



**AFRICA BIKING  
EXPEDITIONS &  
SAFARIS**

# 13 Days Rwanda Gorillas, Chimps & Wildlife Adventure

## Tour Information

Explores the renowned Volcanoes National Park, home to mountain gorillas and golden monkeys. Bordering Congo and Uganda, the park encompasses 4,507m-tall Mt. Karisimbi and 4 other forested volcanoes. And Kigali, the nation's sprawling capital that has a vibrant restaurant and nightlife scene.

### The Itinerary:

#### **DAY 1: Arrival in Kigali**

Arrival at Kigali Airport and thereafter you will be met by the company representative heading straight to your place of overnight stay.

Overnight at Infinity Hotel BB

#### **DAY 2: Kigali – Nyungwe Forest National Park (255kms / 6 hrs)**

After breakfast we calmly transfer to the south of the country with a (lunch) stop in Butare. Here we will visit the Rwanda National Museum, which houses one of the finest collections in East Africa. In the afternoon we continue to Nyungwe Forest. This protected area is a birders paradise and known for its 13 species of primates.

Dinner and overnight at Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge B-L-D

#### **DAY 3: Nyungwe Forest National Park**

A full day in the tropical rainforest of Nyungwe Forest National Park. In the morning we will go for an exciting primate walk in search of the habituated chimpanzees.

Afternoon at leisure Dinner and overnight at Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge (B-L-D)



#### **DAY 4: Nyungwe National Park – Canopy walk / Water fall trail / Birding watching**

After early morning breakfast, we return to the safari park, this time for a nature walk, a visit to Kamiranzovu waterfall trail – Kamiranzovu is the largest wetland in the forest comprising of lush, forested mountains, and it resembles a giant caldera and drains through a dramatic gap between two peaks. On the more elevated western side of the trail, look out for the amazing views of whole marsh, including its outlet. Through that gap, water flows about 3 km, to form Kamiranzovu Waterfall, then onward to Lake Kivu, Lake Tanganyika, the Congo River and finally to the Atlantic Ocean OR Birdwatching nature walk – The forest has over 280 bird species and over 100 various types of colorful butterflies. After lunch have a canopy walk above a steep and deep valley stretching across the massive forest. The platform is 50 meters above ground level and 90 meters long. It allows tourists to view butterflies, birds and blue monkeys that dwell in the upper levels of the forest. The forest has 13 rare primate species, the world's largest ever recorded arboreal troop of black/white colobus monkeys, and nearly 300 species of birds and 154 types of orchids. Dinner and Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge (B-L-D)

#### **DAY 5: Nyungwe Forest National Park – Lake Kivu (380 kms / 6 hrs drive).**

From Nyungwe we continue to Gisenyi the largest port on the Rwandan shore of Lake Kivu. Have a relaxed lunch and thereafter enjoy the view from your hotel.

Dinner and overnight at Comoran Lodge (B-L-D)

#### **DAY 6: Lake Kivu**

Relaxed breakfast and then head for a boat ride on the lake, while exploring the small islands and rich birdlife. After lunch head for the local market or wander through the leafy streets admiring the old colonial buildings.

Dinner and Overnight at Comoran Lodge (B-L-D)



## The Itinerary:

### **DAY 7: Lake Kivu – Volcanoes National Park (100kms/ 2 hrs)**

After a calm breakfast we proceed to one of the most beautiful safari parks of the country: Volcanoes National Park. It is the area with rich Montaigne ecosystems, from bamboo forest to open grassland and swamps. Dinner and overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (B-L-D)

### **DAY 8: Volcanoes National Park – Gorilla Trekking**

Today you will have the opportunity to spend some time with the endangered mountain gorillas. You will make a beautiful hike through the green landscape and hills of the Virunga Volcanoes. Spend a magical hour with these amazing creatures while your guide will explain more about the family and their behaviour. Return the lodge in the (early) afternoon for relaxing and enjoying the breathtaking view. Dinner and overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (B-L-D)

### **DAY 9: Golden Monkey Hiking OR Dian Fossey**

Breakfast and then head for the Golden Monkey Tracking: Originally thought to be a subspecies of the blue monkey, this playful and gregarious primate is now classified as a species in its own right and with a single known viable population in the Virungas; this is one of Africa's rarest primates. The monkeys can often be found playing and feeding in the rich bamboo forests where tourist can expect a close encounter with these beautiful animals OR visiting Dian Fossey project– this takes a 3 -4 hours activity to the grave yard where several of Dian Fossey's favorite gorillas were buried and Dian Fossey is also buried near the graves of her beloved gorillas.

The clients can have a look at the facility- labs, research centre and meet the researchers plus staff who work on the dian fossey project. After any of these activities, this will see you return to your hotel for a late lunch relaxing into the evening as you enjoy the beautiful views of the backdrop of the three Volcanic mountains here, dinner and overnight.

Dinner and Overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (B-L-D)

### **DAY 10: Volcanoes National Park – Akagera National Park 270kms / 7hrs)**

Early morning breakfast and then head for the low-lying undulating plains of Akagera National Park the home to elephant, buffalo, giraffe and zebras, more than a dozen types of antelope species, and elusive lions and leopards, you with a stopover in Kigali for early lunch before proceeding to Akagera arriving for an evening game drive thereafter heading to your lodge for a cool relaxed evening, dinner and overnight Ruzizi Tented Camp (B-L-D)

### **DAY 11: Akagera National Park**

Have breakfast and then enjoy a game drive experience in search of animals like the: elephant, giraffe, hippo, zebra, and crocodiles. After lunch head for a boat cruise on Lake Ihema for 2.5 hours, look out for crocodiles and hippos and over 40 water bird species, this is also the best way to view the park's abundant waterbirds including breeding colonies of noisy and cormorants and open-bill storks.

Dinner and Overnight at Ruzizi Tented Camp (B-L-D)

### **DAY 12: Akagera National Park**

Relaxed breakfast in the morning and afternoon. Later in the evening, you will have a night game drive in the park in search of nocturnal animals.

Dinner and Overnight at Ruzizi Tented Camp (B-L-D)

### **DAY 13: Akagera National Park – Kigali – Departure (120kms / 3hrs)**

Breakfast and then head back to Kigali town visit the Kigali Memorial Centre. This is a grim reminder of the 1994 senseless massacres. The museum is built on a site where over 250,000 people are buried. The exhibits in the museum powerfully tell the story of Rwanda, its history and the unfolding genocide. Included are touch screens which have on them the testimonials of some of the survivors present during this turbulent time. Have lunch and thereafter continue to the Airport for your international flight. (B-L)

### **INCLUDED IN PACKAGE**

Ground transportation in a safari customized 4WD Toyota Land Cruiser with gasoline/fuel  
Mineral water in the vehicle,  
Services of an English speaking Driver/guide,  
Accommodation as shown at the lodges mentioned in the itinerary,  
Meals as shown (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner),  
All Park Entrance Fees,  
Gorilla Trekking Permit per person.

### **EXCLUDED IN PACKAGE**

International Airfares; Excess baggage charges;  
Entry Visa Fees  
International travel Vaccinations and Inoculations;  
Items of personal nature such as Room service,  
Beverages, Communications charges (telephone, fax, internet), Laundry, etc.;;  
Postage fees, Portage fees, Tips and Gratuities for your Driver/guide and Hotels staff,  
Shopping charges for Curios and Crafts,  
International Airport Departure Taxes,  
Optional activities unless specified as included,  
Any other services not expressly shown in the itinerary or indicated as included.

