

9 DAYS RWANDA SAFARI – GORILLA TOUR IN RWANDA

The 9 days Rwanda grand tour allows you explore all that Rwanda has to offer to tourists. Experience the Kigali city ,the Gorillas of the Virunga, the breath taking scenery in Nyungwe as you hear the music of the jungle, Rwanda will amaze you with its rich culture enjoy the dance, poetry and food , not forgetting the amazing wildlife viewing in Akagera national park

Day 1: Arrival – Kigali City Tour

Upon arrival at Kigali international airport, our tour guide will welcome and take you for a briefing in the Hotel. Proceed for Kigali city tour, where you will visit the Genocide Memorial Museum, curio markets and the Kimironko fruits markets where you have a chance to meet the local people and choose your fruit basket. The city tour will also include the old town of Nyamirambo, the new handicraft village and other shops, the Batwa pottery and dance center and the Gisozi Genocide Memorial. Lunch encountered enroute. The City tour takes a couple of hours and so interesting. Thereafter, proceed to Nyungwe National park, check-in at Nyungwe forest lodge.

Day 2: Hiking and trekking Colobus trails: Nyungwe forest N.P

Enter Nyungwe forest after breakfast to track the Nyungwe Colobus monkeys. A walk in the forest is a whole learning experience conducted by knowledgeable tour-guides well versed in botany, ornithology and interspecies relationship in this forest. Thereafter, return to your lodge for lunch. Dinner and overnight Nyungwe forest lodge.

Day 3: Chimp trekking in Nyungwe forest & Kibuye City

After a cup of coffee, enter Nyungwe forest (0600hrs) to track the chimpanzees; return to the lodge for lunch, thereafter, connect to Kibuye for dinner and overnight in ***Kibuye Guest house or Hotel Centre Bethanie.***

Day 4: Kibuye-Gisenyi-Ruhengeri & Kinigi (PNV)

After early breakfast, proceed to Kinigi (*Volcanoes National Park Headquarters*) from Kibuye via Gisenyi and Ruhengeri. This is a 6hrs drive. The Kibuye-Gisenyi drive traverses the most beautiful sceneries, providing spectacular views of the tea growing countryside of Gisovu and Kayove. Brief stops are provided for photography and refreshment. A 4hrs drive takes us to Gisenyi for lunch and a brief city tour. There after drive for 2hrs to Ruhengeri and finally Kinigi; the base of gorilla tracking. Dinner and overnight at ***Mountain gorilla view lodge (C) Da Vinci gorilla lodge. (M) Gorilla solution lodge (B)***

Day 5: Rwanda Gorillas in the Mist: Parc National des Volcans

An early morning breakfast is followed by a drive to Kinigi station – park headquarters for guide allocation and briefing on the Dos' and Don'ts while tracking mountain Gorillas. This is followed by a drive to the trailheads where hiking and trekking up the hills to the bamboo zone begins. Hiking to the gorillas may take 2-5 hours, depending on their movements. At least an hour with the mountain Gorillas can suffice. Return to your lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the twin volcanic lakes of Burera and Ruhondo. Dinner and overnight stay at ***Mountain gorilla view lodge (C) Da Vinci gorilla lodge. (M) Gorilla solution lodge (B)***

Day 6: Day Hike to Volcanic Mountain Bisoke

Enjoy an early morning breakfast and go for hiking Mt Bisoke, with a beautiful spectacular crater lake. The trail traverses the rainforest inhabited by the endangered mountain gorillas that were the subject of the movie – Gorillas in the Mist with Dian Fossey. The hike to the Crater Lake takes about 3 hours up and 2 hours down. Put on long pants to avoid the stinging nettle plants along the trail. The Mt Bisoke hike is suitable for those who are reasonably fit! Return to the lodge for lunch and relax. Dinner and overnight at ***Mountain gorilla view lodge (C) Da Vinci gorilla lodge. (M) Gorilla solution lodge (B)***

Day 7: PNV & Akagera National Park: Boat trip

Start a picnic drive to Kigali after breakfast, enroute, enjoy the rolling hills for which Rwanda is well known. Drive to Akagera National park, through the

beautiful undulating plains, composed of dense, broad-leafed woodland, lighter acacia woodland and rolling grassland, also with an extensive series of lakes linked by papyrus swamps forming a sprawling wetland. After lunch, proceed for a boat trip on Lake Ihema, where you will have a closer look at marine animals like Crocodiles and Hippos, coupled with large concentration of birdlife, with over 525 species identified. Unique species such as Shoe billed stocks and papyrus gonolek are part of the list. Endemics include the jacanas, ibis, sand pipers and herons. Return to ***Akagera safari Lodge or Ruzizi Tented lodge*** for dinner and overnight!

Day 8: Big game drive

An early start this morning as you join your ranger in an open vehicle for your safari into the Akagera National Park. A half day game drive here will allow you the opportunity to spot a variety of wild animals such as elephants, buffalos, lions, Maasai giraffe, gazelles, impala, baboons, oribi, Butchel's zebra, topi, bush baby, leopard and bushbuck. Have lunch and relax while having a discussion about the safari experience, and prepare for a flight back home. ***Akagera safari Lodge or Ruzizi Tented lodge***

Day 9: Final day in Rwanda

This is the last day of the safari, and saying bye to a country that has been your home for a short while. Following breakfast, you will connect to Kigali, do some shopping and latter transfer to the airport and catch your flight back home.

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