

Rwanda Private Gorillas

Kigali – Volcanoes National Park

5 Days / 4 Nights



SAVE USD 1000 PER PERSON ON YOUR GORILLA TREKKING PERMIT WITH THIS OFFER

Come explore the "land of a Thousand Hills", a green undulating landscape of hills, lakes and tea plantations. In the north, the magnificent Virunga Mountain range dominates – a group of six towering volcanoes standing sentry along the border of Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. Here lies the Volcanoes National Park, refuge to endangered mountain gorillas.

Apart from gorilla trekking, there are many other activities to be enjoyed in this area including forest walks, trekking golden monkeys, and a number of cultural and community tourism initiatives.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Hotel des Mille Collines	Kigali	Breakfast	1x City View	1 Night
Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, or similar	Volcanoes National Park	Full board	1 x Standard room	3 Nights

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Hotel des Mille Collines, Kigali

You will be met upon arrival at Kigali International Airport and transferred to Hotel des Mille Collines.

Rwanda's capital and biggest city stretches across lush undulating 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. It also offers a collection of 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.

Overnight: Hotel des Mille Collines



Inaugurated in 1973 as the first grand hotel of Rwanda and receiving globally a lot of attention since the Hollywood movie "Hotel Rwanda" in 2004 **Hotel des Mille Collines** is surely the most famous hotel in Rwanda.

Enjoy the location in the central business district and the breathtaking views over the hills of Kigali. Indulge yourself in culinary experiences from casual to fine dining, from international to local signature dishes, accompanied by enticing live music entertainment. Immerse yourself in exceptional comfort while staying in one of the tastefully furnished rooms with a mix of traditional and contemporary handicrafts and art

Day 2: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

Transfer after breakfast to Mountain Gorilla View Lodge close to Volcanoes National Park. Drive 3-4 hours.

Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum (optional tour en route)

Located just outside of Kigali City Centre in the Gasabo district, Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum was created by a joint partnership of the Kigali City Council and the UK-based Aegis Trust. The centre is an extremely moving, challenging, educational and ultimately inspiring as well as a great place to understand the cause, tragedy and successful rebuilding post-genocide.

The memorial hosts a tour which is transparent and educational but very sombre and humbling when guests realise that over 250,000 deceased are buried on the site of the memorial.

Volcanoes National Park

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

Overnight: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

Located very close (about 15 minutes) from the main headquarters of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park (Parc National de Volcans), this is a very handy base from which to explore the area.

The 30 individual cottages have been built on 4 acres of land on the slopes of Mt Sabinyo. The stone and thatch cottages each have en-suite facilities, a small lounge with a fire place and a private veranda. The cottages are of a good size and are well positioned to give them privacy from each other. Being at altitude, it can get cold therefore each cottage has a fireplace in the room.



Day 3: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

Gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park

After an early morning briefing with National Parks' personnel, you will be taken to the start of your Gorilla trekking hike. Your walk to the gorilla family may take anything from 30 mins to several hours – following your guide through the beautiful forests. Along the way you may encounter golden monkeys, as well as a range of birdlife and other forest dwellers.

Once you reach the Gorilla family, you will be privileged to spend an hour watching them as they interact with each other: sleeping, eating, grooming or playing. It's a humbling experience to sit amongst our 'cousins'. Be sure to enjoy the experience fully, and not just through the lense of your camera - as the hour goes by so fast!



Overnight: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

Day 4: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

Day at leisure to enjoy optional extra activities in the area, or just relax in the peaceful tranquillity of the lodge.

Dian Fossey Tomb (optional extra)

Dian Fossey played a key role in creating awareness around the plight of the mountain gorillas in the 1970s and early 80s. This challenging 1.5-hour hike to reach her grave provides ample opportunities to view forest hogs and elephants, as well as a number of primates. Fossey's house still stands today, with her grave adjacent to it. She rests here next to her favourite gorilla friend Digit as well as 20 other gorillas.

Golden Monkey Tracking (optional extra)

Located in Volcanoes National Park, Golden Monkey Tracking offers visitors a unique experience of catching a glimpse of the endangered Golden Monkey. These striking primates with their bright orange fur contrasting the green rainforests of the Virunga Mountains is a photographers dream. The Golden Monkey can be found in very few places outside of Volcanoes National Park, and their vibrant colours, energetic demeanour, and sizeable troupes of up to 30 individuals are indeed a sight to behold.

Overnight: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

Day 5: End of Itinerary

Private transfer back to Kigali International Airport

Package price:

USD 1335 per person sharing based on 6 people travelling together

USD 1460 per person sharing based on 4 people travelling together

USD 1875 per person sharing based on 2 people travelling together

USD 75 single room supplement

** Solo traveller supplement applies if only one person travels on this private safari

Package prices valid for travel to 31 Dec 2022. Peak Xmas supplements many apply – please check

PRICES VALID FOR SADC/ AFRICAN COUNTRY CITIZENS

Included:

- Arrival transfer from Kigali Airport to Kigali Hotel
- 1 night accommodation at Hotel Des Mille Collines in a city view room including breakfast
- Private transfer to Mountain Gorilla View Lodge
- 3 nights accommodation at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge in a standard room on a full board basis (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Return private transfer to Kigali airport
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance

Excluded:

- All international flights and airport taxes
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Health requirements including compulsory Yellow Fever inoculation and Covid requirements as per country/airline
- **Gorilla Permit of USD 500 (Special for African passport holders only, valid until Dec 2022) USD 1500 normal rate. Per person/per trek**
- Optional Golden Monkey Trek (USD 100 per person)
- Optional Dian Fossey Grave Hike (USD 75 per person)
- Optional Kigali Genocide Tour (USD 50 per person)

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

COVID-19 - Please ask your consultant at Wild Frontiers for the latest protocols iro travel in the destination, and formalities in terms of arrival/departure.

Rwanda does not present any major health hazards. All towns normally have a well-stocked pharmacy although the individual traveller should bring any known personal medication along.

All travellers to Rwanda must be vaccinated against Yellow Fever at least 10 days before arrival in Rwanda. (For a list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination click [here](#))

Malaria is less prevalent in Rwanda than in many other African countries but as it does exist in most parts of Rwanda using prophylactic drugs and preventing mosquito bites will reduce the risk of getting malaria. Ideally try and avoid mosquito bites between dusk and dawn, as this is the period when the malaria-carrying mosquito is most active. Do this by wearing long sleeved shirts/pants, and of course spraying with mosquito repellent.

As with all medical requirements, your doctor or travel clinic (<http://www.travelclinic.co.za>) to provide the most up to date information - the above is a guide only.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

The President of the Republic of Rwanda approved a waiver for entry visa to the citizen's members of African Union, Commonwealth and Francophonie in an effort to continue the implementation of the country's openness policy. All other nationalities qualify for a 30 day Rwandan visa on arrival, without prior application. Cost is USD 50 for single entry and USD 70 for multi-entry.

If you prefer to apply ahead of arrival, please refer to : <https://irembo.gov.rw/rolportal/web/dgie/single-entry-visa> for the latest Visa information and for online applications. Online payments can also be made via the same Government Portal.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.



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