

## 3 DAYS RWANDA GORILLA EXPERIENCE – 2021



- Vehicle** : 1 x 5 /7-Seater 4x4 Land Cruiser.
- Starts** : Kigali
- Ends** : Kigali
- Meals** : as indicated on itinerary at a glance

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### FULL ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Kigali/ Volcanoes National Park

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be met by our representative, outside the airport arrivals section and after a briefing, visit the genocide museum and enjoy a city tour of Kigali.

Lunch in Kigali.

Depart on scenic drive North West wards through the beautiful terraced hillsides that display Rwanda's landscape.

Arrive at Ruhengeri, the base for Gorilla trekking at the Volcanoes National park. The town itself is located only 25km from Uganda boarder, is relatively a small city of about 70,000 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.

Dinner at the lodge.

**Accommodation at Gorilla's Nest Lodge or Virunga Lodge or Bishop's House or Mountain Gorilla View Lodge/Ingagi park View - (LDBB)**

## **DAY 2: Volcanoes National Park – Gorilla Trek**

Early breakfast.

**6.20 AM:** Transfer to the Volcanoes National Park headquarters for the first gorilla trek.

**7.00 AM:** Briefing by your trackers then drive to the trail head for the start of your amazing Gorilla Tracking adventure.

Porters may be hired for the trek to carry your backpack and gear.

**The cost is ten USD per person/per day. We advise that you utilize this service.**

Your trek again starts in the cultivated foothills of the Virunga's offering stirring views in all directions. When it enters the national park, trekkers will be immersed in the mysterious intimacy of the rainforest, alive with the colorful bird calls, chattering golden monkeys, littered with fresh spoor of the mountains' elusive buffalo and elephant. Through gaps in the canopy, the magnificent peaks are glimpsed, among the highest in Africa yet easily accessible, beckon an ascent.

Weaving through overhanging vines, moss-covered hagenia trees and giant lobelias that thrive in the tropical climate, our experienced trackers, who have spent their entire lives in or close to this forest, soon bring us up close with one of the Gorilla Families.

*Upon sighting the gorillas, you will stay with them for a magical hour as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting; raising their young. Coming face to face with a giant silverback must truly be one of the greatest wildlife experiences on earth!*

After the trek, rejoin your driver Guide for a transfer to your lodge for lunch.

Afternoon visit the Iby'iwacu cultural village and the twin Lakes Ruhondo and Bulera time allowing

Dinner at the lodge.

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### **DAY 3: Depart**

Breakfast at the lodge.

Depart from foothills of the volcanoes and drive on a scenic drive to Kigali. Everything and everywhere, sheer green and hanging on the hills; Rwanda truly - land of a thousand fertile green hills. (2.5hrs).

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (Cost of flight not included). A flight after 6PM is recommended.

*\*\*\*End Of Service\*\*\**

### **GORILLA'S NEST LODGE SEASON SCHEDULES**

- 16<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Low Season
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> October & 15<sup>th</sup> December – 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> January – High Season

### **VIRUNGA LODGE SEASON SCHEDULES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> January – 28 February, 1<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> September & 14<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December - High Season
- 1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> December – Low Season

### **Costs Includes:**

- Airport transfers and assistance
- Accommodation at the lodge on Full board basis.
- Private transport in a 4x4 Land cruiser
- City tour of Kigali
- Emergency Evacuation cover
- Iby'iwacu cultural visit
- Services of an English-speaking driver-guide
- Bottled drinking water while trekking and in vehicle

### Costs Excludes

- One gorilla permit per person per trek
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- International, regional and local Airfares.
- Airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature such drinks, telephone calls ETC
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low-cost group rates.

Ruhengeri area is located at 2400 meters above sea level and is chilly early morning and evening. While trekking, it can rain unexpectedly, hence waterproof clothing is a good essential including zip lock bags for cameras and film. You will also need boots that can cope with some mud

Gorilla permits are only confirmed upon payment of deposit. The total amount is paid 60 days before the travel date. (Non -refundable).