoon exploration: 3-4 hours additional.

Shortest ascent day of the trek. Gentle crossing through Alchemilla and giant lobelias. Arrive before midday. Set up camp and lunch. Afternoon 3-4 hour exploration of the lake area.

☀️ Panoramic views of the main Rwenzori peaks: Margherita, Baker, Alexandra, Edward, Vittorio Emanuela, Kihuma, Gessi. Lake Bukurungu. Highest camp on the trail.

🌿 Giant lobelias, Alchemilla, unique leaf species endemic to the Rwenzori.

🏠 Lake Bukurungu Camp.

TUE
19/01

Lake Bukurungu Camp (4,091m) → Johnmatte Camp (3,505m) Kihuma Peak (4,750m) - Optional

Elevation: -1,246m descent. Afternoon descent 4-5 hours

On Day 6 we split into two groups, and the choice is entirely yours to make depending on what feels right for you . Both groups wake at 5:00am and depart together before splitting.

Group A: Summit attempt, Kihuma Peak (4,750m). Leave at 5am aiming for sunrise at the summit. Return to camp by midday. Duration: 5-6 hours return.

Group B: Sunrise at Middle Portal Peaks. Extended exploration of the lake area and surrounding terrain. Return to camp by midday.

Both groups reunite at camp for lunch. All descend together to Johnmatte Camp.

🏠 Johnmatte Camp.

WED
20/01

Johnmatte Camp (3,505m) → Nyakalengijja (1,615m)

Elevation: -2,780m. Duration: 7-8 hours

Walk down the valley. Pass through Nyamulenju rest shelter. Cross Kurt Shafer Bridge at the confluence of the Mubuku and Bujuku rivers. Lunch at Nyabitaba Camp. Continue to Nyakalengijja.

☀️ Kurt Shafer Bridge. Moss-covered rocks and river crossings. Final descent through lower forest.

🏠 Snow Heights Lodge, Kasese.

THU
21/01

TO

SAT
23/01

Thursday 21 Jan : End of trek — two options :

- Fly home: transfer back to Entebbe to catch your flight.
- Continue to Rwanda: overland drive to Kigali. Approx. 450km, 7-8 hours, via Kabale and the Katuna border crossing.

Friday 22 – Saturday 23 Jan : Women for Women Rwanda, Kigali

We spend 1 or 2 days in Kigali with Women for Women Rwanda, visiting their programmes and meeting with graduates. More details to follow.

Stay one day or two, depending on your schedule. Fly home from Kigali on either day.

<https://www.womenforwomenrwanda.org>



JOIN
US

READY TO JOIN US?

We have 12 spots available on this expedition - 14 women on the trail in total, including the two WOAM co-founders Valérie and Karine.

If this is calling you, now is the time to say YES ! As always, spots are going fast.

Drop us a message to register your interest and our local travel partner will be in touch to secure your place with a small deposit. Get in touch at:

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📷 [@woam_womenmission](https://www.instagram.com/woam_womenmission)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

BUDGET

Estimated US\$ 2,350-2,500 per participant (*excluding international flights*)

Includes:

- ground transfers
- 1 overnight in Entebbe
- 2 overnights at Snow Heights Lodge Kasese (pre and post trek)
- 7-day Bukurungu hike including park entrance fees for 6 nights, ranger fees, guide and porter fees, cook, all meals on the mountain
- Tent and mattress rental

Excludes:

- International flights
- Personal travel insurance
- Additional nights / personal expenses
- Local gratuities

Kindly please note that Women on a Mission retains 3% of each participant trek cost to support our operational and administrative running expenses.

FITNESS

A serious expedition, demanding, remote and deeply rewarding

This is a challenging expedition for women with good fitness, mental resilience and prior multi-day trekking experience. This is not a first expedition. No technical climbing is required, but you must be prepared for:

- 7 consecutive days of trekking
- Altitude rising progressively from 1,750m to a camp at 4,091m
- Wild camping throughout in remote mountain conditions
- An optional summit attempt a 4,750m on Day 6

Altitude

This expedition reaches a camp altitude of 4,091m, with an optional summit at 4,750m. Altitude sickness is a real risk at these elevations and can affect even fit and experienced trekkers. Our itinerary is designed with a gradual ascent to support acclimatisation, and we will monitor every participant throughout. Safety always comes first. No one will be pressured to push beyond their limits. There will be a doctor on the team and we'll carry an oxygen bottle.

PARTICIPANT EQUIPMENT LIST

CLOTHING:

- Trekking trousers, 1-2 pairs.
- Moisture-wicking base layer tops (not cotton).
- Warm mid-layer, fleece or down jacket.
- Warm woollen cape or gilet.
- Waterproof and windproof outer jacket.
- Waterproof trousers.
- Waterproof gloves.
- Warm hat or balaclava.
- Camp clothes, light jogging suit or fleece for evenings.

FOOTWEAR:

- Waterproof mountain boots, well broken in.
- Rubber boots or wellingtons for the lower trail sections, the Rwenzori lower zone is extremely wet and muddy. Participants should bring or be prepared to hire locally).
- Gaiters.
- Camp shoes or light trainers.
- Wool or thermal socks, multiple pairs.

GEAR:

- Trekking backpack (day pack for personal items. Porters carry main bags).
- Headlamp with spare batteries.
- Sunglasses.
- Sun hat.
- Sleeping bag rated to -5°C minimum (participants bring own. Not available to rent).
- Trekking poles recommended.
- Personal first aid kit.
- Purification tablets (backup. Cook boils all water from Day 3 onwards).
- High SPF sun cream.
- Personal medication including altitude sickness prevention. Consult your doctor before travel.
- Tents (twin-share, 2 per tent) and mattresses will be provided locally.

WOAM & OUR PARTNERS

WOMEN ON A MISSION

WOAM is a non-profit organisation headquartered in France, conducting self-funded expeditions to raise awareness and funds for women survivors of war and those who have experienced violence and abuse. WOAM supports various non-profit institutions dedicated to serving the underprivileged, with a particular focus on women's issues. Now in its 14th year of operation (Uganda being our 18th expedition) WOAM has raised well over \$1,500,000 USD to date, supporting organisations that advance the position of women around the world.

OUR CHARITY PARTNER - WOMEN FOR WOMEN RWANDA

Women for Women Rwanda is a Rwandan non-governmental organisation committed to promoting dignity, freedom and equality for women. Founded in 1997 in response to the devastating effects of the 1994 genocide on vulnerable women, the organisation became a locally registered Rwandan affiliate in 2021. Every year, more than 300 women are enrolled in a 12-month programme, meeting every two weeks to learn, share and support one another. The programme covers health and wellbeing, gender-based violence prevention, women's leadership, business skills, vocational training and cooperative building.

Over 29 years the organisation has supported more than 80,000 women across Rwanda, established digitised savings groups, and introduced men's engagement programmes to combat gender-based violence.

At the end of our expedition, we travel to Kigali to visit their programmes and meet their graduates in person. As some of us have had the chance to experience, sitting with these women and witnessing first-hand the transformation in their lives is one of the most powerful moments of our shared WOAM adventure.

OUR TRAVEL PARTNER in UGANDA - RWENZORI EXPEDITIONS

Rwenzori Expeditions, is an Ugandan-based adventure and mountaineering company and one of the leading operators working in this remote and demanding environment. We have chosen to work with them specifically for the Bukurungu Trail because they are among the very few operators with direct experience of this newly opened route. They are also committed to bringing women into their team on the ground, from guides to porters, which aligns directly with the spirit of this expedition.

Their team has deep roots in the Rwenzori and our lead guide Ronnie (Baluku Ronald) began his career as a porter on the mountain, progressing through the ranks to cook, guide, and now to coordinating expeditions. He has completed the Bukurungu Trail multiple times and knows it with a level of familiarity that no amount of planning can replace. This is the kind of on-the-ground expertise that matters when you are seven days into a wilderness trek with no mobile signal and the path needs cutting.