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As the world's premier network of luxury destination management companies, Akorn Destination Management is unsurpassed at delivering customized, expertly managed travel experiences - and uniquely qualified to protect your wellbeing when travelling in the wake of COVID-19.

Guest safety comes first

In recognition of our dedication and commitment to Safe Travel Protocols, Akorn DMC has received the global World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Safe Travels Stamp. We follow the guidelines established by the leading health experts (including World Health Organization) to minimize any opportunity for coronavirus exposure.

Southern Africa is all about open spaces

Southern Africa is blessed with remote and untouched areas where physical distancing comes naturally. Namibia is a country of endless horizons and vast landscapes where magnificent dunes crash into the coastline. Due to arid Namib Desert, it is one of the least densely populated countries in the world. Zambia is a true wilderness destination and offers an authentic safari experience in untouched areas like the South Luangwa National Park and Lower Zambezi National Park where visitor numbers are small.

Luxurious & Exclusive Private Travel Experiences

In Southern Africa we are able to create tailor made experiences and itineraries that include air side meet and greet (where possible), private charter flights, private luxury transfers, exclusive excursions and accommodation options that vary from small boutique hotels to intimate lodges and camps, exclusive use multigenerational or small family villas - while including the luxury travel elements that our guests are accustomed to.

Akorn DMC is there every step of the way

We pride ourselves in being on the ground with our guests every step of the way - and that was even before the pandemic. We provide 24/7 support, seven days a week. Akorn DMC's worldwide network is always on hand to answer questions and address any concerns you may have. Our offices are experienced in handling emergencies and have the contacts and knowledge to support guests around the clock in the event of medical challenges, including, if necessary, arranging doctor's visits or even emergency medical evacuation.

As destination experts we are here to assist our Travel Partners every step of the way. For the most up to date information regarding each country's International travel status, access, entry requirements and PCR Testing options - simply click on the country name below, alternatively **contact** one of our destination experts.

SOUTHERN AFRICA COVID-19 REGULATIONS

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- [Namibia](#)
- [South Africa](#)
- [Zambia](#)
- [Zimbabwe](#)



SOUTHERN AFRICA | EXCLUSIVE JOURNEYS



The Akorn DMC way of travel has always focused on exclusive private travel experiences. We understand that guests require this way of travel now more than ever. Our three Exclusive Journeys include airside meet and greet services (where possible), private charter regional and intercamp flights throughout and a private vehicle and guide on safari - all while staying in intimate lodges, camps and hotel located in remote areas.



Exclusive Journey **South Africa** - 10 nights

3 Nights - Royal Malewane, Thornybush Game Reserve
3 Nights - Tswalu The Motse, Tswalu Kalahari Reserve
4 Nights - The Silo Hotel, Cape Town
[Click here](#) for the full itinerary



Exclusive Journey **Botswana** - 7 nights

3 Nights - Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, Chobe National Park
4 Nights - Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Moremi Game Reserve
[Click here](#) for the full itinerary



Exclusive Journey **Namibia** - 9 nights

3 Nights - Little Kulala, Sossusvlei
3 Nights - Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast
3 Nights - Onguma the Fort, Onguma Nature Reserve
[Click here](#) for the full itinerary



These are suggested itineraries and our destination experts are able to incorporate higher category regional private charter flight options (King Air 200 or Learjet) where possible or change routings, properties or upgrade to private villas where possible. Contact us for pricing and more information.



New Akorn Insider Access - Cape Town

Christo Brand - "From Prisoner to President" Tour

Start the journey at Jetty One located at the V&A Waterfront, the place where prisoners were registered and used to board the ferry for their perilous trip to Robben Island. Depart along Nelson Mandela Boulevard and continue past Groote Schuur Estate and the home of former Minister of Security, Kobie Coetsee – where Christo used to take Mandela at night for secret talks with the Apartheid Government. Travel to Pollsmoor Prison where Mandela was imprisoned from 1982 to 1988 and where Christo was responsible for the Mandela group. Stop at the entrance to the Prison and subject to permission being granted on the day, guests will enter through the security gates and proceed to the outside of Mandela's rooftop cell for a chat from Christo about daily life in the prison for Mandela and the other political prisoners. Subject to permission on the day, they continue to the house in the Prison grounds where Mandela held secret ground-breaking negotiations with the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group in 1987. Head back to the city, stopping outside Mandela's former home in the upmarket suburb of Bishopscourt. Thereafter continue to the City Hall building in Darling Street where a statue of Mandela marks the place where he made his first speech as a free man on 11th February, 1990. End the journey back at the Waterfront or the hotel.



One&Only Cape Town - New Curated Experiences

One&Only Cape Town prides itself on personalised service, and ensuring their guests see and experience only the best - as such the resort has conceptualised and curated a number of experiences available exclusively to in-house guests. These include a South African Wine Blending Experience, Mixology Masterclass, Kids Waterfront Walkabout, Nobu "Little Chefs Masterclass, Wine Harvesting Experience, Cooking Cultures, Nobu Sushi Masterclass and an Inveroché Gin tour and Helicopter flight. **Contact us** for more information on these unique experiences.

La Petite Colombe - New location

La Petite Colombe, sister restaurant to the famous La Colombe restaurant in Constantia, and previously located at Le Quartier Français has re-opened its doors at a stunning new location at Leeu Estates, in Franschhoek. Its new stand-alone space is larger, seating 60 guests both indoors and on the terrace, with floor to ceiling windows offering glorious views of Leeu Estates' beautifully manicured gardens and vineyards, with the Franschhoek Valley river and mountain as a glorious backdrop.

Royal Portfolio - STAY 6 PAY 5 OFFER

The Royal Portfolio released an incredible special offer. Stay 6 nights at a combination of their properties and only pay for 5 nights. The cheapest night will be complimentary. Properties include The Silo, Royal Malewane, The Farmstead, Birkenhead House and La Residence. The offer excludes the Private Residences. Applicable to new bookings from 16 November 2020 to 31 May 2021 and for travel from 16 November 2020 to 31 May 2021. The offer can't be applied to existing bookings.



Sanctuary Retreats - Botswana Camps Reopen

Sanctuary Chief's Camp, located on famous Chief's Island in the Moremi Game Reserve, reopened on 10 December 2020. The camp features 10 stylish bush pavilions and the exclusive Geoffrey Kent suite which consists of two en suite rooms, a private bar, boma, lounge and kitchen, all serviced by a private house-keeper, waiter, guide and vehicle.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero offers unparalleled panoramic views across the Chobe River and floodplains as far as Namibia. The lodge, located just outside of the Chobe National Park, reopened on 16 December 2020.

Special Reopening Offer

To celebrate the reopening of these two camps, Sanctuary Retreats is offering guests a chance to experience these two exceptional camps at unbeatable rates. Save up to 40% when booking a stay combining these two lodges. Terms & Conditions Apply.



Maun Airport Renovations Complete

The Maun Airport Terminal Renovation project, which started in April 2019, was completed at the end of November 2020.

Major renovations at the airport were done on the check-in areas, meet and greet areas and baggage collection area for domestic baggage. In addition, improvements were made to the air conditioning, flight information displays, separation of domestic and international pax for security screening as well as the introduction of a Public Address System. The project experienced a seven-month delay due to COVID-19, however renovations are now complete and the airport is up and running again.

NEW: Xigera Safari Lodge

Xigera Safari Lodge, nestled beneath an impressive canopy of ancient jackalberry, mangosteen and leadwood trees opened on 1 December 2020.

The 12 air-conditioned suites have been carefully sited to give endless floodplain views and the chance to watch passing wildlife. One of the suites is a Family Suite, comprising two en-suite bedrooms each with dressing room and outdoor shower, interleaving lounge and private deck with outdoor gazebo.

While the emphasis at Xigera is water activities, game drives are offered year round. Due to Moremi Game Reserve National Park regulations, no night drives are offered. Day game drives are offered in open 4x4 vehicles - four of which are 4-seaters and two, 6-seaters. Water-based activities are enjoyed in 2-seater glass-bottom mokoro's and 6-seater motorboats (seasonal water levels permitting).



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All travelers entering Kenya will be required to present a PCR negative certificate no older than 96 hours.
- All COVID-19 tests must be verified on the Trusted Travelers Site before departing from their home country and before departing from Kenya. For full details on how to do this please [click here](#).
- It is now a mandatory requirement for all passengers arriving in Kenya to fill in the Travelers Health Surveillance Form by the Ministry of Health in Kenya. Forms must be filled online via this link https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/ **prior to boarding**. Passengers will receive a QR code after completing the form and will be required to display it to the Port Health Official for them to be allowed to proceed to arrival immigration.
- All travelers to Kenya must obtain online visas via <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>. Visas on arrival are no longer available.

ON THE GROUND

- Face masks are compulsory when out in public and physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Temperatures are taken at most hotels, shopping malls and other places of interest.

AIRLINES

- Kenya Airways, Emirates, British Airways, Turkish, KLM, Ethiopian Airlines, Lufthansa, Qatar and Air France and other airlines are all operating flights into Kenya.

WHAT IF MY GUEST GETS COVID-19 WHILST TRAVELLING?

- Guests will be taken to a hotel of their choice where they will need to self isolate for 5 to 10 days.
- COVID-19 tests can be arranged to take place at Nairobi hotels or at safari camps at an additional cost.
- If the guests condition is serious they will be taken to the nearest hospital for medical attention.
- This would be at their own cost.

TESTING FACILITIES

- There are numerous testing facilities in Nairobi and results are returned in 24 hours.
- Akorn DMC will assist with organizing tests in Kenya.
- Tests cost between USD 100 - 200 excluding facilitation fees which are dependent on where the sample is being taken.

COVID-19 entry details current as of 19th January 2021.

[For the most up to date information please click here.](#)





TSAVO NATIONAL PARK

Finch Hattons Luxury Tented Camp - Stay 3 pay 2 offer

Stay for 3 nights and only pay for 2 at Finch Hattons up until the 31st March 2021.

LAIKIPIA

Lewa Wilderness - Stay 3 pay 2 offer

Book 3 nights at Lewa Wilderness and only pay for 2 in April, May and November 2021.

The Enasoit Collection - Stay 5 pay 4 offer

Book 5 nights at Enasoit OR on the Tusitiri Dhow in Lamu and only pay for 4. The property and the dhow can also be combined under this offer.

Valid at Enasoit: 5th January - 1st June 2021

Valid at Tusitiri Dhow: 5th January - 1st April 2021.

MASAI MARA

Karen Blixen Camp - Stay 3 pay 2 / Stay 4 pay 3 offer

stay for 3 or 4 nights at Karen Blixen Camp and get 1 night free. Applicable for travel from the 15th March - 30th June and 1st November - 21st December 2021.

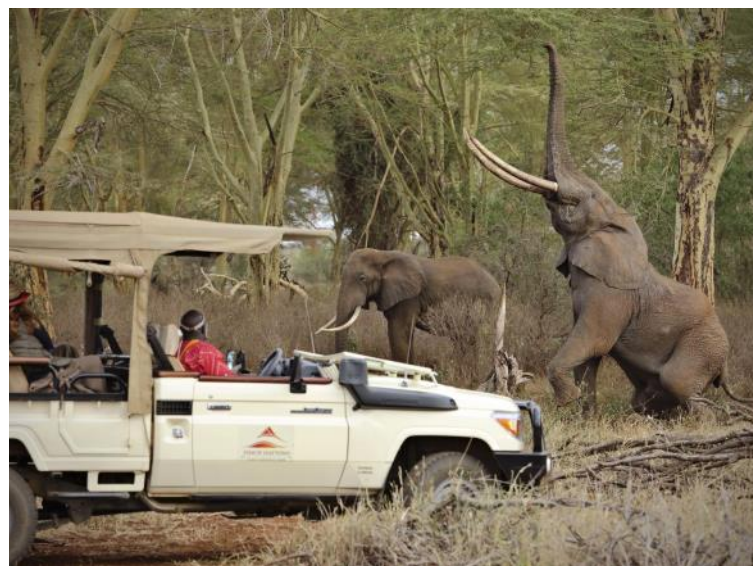
KENYA COMBINATIONS

Bush & Beyond - Stay 7 pay 5 offer

Stay at a combination of Bush and Beyond Lodges and get two free nights:

- Lewa House
- Tangulia Mara Camp
- House in the Wild
- Sarara Tree Camp
- Sarara Camp
- Ol Malo Lodge or House

Valid for travel until the 30th June 2021.



NEW PROPERTIES & UPGRADES

NEW: ANGAMA SAFARI CAMP

Opened in September 2020 Angama Safari Camp is the latest addition to the Masai Mara. Located in the Mara Triangle this little camp has only four en-suite tents and is available for exclusive use bookings only. Guests must stay a minimum of three nights at the property which is open all year round. This light footprint camp is perfect for guests who are looking to be in the heart of the action when the annual migration reaches the Masai Mara.



NEW: MUGIE HOUSE

Governors' Mugie House is set out around a hill on the private 50,000 acre Mugie Conservancy in Laikipia. Its elevated position means the lodge enjoys long, uninterrupted views across the vast acacia-dotted savannah which is a haven for a multitude of wildlife. Eight stone cottages that include a suite and a family cottage are uniquely furnished and feature wide windows that flood the rooms with light. Each cottage has a fireplace for chilly nights and a luxurious bath with the suite and family cottage boasting private plunge pools on wide verandahs. In addition to day and night game drives, big cat tracking and golfing are some of the activities offered at Mugie. Guests fly into Loisaba airstrip then take a 90 minute game drive to the lodge. Now that the lodge has been completed the owners house is currently under construction. This exclusive use property will feature four bedrooms, a central relaxation and dining area as well as its own horizon pool with stunning views out across the conservancy.



NEW: EDEN NAIROBI

Formally known as 148 Nairobi, Eden Nairobi has reopened under the original owner of the house Anna Trezbinski. The property is located minutes away from the Giraffe Centre and features a total of 8 bedrooms set out across two buildings each of which are very different. There is also a new lake which doubles as a natural swimming pool with an open deck dining area around it.

UPGRADED: COTTARS 1920'S

Following massive refurbishments, Cottars 1920 Camp now has a signature mess tent, an explorer's tent and new interiors in its second honeymoon tent. The mess tent includes an Art Nouveau centre bar, an explorer's library fire nook, a Victorian-era inspired dining area and vintage lounging area. The Explorer's tent showcases the history of safari, the Maasai culture, unique biodiversity specimens and conservation stories in an interactive and engaging space. The expansive Honeymoon tent features two bathrooms, a separate fire room, living and dining areas, and a bedroom with a huge 4-poster bed.

UPGRADED: GALDESSA CAMP

The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust has taken over the running of Galdessa Camp located in Tsavo East National Park. Five tents sit under the shade of doum palms with views of the Galana River which draws the park's famous red elephants and other wildlife. A new pool provides a welcome respite from the heat of Tsavo. Galdessa Camp can be booked on exclusive use only, is self-catering and comes with a well-appointed kitchen and a trained chef, waiters, room stewards, and guides. To cater for your guests Akorn DMC would send the mobile camping team down with the food and drink supplies. Access to the camp is by a 60 minute' flight to the Lugard Falls Airstrip, which is 8 kilometers from camp.



Reduced visiting times at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage

The 11.00 and 17.00 visits at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi have been suspended until further notice. The 15.00 private visit is still available to guests but must be booked in advance as there is only one group allowed in per day.

Entry into Kenya: e-visa only

Guests are no longer able to get visas on arrival in Kenya - visas must be purchased in advance online via <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

Flying from Masai Mara to Serengeti

The Migori Airstrip in Kenya has been closed for renovations and will reopen in January 2022. In the meantime to connect between the two national parks guest will either have to fly:

- Masai Mara - Wilson (Nairobi) - Kilimanjaro - Serengeti (or vice versa)
- Masai Mara - Kisumu - Musoma - Serengeti (or vice versa). This requires a minimum passenger load of 5 pax and will only operate in the peak season months (July - September).

Refurbishment and Upgrade of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

Terminal 1B and 1C at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) are undergoing a 12 month renovation. Once completed the two terminals will deliver modern concessions and amenities to passengers as well as increasing efficiency. Due to the closure of the terminals guests are advised to check in four hours before their flight due to the long wait times.

NEW: Boat Safaris on Lake Nakuru

Boat Safaris are now available at Lake Nakuru National Park. The boat safaris are offered on set departure times for a maximum of eight passengers. The boats have swivel seats which are suitable for photographers. Keen bird watchers can book full or half day ornithological experiences.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A negative COVID-19 certificate is only required if either the airline or the country the guests are coming from have the same requirement as a condition to travel. We however recommend that all travelers present a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival at Tanzania's point of entries.
 - If guests are travelling from USA, UK, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Canada, Kenya, Uganda or Rwanda into Tanzania they will need to have a negative COVID-19 certificate.
- Guests are also required to fill out a Surveillance Travel Form to be submitted on arrival to Port Health Authority. This one page form is distributed by the airline cabin crew before landing or it can be found at the arrival lounge before proceeding onto Immigration and Customs.
- Visas can be obtained on arrival or in advance at <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/>
- Guests temperature will be taken when disembarking from the plane before proceeding to immigration.

ON THE GROUND

- The use of face masks is not mandatory however we advise all guests to wear a face mask whilst in public areas.
 - Please make sure your guests are aware that the majority of people in Tanzania will not be wearing facemasks.

AIRLINES

- Kenya Airways, Emirates, Turkish Airlines, KLM, Qatar and Ethiopian Airlines are all operating flights into Tanzania.

WHAT IF MY GUEST GETS COVID-19 WHILST TRAVELLING?

- Guests will be taken to a hotel of their choice where they will need to self isolate for 14 days.
- If the guests condition is serious they will be taken to the nearest hospital for medical attention.
- This would be at their own cost.

COVID-19 entry details current as of 19th January 2021.

[For the most up to date information please click here.](#)

TESTING FACILITIES

- Test samples can be taken in Arusha or Lake Manyara and are then flown to Dar es Salaam. Test result are received within 48 hours.
- Should the guest need a test to connect onto a different country Akorn DMC will organize this either in Arusha or Lake Manyara.
- When planning itineraries it is advisable to keep this in mind.
- Tests cost USD 100 - 200 per test excluding the facilitation fee which will vary depending on their location.



SPECIAL OFFERS

TANZANIA COMBINATIONS

Free nights at the Nomads Camps

Stay for 4 nights and pay for 3 at any of the Nomad Camps or combine different camps and stay for 5 and pay for 4 or stay for 7 and pay for 5.

Valid for travel until the 20th December 2021.

Camps include:

- Kuro Tarangire
- Entamanu Ngorongoro & Private
- Serengeti Safari Camp
- Lamai Serengeti & Private
- Mkombe's House
- Kigelia Ruaha
- Sand River Selous
- Kiba Point
- Chada Katavi
- Greystoke Mahale

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Singita Serengeti - stay 4 pay 3 offer

Book 4 nights at any Singita Serengeti property and only pay for 3 plus receive a private vehicle at 50% of the cost. Valid for travel from 6th January - 31st May and 1st September - 14th December 2021.

PEMBA ISLAND

Aiyana's Splendid Isolation - 30 days away

For those guests that can work remotely the book them into the Aiyana in Pemba for a month. The cost is from USD 10,500 per suite which can accommodate 2 adults and 1 child below 12. They will receive:

- 30 nights on full board accommodation in a Superior Suite Beach Villa
- Domestic flights from Zanzibar to Pemba
- Return transfers from Pemba Airport
- Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner
- Unlimited WIFI
- 50% off spa treatments and some activities & 30% off beverages
- Daily housekeeping
- COVID-19 testing every 15 days and prior to check out



NEWS

LAKE MANYARA TREE CANOPY WALKWAY CLOSED

The Lake Manyara Treetop Walkway is closed until 31st of May 2021. They are still taking bookings for safaris past 31st May 2021 so don't hesitate to include the excursion in your clients' safaris.

TANZANIA PARK FEE INCREASE

The United Republic of Tanzania has announced new entry fees to Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) effective from 1st July 2021. The new entry and concession fees which have gone up by between 10% and 15%, depending on the park, will affect Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Lake Manyara, Nyerere (formerly Selous Game Reserve), Serengeti and Tarangire National Parks.

SELOUS GAME RESERVE BECOMES NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

In 2019, 30,000 square kilometers of Selous Game Reserve was converted into Nyerere National Park, named after the country's first president. Nyerere National Park is now the largest park in Africa and boasts of massive herds of prey and predators, thanks to its remote location and the presence of the Rufiji River. The park is legendary for its boating trips, walking safaris and fly camping.

NEW: Hamerkop House

Located on the Dolly Golf Estate, halfway between Kilimanjaro International Airport and Arusha, is Lemala's new Hamerkop House. The house has just three en-suite rooms making it perfect for exclusive use bookings. It also has a beautiful pool with views out over the golf course as well as a dining room and lounge. There are a variety of activities available in the area including horse riding, golfing, canoeing and walking. It is the perfect place to start, or end, a Tanzanian safari.

NEW: Villa at Xanadu

Xanadu, located on the east coast of Zanzibar, has opened a new villa right on the beach. Mwaingu is the largest one bedroom villa that Xanadu has and commands the best view with its beachfront location. In addition it has its own dining and lounge area as well as a plunge pool to cool off in; the perfect escape for any couple. There are a huge range of activities available at Xanadu and the activities manager on site is always on hand to organize them for your guests.

[Contact us](#) to book your guests into one of these wonderful new properties.



NEW: Serengeti Sametu Camp

Opened in October 2020 Serengeti Sametu Camp is located in a secluded corner along the eastern edge of the central Serengeti. The camp has eight luxury tents, eight tented suites and two family suites each with far reaching views across the Serengeti plains. During the day guests can explore this vast landscape on game drives and in the evening recount their adventures around a campfire out under the stars.

Upgraded: Singita Sabora Tented Camp

In September 2020 Singita re-opened its newly upgraded Sabora Tented Camp. Located in the Grumeti Reserve on the western boundary of the Serengeti National Park the camp has retained the quintessential elements of a romantic safari. The nine tented suites are positioned to give guests the best views out over the plains from all areas - be it from their king sized bed or the bathtub. The main area also features a unique "guest deli" filled with gourmet delights; guests are welcome to select a variety of treats to enjoy in their rooms or in various locations around the camp.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All travelers arriving in Rwanda must have a negative COVID-19 result taken within 120 hours of departure (meaning that you get tested and get results no more than 5 days before your first flight), complete the passenger locator form, and upload the COVID-19 test certificate onto the site.
 - Passenger locator form: <https://rbc.gov.rw/travel/>
- All travelers arriving in Rwanda will be screened upon entry and be given a second COVID-19 test to confirm the negative results of first test done prior to arrival.
- All travelers are required to quarantine for 24 hours in a designated transit hotel while awaiting the results of the second test.
 - Please make sure you book at least one night in Kigali on arrival when planning itineraries.
- All travelers departing Rwanda **MUST** test negative for COVID-19. There are testing centers near all the major national parks where the guests can have a test and receive the results before they depart.

ON THE GROUND

- To enter the primate parks guests must have a COVID-19 negative test result that is no more than 72 hours old. There are testing centers Rusizi (near Nyungwe Forest NP) and Musanze (near Volcanoes NP) where guests can get tested if their previous test has expired. Tests are USD 60 per person.
- Masks must be worn whilst gorilla and chimpanzee tracking and a distance of 10 meters from the primates must be observed. Gorilla tracking groups have been reduced to 6 pax.
- Face masks are compulsory when out in public and physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Temperatures are taken at most hotels, shopping malls and other places of interest.

AIRLINES

- Kenya Airways, RwandAir, Turkish, KLM, Ethiopian Airlines, SN Brussels and Qatar are all operating flights into Rwanda.

COVID-19 entry details current as of 19th January 2021.

[For the most up to date information please click here.](#)

WHAT IF MY GUEST GETS COVID-19 WHILST TRAVELLING?

- Guests will be taken to the government isolation center where they will be in quarantine until they test negative for COVID-19. they must have 3 negative tests in a row to be released.
- There are medical facilities at the isolation centers.
- This would be at their own cost.

TESTING FACILITIES

- There are numerous testing facilities through the country including Ruzizi, Musanze, Kigali and Nyagatare that provide PCR testing and results are returned in 12 - 24 hours.
- Tests cost USD 60 per person. Some hotels are able to organize testing on site however there would be an additional cost for this.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All travelers entering Uganda will be required to present a PCR negative certificate no older than 120 hours.
- Visas can be obtained on arrival or online in advance: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>
- Guests must have a negative COVID-19 test obtained not more than 120 hours to leave the country.

ON THE GROUND

- Face masks are compulsory when out in public and physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Temperatures are taken at most hotels, shopping malls and other places of interest.
- Masks must be worn whilst gorilla and chimpanzee tracking and a distance of 10 meters from the primates must be observed.

AIRLINES

- Kenya Airways, Emirates, Turkish, KLM, Ethiopian Airlines, SN Brussels and Qatar are all operating flights into Uganda.

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WHAT IF MY GUEST GETS COVID-19 WHILST TRAVELLING?

- If a guest has symptoms of COVID-19 they will be transported to Entebbe regional referral Hospital for further tests. If they test positive, he or she will be taken to a COVID-19 isolation center at their own cost.
- If a foreign national who is COVID-19 positive wishes to be repatriated for treatment in another facility outside Uganda, this shall be done at his or her cost following COVID-19 medical evacuation protocols.

TESTING FACILITIES

- There are numerous testing facilities in Kampala and Entebbe and results are returned in 12 - 48 hours.
- Should the guest need a test to connect onto a different country Akorn DMC will organize this in Entebbe.
- Tests cost USD 65 excluding the facilitation fee which will vary depending on where the test is taken.

UGANDA: Bakers Lodge Temporarily Closed

Following a rise in River Nile's water levels, Baker's Lodge in Murchison Falls National Park has been temporarily closed until the water levels subside. We shall advise when the lodge re-opens.

UGANDA: Discounted Gorilla Permits

The Uganda Wildlife Authority has released a special offer on Gorilla Permits - USD 400 per person per track down from USD 700. Valid for travel until the 31st March 2021.

UGANDA: A New Gorilla Baby

On the 4th January 2021 Nderema, a female adult belonging to the Nkuringo family, gave birth to a baby bringing the family size to 12. This is Nderemas second baby - her first was born in 2018 but sadly did not survive as Bwindi experienced some extreme weather in the first 15 days of its life.

The Nkuringo family lives in the southern tip of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest where Clouds Lodge is also located.

[Contact us](#) to book your clients this bucket list trip.

RWANDA: Reduced Gorilla Tracking Group Sizes

Gorilla tracking groups have been reduced from 8 pax to 6 pax in Rwanda. Guests must also have a negative COVID-19 test result that is no older than 72 hours before tracking the gorillas. This can be obtained in Musanze before the track.

RWANDA: Kivu Queen Launching in June 2021

Scheduled to launch in June 2021, the Mantis Kivu Queen uBaranga is a luxury houseboat that will cruise Lake Kivu, west of Rwanda. Accommodation includes 10 cabins - 6 luxury cabins, 2 deluxe cabins, 1 VIP cabin, and 1 Presidential cabin. Guests can access the boat in Rubavu, Karongi or Rusizi. Clients will be able to sail South to North or vice versa creating an easy and unique connection between Nyungwe Forest NP and Volcanoes NP.



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