

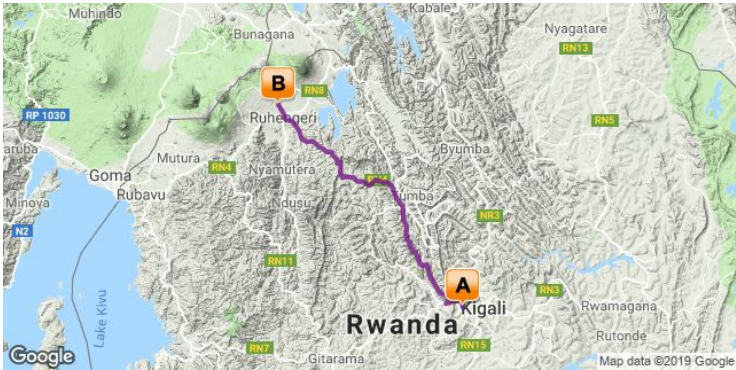


Gorilla Trek Rwanda

Kigali - Volcanoes National Park

5 Days / 4 Nights

2019



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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Kigali Serena Hotel	Kigali	B&B	6x Double Room	1 Night
Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel	Volcanoes National Park	FB	6x Double Room	2 Nights
Kigali Serena Hotel	Kigali	B&B	6x Double Room	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Price

US\$ 6960 Per person sharing

Included

- Accommodation with meals as indicated in the itinerary,
- Meals - Full board and all drinks (excl premium ones) at Volcanoes Manor
- Meals - B&B Kigali Serena, no drinks
- Ground transport in a custom built safari Land cruisers with fuel and English speaking guides
- All park activities as mentioned in the itinerary (unless specified as extras)
- 1 Gorilla permit and Government taxes
- 1 Golden Monkey Permit
- 1 museum tour to Geoncode Museum
- Coastal Air Flight – Kigali to Southern Serengeti **US\$ 864 pp (incl. in per person cost above)**
- Full time Specialist Guide fees – Sid Hayes

Excluded

- International flights
- Visas where applicable
- Airport departure taxes & insurance,
- Costs related to itinerary changes after confirmation any services, not included in itinerary.
- Any costs incurred due to cancelled or delayed flights, acts of nature or other circumstances beyond our control.
- Any related costs of personal nature like gratuities, drinks (other than those included at particular properties), telephone calls, internet services and laundry.

Visas are required for Rwanda – please refer to Visa section of the Before You Go document. Australian Passport holders can obtain a visa on arrival at the Kigali Airport but will require cash to pay for them.

<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/africa/rwanda/passport-visa/> or
<https://www.ivisa.com/uganda-east-africa-visa>

Day 1: Kigali Serena Hotel, Kigali (Sun, 30 June)

Kigali

Rwanda's capital and biggest city stretches across undulating lush hills surrounded by towering mountains, the largest of which is Mount Kigali, rising 1850 metres above sea level. Kigali is the country's financial, commercial and cultural hub, served by an international airport and featuring a wide range of accommodation options, restaurants and points of interest, including the Kigali Genocide Centre, an atmospheric market and numerous craft shops. With its interesting architecture, busy streets, meandering boulevards, and green hillsides, Kigali is said to be one of the most attractive cities in Africa and is definitely worth a visit.

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport off flight QR1387 arriving at 15h10, you will be met by Adventure Consults' representative, transfer to Kigali for a briefing on your safari.

Dinner at leisure this evening - for own cost

Overnight at Kigali Serena Hotel on Bed & Breakfast basis – deluxe rooms.

Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel

Ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel centres on the Executive Lounge and Bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating. The capital's natural business hub, the hotel also boasts its own extensive conference centre, 500-seater auditorium and lavish ballroom.

The hotel features 148 rooms. Guests can choose from a selection of 60 Standard Rooms, 37 Superior Rooms, 19 Deluxe Rooms, 18 Junior Suites, 7 Prime Rooms, 6 Executive Suites and a luxury Presidential Suite. In-room facilities include 24 hour room service, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, tea/coffee making facilities, mini fridge, hair dryer, private safe and a flat screen satellite TV.



Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel, Volcanoes National Park (Mon, 1 July)

Volcanoes National Park

Bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo in Rwanda, the Volcanoes National Park is best known as a sanctuary for the region's rare mountain gorillas. Visitors flock here to experience a face to face encounter with these intriguing creatures. The park is set high on the jungle-covered slopes of the volcanic Virunga Mountains. Highly regulated treks through the reserve allow visitors to spend an hour at a time with these incredible primates in their natural habitat. While the gorilla's are without a doubt the main drawcard, visitors can also look forward to exploring a network of scenic hiking trails, visiting the tomb of the world-famous Dian Fossey and the Karisoke Research Centre, and enjoying a beautiful day hike to the crater lake on Mount Bisoke.

Day Itinerary

After Breakfast, enjoy a tour of the Kigali city including a visit to genocide memorial, handicraft shops. Later morning, start for Parc des Volcans with views of the great, old volcanoes towering up almost 15,000 feet, and nearly covered with rich, green rainforest. With stops at place of interest, proceed to Kinigi arriving in time for lunch. This transfer by road is approximately 3 - 3 1/2 hours.

In the afternoon, you may drive around the village, or take a walk go to the craft shops for shopping and later return to the lodge.

Accommodation is in one VIP cottage and one Volcano Manor - you will all eat together. The VIP cottage is a 2 minute walk from the Manor, but we will have a vehicle to take the 4 between.

VIP Cottage - **1 double** and **1 twin**. Each has got own bathroom facilities. They only share the leaving room/common area.

Volcanoes manor - **2 doubles** and **1 twin**, 1 Single small room for Sid

Dinner all together at the Manor - meal and drinks included

Optional: We can do this transfer from Kigali by Helicopter should you wish (Extra Cost) - to be able to fly you all at one time, we will use the following machines: Approx 1 hour

June 30th, 2019: Kigali – Musanze Airstrip departing at 10am.

- Agusta 109 (06 seater, max weight is 380Kgs both body and luggage weight), flying 05 pax.
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- Two Robinson 44 (each is a 3 seater, max weight is 180Kgs both body and luggage weight), two helicopters flying all 03 pax:

July 03rd, 2019: Musanze Airstrip - Kigali departure after lunch

Extra Cost: US\$ 800 per person per way. (US\$ 1600 round trip)

Overnight: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel

Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel in Musanze (Ruhengeri) located on the road going to Kinigi is the perfect starting point to go for different activities that the Volcanoes National Park is offering but also gives you lot of opportunities

to rest and to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the lodge. With 13 bedrooms (double/twin), a VIP cottage, a restaurant, a pool, a traditional sauna and a steam sauna awaits, the staff looks forward to make your stay a pleasant one.



Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum

The Centre in Kigali was created by a joint partnership of the Kigali City Council and the UK-based Aegis Trust. It is situated in the Gasabo district about 3 km from the Kigali City Center. The Kigali Genocide Memorial is the best known and most visited memorial site in Rwanda because of its easy accessibility. Tourists arriving at the Kigali International Airport will find the site an easy drive from the airport or from one of the many hotels located in and around Kigali.



Basis

Full Board

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 3: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel, Volcanoes National Park (Tue, 2 July)

Day Itinerary

Early morning transfer to the park headquarters for a briefing by the park staff. Loaded with your drinking water, packed lunch and walking stick, enter the forest in search for the famous Mountain Gorillas.

The trail into the forest, will abruptly immerse you in the mysterious intimacy of the rainforest – Home to the Gorillas. An exhilarating Gorilla trek through the cultivated foothills of the Virungas can be muddy and challenging but offers a great experience.

Alive with the calls of Gorillas you will spend an hour before sloping back to the base. As you slope, through gaps in the forest canopy, the magnificent peaks, among the highest in Africa are glimpsed. Meals and Accommodation at the lodge as per offered options in the quote.

An afternoon siesta, then later go for an optional visit of ibyi'wachu **Cultural village**. The organized village is a 16 minutes' drive from the Lodge composed of ex poachers who turned their back on poaching to participate in various activities that benefit them and also add value to tourism. A visit to the village will take you through the traditional house of a local king, watch an authentic medicine man prepare herbal mixtures, try your hand at bow and arrow shooting or enjoy cultural dances and drumming. Meals and Accommodation at the lodge as per offered options in the quote.

Lunch and dinner included and all drinks

Volcanoes National Park Gorilla Trekking

Volcanoes National Park Gorilla Trekking offers visitors the unique opportunity of discovering the 10 families of gorillas that live within the national park. Visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee before the trek starts and will be separated into groups of 8 depending on their physical abilities. Each group is guided by a guide and two scouts who are well trained in emergency situations. The amount of time set aside per trek is different depending on where the gorilla family is situated. Some trips may take as little as half an hour and some taking the better part of the day.



Basis

Full Board

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 4: Kigali Serena Hotel, Kigali (Wed, 3 July)

Day Itinerary

Suggest we overnight in Kigali tonight and fly directly from Kigali to Serengeti at 6am tomorrow morning. This will cut out having to overnight in Nairobi.

Recommended: You do the Golden Monkey Trek early this morning return to Volcanoes Five, check out and road transfer back to Kigali, checking back into The Serena for one night. Enjoy dinner at leisure.

Volcanoes National Park Golden Monkey Trekking

Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda offers Golden monkeys trekking. This unique experience allows guests in groups of up to eight to look for and discover golden monkeys within their natural habitat.

The monkeys are incredibly active and enjoy showing off for tourists and researchers that they encounter daily. The monkeys can be found closer to the base of the volcano and enjoy eating the bamboo vegetation in the area.

****IF there is anyone who doesn't wish to do the Golden Monkey Trek, we will need to know in advance as the permits are limited and they cost US\$ 100 per person.**



Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Day 5: End of Itinerary (Thu, 4 July)

VERY early early morning departure to Kigali Airport for the Coastal Aviation flight departing at 6am to Serengeti.

This flight is a scheduled daily charter hop, so you will make stops at other camps enroute. you will disembark at Serengeti South Airstrip where you will be met by a Sanctuary Kusini rep and transferred into Camp for the start of your safari. Latest arrival time will be 10h50.

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

- Payment schedule:
- Deposit payment of 30% of the safari price to secure services by the 30th January
- Full payment of Gorilla & Chimp permits (where applicable) to consider the safari confirmed.
- Final payment to be paid 60 days prior to safari start date (29th April 2019)
- Payment mode: Wire Transfer payments only

Suggested Gratuity Schedule

Please note, the below are guidelines only. Gratuities are at your own discretion and are not compulsory.

- On Safari Ranger/Guide USD 20 per couple per day
- Tracker USD 15 per couple per day
- Camp Staff USD 15 per couple per day
- Specialist Guide (Sid Hayes) USD 20-25 per person per day

COASTAL AVIATION LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE – VERY IMPORTANT

Passengers are permitted a **maximum baggage allowance of 15kgs (33lbs) per person**. Soft bags are strongly recommended but doesn't need to be a must. This allowance shall include all hand baggage. The carriage of excess baggage is at the sole discretion of the Company after taking into consideration the aircraft being used and the admissible maximum load. In particular we point out that bags are not tagged and checked-in like in large airlines: they remain always under the control of the customer who must not lose sight of them. When excess baggage is carried it will be charged at the prevailing freight rate. Final decision on load allowable or any flight condition is solely up to the pilot in command.

Does your luggage fit?

The cargo pod door measurements are: **36cm x 68cm (14.5" x 27")** If your bag is larger it will not go through the door of the cargo pod. Maximum weight: **15kgs (33lbs) the pilot has a pocket size scale to check.**

Additional luggage?

No Problem! We have an XL seat class available, if guests need to take more luggage, they can book a premium class seat, slightly more expensive, but it allows them to take **30kgs (66lbs) of luggage**. These seats are subject to availability. We may be able to accommodate even more weight if informed well ahead of time, however we will have to charge an additional seat on the plane.

Carry on Bags?

Your safety is paramount in our operation. Unsecured objects in the cabin are hazardous! Hence while you are welcome to hold on to your purse, all other bags must be securely stored.

"I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not
Happy" - Ernest Hemingway

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