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25 of the world's most magical jungle adventures

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Jungles can be magical places. Unforgettable memories come instantly to mind. Sifaka lemurs dancing across the forest floor in Madagascar; a giant silverback gorilla cradling his infant offspring in the mountains of Uganda; shafts of sunlight, like spotlights on a stage, piercing the rainforest canopy in Costa Rica; gazing out over the jungle-covered Sierra Nevada mountains from the Ciudad Perdida (Lost City) in northern Colombia.

But jungles can be scary places, too. I remember once losing my bearings in the rainforest of Belize while exploring a Mayan temple. Then there was the time I came face to flicking tongue with a black mamba in Tanzania and that strange mixture of excitement and terror on a night walk in the Amazon. But perhaps most intimidating of all was being surrounded by a group of chimpanzees on a “border patrol” in the Kibale Forest of southern Uganda.

I was taking part in a project habituating chimpanzees to visits by small groups of human visitors.

14. Remote Tanzania

Located on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in remote western Tanzania, [Greystoke](#) is one of the best camps in the world to encounter wild chimpanzees. Small groups trek into the surrounding jungles of the Mahale mountains to spend time with habituated groups of chimps. Combine with big-game viewing at Chada Katavi camp further south.

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