



## Overview

### 10 Days Best of Rwanda Tour

Discover the diverse landscapes, wildlife, and cultural richness of Rwanda on this comprehensive safari. This journey combines gorilla and chimpanzee trekking, plains game viewing, forest exploration, and relaxation on the scenic shores of Lake Kivu, providing a complete experience of Rwanda's top attractions.

### Safari Highlights:

- Volcanoes National Park – Gorilla Trekking: Trek through the misty forests of Volcanoes National Park, home to the endangered mountain gorillas. Witness gorilla families in their natural habitat and experience the legacy of Dian Fossey, the renowned primatologist.
- Nyungwe National Park – Chimpanzee Trekking: Explore Nyungwe Forest, one of Africa's oldest rainforests, and track chimpanzees alongside expert guides. The forest is also rich in monkeys, rare birds, and orchids, offering an immersive wildlife experience.
- Akagera National Park – Plains Game & Birds: Venture to Akagera National Park in eastern Rwanda, a savannah ecosystem teeming with wildlife. Expect to see elephants, zebras, giraffes, antelopes, and numerous bird species on guided game drives. The park's lakes and wetlands add scenic beauty to your safari.
- Kigali – Cultural & Historical Insights: Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial and explore the city to gain insight into Rwanda's history, resilience, and vibrant culture.
- Lake Kivu – Scenic Relaxation: Conclude your tour at the picturesque Lake Kivu, with its white-sanded beaches, tranquil waters, and surrounding hills. Enjoy swimming, boating, or simply relaxing while reflecting on your Rwandan adventure.

### Included



- Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Multi-lingual Professional Safari Guide/ Driver
- All ground transportation in A 4x4 safari vehicle
- Bottled water during game drives
- All applicable Game Park Entrance Fees

### **Excluded**

- Airport departure Tax
- Beverages and Alcoholic drinks
- Cost of obtaining passport and visas
- Drinks
- International Airfare

### **Tour Plan**

#### **Day 01 Arrival in Kigali and Transfer to Akagera National Park**

Arrive to Kigali International Airport where you will be met by Guide and your driver / guide for the safari. Lunch either in Kigali or en route depending on arrival time. Proceed to eastern Rwanda and Akagera National Park. Afternoon game drive and overnight at Rusizi Tented Camp half board.

#### **Day 02 Scenic Drive to Southern Rwanda via Butare Museum**



Proceed to southern Rwanda and Nyungwe Forest National Park arriving late afternoon / early evening. Lunch and visit to Butare museum en route. Overnight Nyungwe Forest Lodge or Hotel in Cyangugu full board.

### **Day 03 Chimpanzee Trekking and Primate Discovery in Nyungwe Forest**

Early start trekking for the chimpanzees, this can take anything from a few hours to a full day depending on where the chimpanzees are. It should be mentioned that it is not guaranteed to see the chimps as they are unpredictable and can move long distances during one day.

There are several other primates in Nyungwe such as the Ruwenzori collubus, L'Hoest's monkey, The Silver monkey, Owl faced monkey and the Grey cheeked Mangabey to name a few. After the trek return to base. Overnight Nyungwe Forest Lodge or Hotel in Cyangugu full board

### **Day 04 Journey to the Majestic Foothills of Volcanoes National Park**

Long days drive to northern Rwanda and to the foothills of the volcanoes that make up “Volcanoes National Park”. You have the choice of staying at the moderately priced “Gorillas nest” or the “Virunga Lodge” which is a high quality eco lodge with magnificent views over both the volcanoes and Lake Burera and Ruhondo. Overnight Mountain Gorillas View Lodget or Virunga Lodge or Sabinyo Silverback lodge full board

### **Day 05 Once-in-a-Lifetime Mountain Gorilla Trekking Experience**

Early breakfast before proceeding to the park head quarters where visitors assemble at 07.00 for a briefing on how to “behave” while in the company of a gorilla group. You will meet your guide here and proceed to the starting point of the trek to our allocated group of gorillas. The length of the trek varies depending on where the gorillas are as well as what the weather conditions are. It is important to bring good hiking boots, long trousers and gloves for protection against stinging nettles, some snacks & sweets as well as sufficient amount of water as the rain forest gets hot and humid during the day. You spend one hour with the gorillas which is a truly amazing experience – before trekking back to the base and return to



your lodge / hotel. Overnight Mountain Gorillas View Lodge or Virunga Lodge or Sabinyo Silverback lodge full board.

#### **Day 06 Optional Golden Monkey Trek or Dian Fossey Legacy Hike**

Optional second gorilla trek or a trek to the golden monkeys. Another option is to trek to the grave of the legendary Dian Fossey – all excursions have to be booked in advance in order to avoid disappointments. Overnight Mountain Gorillas View Lodge or Virunga Lodge or Sabinyo Silverback lodge full board.

#### **Day 07 Transfer to the White Sandy Shores of Lake Kivu**

Continue on a scenic drive to the white sanded beach of Lake Kivu. Day at leisure. Overnight Kivu Serena bed & breakfast.

#### **Day 08 Full Day of Relaxation and Leisure at Lake Kivu**

Full day at leisure by Lake Kivu overnight Kivu Serena bed & breakfast.

#### **Day 09 Return to Kigali and Emotional City Tour of the Genocide Museum**

Return to Kigali. City tour including a visit to the genocide museum. Overnight Hotel in Kigali half board

#### **Day 10 Final Farewell and Departure Transfer to Kigali Airport**

Departure transfer, bed & breakfast