



Karibu! Welcome aboard enjoy the breathtaking tourism in your Wildlife Encounters Safari in Rwanda with RORENA Tours and Safaris.

Embark on an unforgettable expedition to track mountain gorillas and golden monkeys, in the rainforest of Rwanda. Visit a research Centre set up by Dr. Dian Fossey, who spent 18 years studying gorillas in the Virunga Mountains with support from National Geographic, and get up close to these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Set out in search of the "big five": lions, leopards, elephants, and Cape buffalo, while on safari in Akagera National Park, while learning about the incredible conservation efforts that brought this onetime battleground back from disaster.

Quick Facts

Destination	Meal Plan	Duration
Kigali City	HB	2 Nights
Volcanoes National Park	FB, FB, FB	3 Nights
Akagera National Park	HB, FB	2 Nights

Key: BB – Bed and Breakfast | HB – Half Board | FB – Full Board

Brief Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kigali

Day 2: Transfer to Volcanoes National Park

Day 3: Golden monkey tracking in Volcanoes National Park

Day 4: Gorilla tracking in Volcanoes National Park

Day 5: Transfer to Akagera National Park

Day 6: Game drives in Akagera National Park

Day 7: Transfer back to Kigali

Day 8: Departure

TOTAL PRICE 2023

Price available upon request ([Click Here](#))

USD **1500** per person for gorilla tracking in Volcanoes National Park



Includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport transfers • Accommodations with meals mentioned • Bottled drinking water • 4x4 custom built safari vehicle with knowledgeable driver/guide and fuel • Entrance fees to the included National Parks • Activities marked as included.
Excludes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Visa for Rwanda • All optional activities • Insurances • Meals and beverages not mentioned • Tips and personal expenses such as laundry and communication

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kigali

When you arrive at Kigali International airport, the first impression is the availability of the airport staff and the cleanliness. The formalities are quickly settled and recovered. Here they don't lose time for trivialities and our drive guide will welcome you with humbleness and a smile. With listening and caring, speak with your courtesy, he will guide your Hotel and wish you a pleasant stay for your first night.



Day 2: Transfer to Volcanoes National Park

Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial and pay your respects to the victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, learning about this somber chapter of the country's past. Later, embark on a community walk in the vibrant Nyamirambo neighborhood and enjoy a local lunch at the G Adventures-supported Nyamirambo Women's Centre. Travel to northern Rwanda in the afternoon and settle into our lodge, located at the edge of Volcanoes National Park and offering stunning views of the soaring peaks.

Volcanoes National Park borders Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda. Five of the eight volcanoes in the Virunga Mountains can be found here. The volcanoes and highlands of the park are covered in lush rainforest and bamboo (a favorite snack of the gorillas). While the most famous resident is the mountain gorilla, there's plenty of other wildlife roaming around: buffaloes, bushbucks, golden monkeys, hyenas, numerous bird species, and some elephants call this place home.

Accommodation: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (or similar). Meals: FB



Included: Kigali Genocide Memorial visit, Nyamirambo Women's Centre, Local Lunch

Day 3: Golden monkey tracking in Volcanoes National Park

Set out on a trek in lush, jungle-covered hills with a park ranger to track a unique and endangered species—the golden monkey. Observe these playful, curious creatures in their natural habitat; then visit the Ellen Degeneres Campus of the Karisoke Research Center, founded by National Geographic Grantee Dian Fossey. Visit the public exhibit and enjoy immersive activities, like a 360-degree theatre and replica of Dian Fossey's original

cabin before meeting with some of the organization's gorilla experts. Hear their experiences and stories working for the largest gorilla conservation organization in the world, and have the chance to ask them questions.

Accommodation: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (or similar).

Meals: FB

Additional Notes: Proper hiking attire must be worn – you will be trekking in a rainforest with lots of vegetation, undergrowth, nettles and normally a rather muddy terrain.

Only 1 hour is spent with the Golden Monkeys to ensure their protection and conservation.

Please note that if you are unwell with anything contagious, even a common cold, you may be denied any of the treks to ensure the safety of the golden monkeys. This is a national park regulation, and trekking permits will not be refunded if you are denied entrance due to illness.

The order of activities over Days 3 and 4 can change depending on permit scheduling.



Included: Golden Monkey Trek, Mountain Gorilla Conservation Sundowner Experience



Day 4: Gorilla tracking in Volcanoes National Park

Embark on an unforgettable trek through the jungle alongside a park ranger to search for mountain gorillas. When we come across a group of gorillas, witness their fascinating social dynamics up close. Note that these treks can vary in length and difficulty depending on the location of the gorillas. Return to our lodge for lunch, followed by a visit to a local village to catch a glimpse of daily rural life.

Approximately 1070 mountain gorillas exist globally in the wild today. They are found in Rwanda, DRC, and Uganda. In DRC and Rwanda, gorillas live in similar ecosystems/areas. The gorilla species found in these three areas are called highland gorillas.

In Rwanda there are ten habituated gorilla families that are open to visits – the visit to a gorilla family is done once per day, with a maximum 8 trekkers per group and the duration of a visit is limited to one (1) hour with the gorilla family. The time spent with them is limited due to conservation considerations and to minimize impact on the day-to-day life of the gorilla family you are visiting. It is important to be well prepared for the trek — you never know if your total trek will be short or long. The total duration of a trek can vary and be anything between 4 and 9 hrs in length depending on the location of the gorillas, which are constantly moving. You will mainly walk where there are no paths apart from the occasional buffalo or elephant trail.

Touching the gorillas is not allowed (although in some cases they may touch you). Making loud noises or sudden movements is also not allowed. You should attempt to keep a distance of 7m from the gorillas, however the gorillas themselves are unaware of this and will often get very close, in which case you should try to slowly move away. At all times you must abide by the instructions of the trackers and rangers.

Please note that porters are available at approx. \$10USD per person. The porters are all hired from local villages and not only can carry your day pack, but assist you with a welcome hand over difficult spot. Regardless of your fitness level, we highly recommend hiring a porter as some tracks can be very muddy and elevation can affect even the fit person. It also provides employment and supports the local community.

Accommodation: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (or similar).

Meals: FB

Additional Notes: Mountain gorillas share 98% of our DNA and are prone to catching human illnesses. Please note that if you are unwell with anything contagious, even a common cold, you may be denied any of the treks to ensure the safety of the gorillas. This is a national park regulation, and trekking permits will not be refunded if you are denied entrance due to illness.

Proper hiking attire must be worn – you will be trekking in a rainforest with lots of vegetation, undergrowth, nettles and normally a rather muddy terrain. Minimum age for gorilla trekking is 15 years old.

Please note that depending on the size of our group and when permits are confirmed, we may be split into 2 trekking groups and you may be trekking with travelers from other groups.



Included: Gorilla Trekking, Iby'iwacu Village Visit

Day 5: Transfer to Akagera National Park

Head back to Kigali for lunch, then continue east to Akagera National Park. Armed conflict once devastated this part of Rwanda, and many years of neglect and misuse followed. Yet dedicated work by the local communities resulted in the return of wildlife to the park's savannas, forested hills, and wetlands. Learn more about this fascinating conservation success story in a behind-the-scenes visit to the African Parks headquarters here. Later, check into our comfortable lodge overlooking stunning Lake Ihema.

Akagera National Park offers a remarkable conservation story and is home to the Big Five, zebras, giraffes, elephants and hundreds of bird species. Running directly along the border with Tanzania, the park covers 1,122 km² (433 sq. mi) and offers a variety of landscapes including highlands, savannah plains, swamps, wetlands and lakes.

Meals: FB



Included: Akagera National Park, Conservation and Community

Day 6: Game drives in Akagera National Park

Wake before sunrise for an early morning safari drive in search of the "big five." Keep an eye out for lions, buffalo, hyenas, and antelopes grazing freely here. Return to the lodge for lunch and some free time to relax or take a dip in the pool. In the afternoon, glide along Lake Ihema by boat, watching for hippos and crocodiles. Spot more wildlife, such as elephants and buffalo, as they gather at the lakeshore to drink water. Keep an eye out for a variety of birds including herons, shoebill storks, fish eagles, and kingfishers.

Meals: FB



Included: Akagera NP Morning Safari Drive, Wildlife Cruise on Lake Ihema

Day 7: Transfer back to Kigali

Head out with a packed breakfast for our final safari drive in the early hours when animals are most active. Look for giraffes, gazelles, impalas, baboons, Butchel's zebras, leopards, and lions. Later that morning, depart through the northern edge of the park and travel overland back to Kigali for our last evening.

Accommodation: Hotel des Mille Collines (or similar)

Meals: BB



Included: Akagera NP Morning Safari Drive

Day 8: Departure

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