

Best of Rwanda



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1 Arrive in Kigali

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for the night. Dinner is under your own arrangements.

Kigali, Rwanda's capital, has been at the centre of the country's dedication to move past their tragic history, and make the country stronger and better than ever. The city has been hailed as one of the cleanest, safest and prettiest capital cities in Africa. This is unsurprising considering the substantial strides Rwanda has taken to ameliorate the country, from its ban of plastic bags to the implementation of *Umuganda* which sees a monthly coalition of all citizens to clean up their neighbourhoods.

Overnight: Bronze: Hotel Milles Collines | Silver: Kigali Serena Hotel | Gold: The Retreat

Meal Plan:

2 Nyungwe Forest National Park

Today, drive to the Nyungwe Forest National Park, have lunch on the way and arrive in the afternoon.

Tucked away in the southwest corner of Rwanda, Nyungwe Forest National Park is home to a plethora of extraordinary sites and activities. With over 80 species of mammal, 13 species of primate, 1,000 plant types and more than 300 kinds of bird - 27 of which are endemic - it is little wonder that many hail this forest as Rwanda's most important site for biodiversity. The chance to track chimpanzees is high up on the list of things to do, with over 400 of these primates living beneath the forest's dense canopy, some of which have been habituated to human contact.

Overnight: Bronze: Mantis Kivu Marina Bay Hotel | Gold: One&Only Nyungwe House

Meal Plan: B,L,D

3 Nyungwe Forest National Park

After an early breakfast, you will make your way to the start point for a morning of chimpanzee tracking. These wonderful primates are very much like humans – they can be gentle, caring and tender but they can also be aggressive and irritable very much like humans.

There are approximately 500 chimps left in the Nyungwe Forest and they live in extended communities of up to 100 individuals that break up into smaller sub groups as they forage through the forest. You are likely to hear them before you see them and they may be on the move so you will have to track them through the forest.

Overnight: Bronze: Mantis Kivu Marina Bay Hotel | Gold: One&Only Nyungwe House

Meal Plan: B,L,D

4 Lake Kivu

After breakfast drive north up to Lake Kivu. Arrive at the property in time for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Lake Kivu is as impressive as it is picturesque; forming part of the Great Rift Valley, this body of water is the largest lake in Rwanda and one of the largest in Africa. The lake is surrounded by dramatic hills and mountains, dotted with idyllic islands, and fringed by sandy beaches and several tranquil, traditional fishing villages.





Overnight: Bronze: Lake Kivu Serena Hotel | Silver: The Cleo Hotel | Gold: The Kivu Queen
Meal Plan: B,L,D

5 Volcanoes National Park

Today, there is time for a leisurely breakfast before driving north to Volcanoes National park. The journey will give you an opportunity to view Rwanda's splendid hilly terrain. There is time in the afternoon to explore the community or head out on an Insider Access Experience: Canoeing the Mukungwa River with sundowners (additional cost).

The Mukungwa River runs through the foothills of the Virunga Volcanoes and gliding lightly down it in a modern canoe is a unique way to soak up the countryside. Take in the impressive views of the soaring volcanoes in the distance, spot abundant birds, look out for the otters and meet friendly communities.

Overnight: Bronze: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge | Silver: Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge | Gold: One&Only Gorilla's Nest
Meal Plan: B,L,D

6 Gorilla Tracking

After an early breakfast drive to the Gorilla Tracking HQ to meet the guide, porter and the other people tracking your gorilla family.

Gorilla tracking in Rwanda is often described as "life changing" and with good reason. With only an estimated 1,000 gorillas left in the world, to see these gentle creatures in their natural habitat is a truly unique moment. Hikes in the mountains can last anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours + depending on the family allocated to your group and their location. The journey back can take just as long, but you are often carried along by the euphoria you feel at seeing the gorillas!

Overnight: Bronze: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge | Silver: Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge | Gold: One&Only Gorilla's Nest
Meal Plan: B,L,D

7 Golden Monkey Tracking

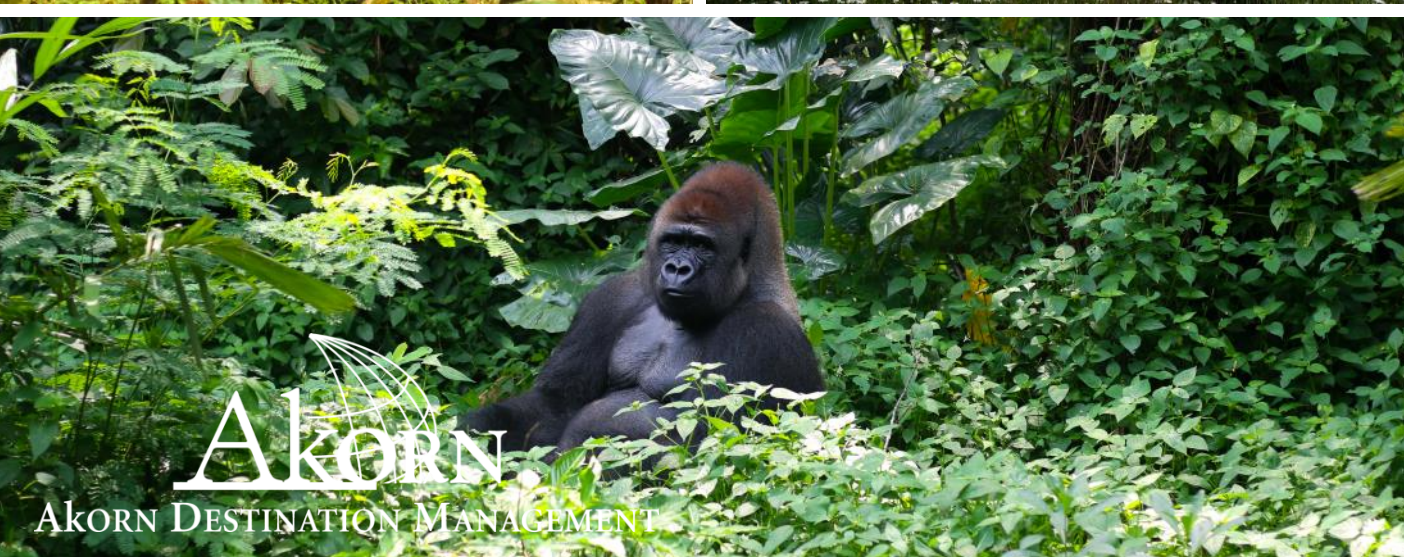
Today, either go on a second gorilla track (additional cost) or go on a golden monkey track. This unusual species is endemic to the Virunga Volcanoes Chain and can only easily be seen in Rwanda. The golden monkeys are very active creatures and spend a lot of time up in the bamboo jumping between them which can make them difficult to photograph. However, this is a rare and delightful experience and one not to be missed whilst in Rwanda.

Overnight: Bronze: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge | Silver: Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge | Gold: One&Only Gorilla's Nest
Meal Plan: B,L,D

10 Depart Kigali

This morning have breakfast at leisure before driving back to Kigali. There will be some time for shopping and lunch before leaving to the airport for the flight home.

Meal Plan: B



OVERVIEW

- 1 NIGHT - KIGALI
- 2 NIGHTS - NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK
- 1 NIGHT - LAKE KIVU
- 3 NIGHTS - VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

INCLUDES

- Accommodation
- Meals & drinks as indicated
- One chimpanzee track, one gorilla track, one golden monkey track and a tree canopy walkway adventure.
- Internal flights (maximum 15kg/33lb luggage allowance)
- Meet and assist upon arrival at each airport
- Park fees

EXCLUDES

- Meals & drinks not specified
- Premium drinks including champagnes, cognacs, fine wines, premium brand spirits, cigars
- Touring and excursions not specified
- All items of personal nature, telephone calls, curio shop purchases
- Gratuities
- International flights & visas

PLEASE NOTE

- Rates are for 2023, per person sharing and based on a minimum of two people and subject to availability and change
- Rates are based on entry level category rooms
- Transfers and guiding with an English speaking driver/guide unless other languages are requested
- Seasons are subject to camp/lodge/hotel seasons
- Minimum age for gorilla tracking is 15

