

7 Days Best of Rwanda Safari

Valid Till: 30 Jun 2020

Day 1: Arrival and Transfer to Volcanoes National park

On this day, upon arrival at Kigali Airport or depending on your location in Kigali city, you will meet our company representative/ guide who will transfer you to home of the endangered mountain gorillas-Volcanoes national park. This is a 2-3 hours driver from Kigali city to Musanze province. Connect to your lodge in Ruhengeri for relaxation, dinner and overnight stay. Sabyinyo silverback lodge (luxury), Le Bambou Gorilla lodge (Midrange), Hotel Muhabura (budget)

Day 2: Gorilla trekking experience

After early morning breakfast, you will be transferred to the park headquarters-kinigi for a briefing about the endangered mountain gorillas from the park warden. Along with your trekking gear, drinking water and packed lunch, the driver will drop you off at the starting point to trek the gorillas together with the ranger guides. This activity may take between 1-8 hours searching for the gorillas depending on their movement. However meeting them is so rewarding and you will spend maximally 1 hour with them as you take time studying them and taking pictures and videos. After spending your time with the fascinating mountain gorillas, return to the base and meet your driver to connect to your lodge for lunch and refresh.

After lunch and time is available, take a cultural walk to Iby'iwachu Cultural Village-a Non-Profit umbrella organization that aims at improving the lives of reformed poachers and communities around Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park through provision of conservation incentives, supporting community enterprise development and livelihood based projects. It's a rewarding place where you will be guided around the place as you enjoy the Kinyarwanda traditions including the Intore dance, traditional ceremonies and a guided community walk. Retreat and return to your lodge for relaxation, dinner and overnight stay as above. Sabyinyo silverback lodge (Luxury), Le Bambou Lodge (Midrange), Muhabura Hotel (Budget).

Day 3: Stop over at Lake Kivu and transfer to Nyungwe national park

After early morning breakfast at the lodge, visit Lake Kivu and enjoy the morning breeze at the shores, this is an hour drive to Rubavu. Spend just an hour there then return on the road to proceed on your 4-5 hours drive to Nyungwe national park with lunch en route. Nyungwe forest is the oldest and largest rain forest in East Africa. Arrive in the park in the late afternoon and connect to your

lodge for relaxation, dinner and overnight stay at Nyungwe Forest lodge (luxury), Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel (midrange), Gisakura guest house (budget)

Day 4: Chimpanzee tracking and afternoon canopy walk

Enjoy breakfast and go for briefing about the endangered chimpanzees before entering the forest in search of the active and playful fellows in Nyungwe forest. The Chimpanzees are much easier to spot as they jump from one tree to another, chattering and laughing. Chimpanzee tracking usually takes about 3 hours. On finding them, spend an hour while taking pictures and videos. You will then return to your accommodation for lunch.

After lunch, you will go on a walking trail that will take you to the Canopy Walk-a swing bridge 50 meters in length that is suspended from large trees. You will be able to see the amazing rainforest with a bird's eye view, spotting wildlife moving about below you. Before night fall, you will return to the lodge for dinner at Nyungwe Forest lodge (luxury), Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel (midrange), Gisakura guest house (budget) as above

Day 5: Transfer to Akagera national park

After early morning breakfast at your lodge, embark on your journey to the eastern province of Rwanda to visit Akagera national park bordering Tanzania, the journey is about 5-6 hours drive from Nyungwe national park through with stopovers at Nyanza king's palace and Rwanda national museum. On arrival at the park, enjoy en route game drive to introduce you to the beautiful scenery as you spot animals on your way to the lodge, check in the lodge for relaxation, dinner and overnight stay at Ruzizi tented camp(luxury) Akagera game lodge(mid range) Dereva hotel (budget).

Day 6: Game drive and Lake Ihema boat cruise

After a morning breakfast, you will embark on a morning game drive around the park for a rewarding wildlife views. Expect to encounter the Big five including the Lions, elephants, buffaloes, leopards, cape buffaloes and the recently introduced Rhinos along with other animals including; giraffes, warthogs, waterbucks, zebras, hyenas and different antelope species. Expect to also see over 500 species of birds. The game drive may last for about 3-4 hours. Return to lodge for lunch and relax as you wait for the next activity.

In the afternoon, the driver will pick up for a boat cruise on Lake Ihema-the second largest lake in Rwanda after Lake Kivu. The boat trip exposes you to plenty of wildlife on the lake shores which come to cool off and drink water including hippos, buffaloes, huge crocodiles and birds such as

malachite kingfisher and fish eagle. After the amazing cruise, return to the lodge for relaxation, dinner and overnight stay at lodge as above. Ruzizi tented camp (luxury) Akagera game lodge (midrange) Dereva hotel (budget).

Day 7: Transfer back to Kigali

Have breakfast then take a brief game drive while spotting the missed animals in the previous game drive. Later connect to transfer back to Kigali, about 2-3 hours passing through the scenic landscape of Rwanda. If time is available before your return flight, visit places you missed out visiting in Kigali city, have lunch then proceed to the Airport catch your flight.

End of safari.

Price in USD

Cost for person in luxury Lodges \$6,860

In Middle range Lodges \$6,140

In Normal Lodges \$5,330

Minimum of 5 paxs in a group

The packages are inclusive of the following

- 1> All Park entry fees in the mentioned Parks . 2> Concession fees in every Park.
- 3> Accommodation for all nights indicated in full board basis (Dinner, Breakfast, Lunches)
- 4> All Airport Transfers on arrival and on departure day.
- 5> Domestic flights from Either Dar or Kilimanjaro to Mwanza where Safari begins
- 6> Safari transportation with our Luxurious 4x4 Land Cruiser Safari vehicles for all the days indicated in the Packages.
- 7> All Government taxes & charges except Visa & health Certificate
- 8> Services for expert Driver/ Guides who are well knowledgeable about animals, History & Nature.
- 9> Clean & safe bottled drinking water 2 bottles of 500mls/person / day.
- 10> In every 15 paid clients, the leader will be granted free tour, from Accommodation, Park entry fees, meals, transport, transfers & Domestic flight.

These Packages do not include the following

- 1> All International Flights, VISA & health Insurance

- 2> All items of personal nature ,toiletries, gifts, Curios e.t.c
- 3> Laundry in the Lodges during the Safari
- 4> All kind of drinks except drinking water which will be provided
- 5> Extra meals in the Lodges & or Campsites
- 6> Tips/ gratuities for Tour Guide, porters & cooks. Tipping is highly recommended as this is the way to show gratitude to your Guide for a great service he rendered to you. But giving is according to client satisfaction.
- 7> Balloon Safaris in Serengeti, Maasai Mara or Tarangire National Parks of \$950/person. This Tour is optional.
- 8> Visiting Maasai Villages a.k.a Bomas in Ngorongoro for \$20/person(Optional)
- 9> Walking Safaris in Serengeti, Lake Manyara & Tarangire (Optional) \$45/person.

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