

TRIP ITINERARY

Primate Encounters

Rwanda





This three-day safari is a perfect add-on to a Tanzanian or Kenyan Holiday. There are daily flights from Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta airport and three flights weekly from Tanzania's Kilimanjaro International Airport

Day 1

Arrive Kigali Airport.

After completion of customs and immigration formalities you will be met at the airport by our representative, briefing on your trip and introduction to your safari driver-guide. Thereafter transfer to your Hotel

Overnight at your hotel in Kigali on a bed and breakfast basis (excludes drinks)

Day 2:

Kigali - Ruhengeri.

After breakfast, depart on a scenic drive west wards to Ruhengeri, the base for Gorilla trekking at the Parc National des Volcans. The town itself, located only 25km from the Uganda border, is relatively small with about 350,000 people. The constant flow of humanity is quite remarkable. The town has great views of the surrounding volcanoes. People are very friendly here and although a former Belgian colony (and thus French speaking), many people speak English here. Overnight at your lodge on a full board basis

Day 3:

Parc National des Volcans - Gorilla trekking,

Early breakfast at your lodge 0630 hrs;

Transfer to the Volcanoes National Park HQs 0700 hrs;

Registration where the park staff determines which group of gorillas you will visit.

There is a total of 96 gorilla permits available each day with a maximum of eight trekkers visiting any one group.

Once the trekkers are put into groups, each groups Lead Guide briefs the trekkers of the trekking procedures as well as the do's and don'ts while in the presence of gorillas. After the briefing, trekkers return to their respective vehicles for the drive up the mountain to the starting point.

Trekking can take from two to six or more hours if the gorillas move before the park rangers locate them the next morning. The guides stop frequently to allow trekkers a chance to rest and take photos along the way. Have lunch at the lodge; Afternoon time/weather permitting, visit the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo.

Overnight at your lodge on a full board

Day 4:

Nyungwe National Park.

After breakfast, Drive to Nyungwe National Park; a rainforest reserve at an altitude range of between 1600-2950 metres above sea level with temperatures varying between 0°C and 30°C; average day temperature is15°C.

Nyungwe receives rainfall ranging from 1800-2500 mm per year. Rainy season is September to May, Dry season June to August with some dry weeks in December and January.



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The main features and attractions in Nyungwe Forest include the largest montane rain forest remaining in Africa, Mt. Bigugu (2925M), Kamiranzovu Marsh (13 Km²). Nyungwe Forest has 260 species of trees, shrubs and over 100 species of orchids and giant lobelias. For those interested in botany, the flora in Nyungwe is an added bonus! Have lunch in Kibuye and then continue to Nyungwe Forest.

Overnight at your lodge on a full board basis

Day 5:

Nyungwe National Park- Chimpanzee Trek

Early breakfast at your lodge; Hike into Nyungwe Forest, the natural habitats for a huge population of Chimps.

Chimpanzees are great apes that are closely related to humans. Nyungwe Forest hosts these intelligent primates who are an endangered species. The forest harbours more than 275 endemic and migratory bird species recorded Including the Ruwenzori turaco, Ross's turaco, Grey cheeked hornbill, Red-throated alethe, Red-breasted sparrow hawk, White-headed wood-hoopoe, Kungwe apalis, Ruwenzori batis, Blue-headed and Regal sunbirds.

After the trek, have lunch at the lodge. Afternoon at leisure or re-enter the forest to visit Colobus Monkeys do the canopy walk, do the Kamiranzovu waterfall, etc... (optional, at extra cost).

Overnight at your lodge on a full board basis

Day 6:

Have breakfast at your lodge;

Drive back to Kigali in time for your departure flight (reporting time to the airport is 2 to 3 hours prior to departure time)

Please note that once you confirm the itinerary, the Gorilla Permits are non-refundable and non - changeable. Correct passport details including passport numbers are required to issue permits.

Permits are \$1,500 per person, per trek.

There are a number of hotel options in each location, depending on budget.