

5 Days Mount Elgon Hike- Sipi Trail



Route: Kapkwai - Tutum Cave - Kajeri - Mude Cave - Wagagai Peak - Return

Difficulty: Moderate, gradual ascent

Best for: Nature lovers, photographers, and those seeking a slower pace

Overview

The Sipi Trail starts near the famous **Sipi Falls**, making it one of the most scenic approaches to Mount Elgon. This route offers gentle gradients, excellent acclimatization, and incredible diversity — from waterfalls and caves to thick forests and open moorlands. It's ideal for hikers who want to combine mountain trekking with cultural and nature experiences.

Package Type Price (Per Person) Lodging & Highlights

Mid-Range US \$900 Comfortable lodges, private guide & porters, full board meals, park entry included.

Luxury US \$2000 Premium lodges, private chef & porter, gourmet meals, private transfers, personalized support.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
12

Language:
English

Duration:
5

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Kapkwai Exploration Centre - Tutum Cave Camp (2,667 m)

After briefing at the **Kapkwai Forest Exploration Centre**, begin your hike through lush montane forest alive with birds and primates. Stop at **Chebonet Falls** or the **Tepeth viewpoint** for panoramic views of Kapchorwa. Camp overnight at **Tutum Cave**, a natural rock shelter behind a waterfall.

Day 2 : Tutum Cave - Kajeri Camp (3,383 m)

The trail climbs steadily through forest and bamboo before opening into the moorland zone. Expect to see **giant heather trees**, unique alpine flowers, and occasional duikers grazing in the mist. Arrive at **Kajeri Camp** for dinner and overnight.

Duration
6 Hours

6-7 : Kajeri - Mude Cave Camp (3,500 m)

Continue across the rolling moorland towards Mude Camp, where all three main trails converge. The scenery here is dramatic, with wide views over the **Elgon caldera**. Set up camp and rest in preparation for the summit climb.

Day 4 : Mude Camp - Wagagai Peak (4,321 m) - Return to Mude Camp

A challenging but rewarding day! The final ascent takes you past unique afro-alpine vegetation and rocky outcrops to **Wagagai Peak** — the park's highest point. Enjoy sweeping views over Uganda and Kenya before descending back to Mude Camp.

Duration
8 Hours

Day 5 : Mude - Kapkwai (Descent)

Descend gradually through bamboo forest and open grassland back to Kapkwai. Transfer to your lodge near **Sipi Falls** for a hot shower and celebration dinner overlooking the valley.

