



# 9 Days Rwanda Gorillas, Chimps & Wildlife Tour Package

## Tour Information

This incredible 9 Day Rwanda gorillas, chimps & wildlife safari offers the opportunity for once-in-a-lifetime wildlife encounters. You'll drive through Akagera National park tracking the famous African BIG 5 game, track chimpanzees and spot monkeys, baboons and other wildlife in Nyungwe National Park. Trekking deep into the forests of Volcanoes National Park, you'll search for endangered mountain gorillas with expert local gorilla rangers. You'll also have an opportunity to explore Kigali and its colourful markets, cross Nyungwe's Canopy Walkway and kayak on Lake Kivu..

### Tour Highlights

Rwanda Wildlife Day Game Drives,  
Rwandese People and Culture,  
History and Culture in Akagera National Park,  
Nyungwe Forest National,  
Parc National des Volcano  
Short City visit to Kigali  
The Tour Itinerary:

#### **DAY 1: Arrival to Kigali, Rwanda**

This Rwanda Gorillas, Chimps & Wildlife Tour starts here after you arrive at Kigali International Airport. Upon arrival you are met with a safari driver guide and transferred to the Serena Kigali Hotel. This afternoon if you have time you can, you will have a heart breaking experience at the genocide memorial grounds, this is as unique as you will learn about the Rwandan History then you will learn a lot about their rich tribes and more about their culture. At Kigali Genocide Memorial and learn about the tragedy that happened in 1994 and the amazing stories of forgiveness and recovery since that time.

Overnight at Serena Kigali Hotel – B



#### **DAY 2: Transfer to Akagera National Park**

Morning drive to Akagera National Park in the east of Rwanda, a dramatic landscape of rolling hills, savannah and woodland interspersed with a series of lakes. You may see giraffes, hippos, buffaloes, Zebra, crocodile and other wildlife. Dinner and

Overnight at Serena Kigali Hotel – B-L-D

#### **DAY 3: Northern game drives and transfers to Kigali**

Breakfast, early morning game drive starts with a spectacular sunrise. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and landscape through the northern part of the park, where most of the animals prefer to inhabit. Enjoy the views of Lake Ihema as we head out to Kigali.

Dinner and Overnight at Serena Kigali Hotel – B-L-D

#### **DAY 4: Transfer from Kigali to Nyungwe Forest**

After Breakfast on the fourth day of the Rwanda gorillas safari, you'll head to southern Rwanda to visit Nyungwe Forest, the chimpanzee's home. Journey to Nyungwe Forest is stunning beautiful, through terraced hillsides and along the way we will stop to visit the Nyanza Kings palace and the Rwanda National Museum, before we enjoy lunch in Butare. Continue the drive this afternoon through the dramatic landscape of the Nyungwe Forest, arriving at our lodge located in the middle of the Nyungwe Forest.

Dinner and Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge – B-L-D

#### **DAY 5: Nyungwe Forest – Chimpanzee tracking**

Breakfast and then have an early start to go Chimpanzee tracking through Nyungwe. The forest is rich in botanical diversity and home to 13 species of primates including Chimpanzees, L'Hoest monkeys, and Columbus monkeys with 300 bird species. You will take a picnic lunch. Return is likely late this afternoon, as the tracking can be quite strenuous and can take all day.

Dinner and Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge – B-L-D

#### **DAY 6: Nyungwe Forest – Colobus Tracking OR Waterfall Trails OR Canopy Walk**

Six days in the Rwanda Gorillas & chimpanzees tour today, you have a variety of hikes and excursions to choose from, you can choose to go for an escorted walk in search of the large groups of Colobus monkeys and birds including the Ruwenzori turaco. Perhaps also take a guided walk to the waterfall, and enjoy the spectacular scenery of the forest. Alternatively you can choose to go for a canopy walk or relax at the lodge, take advantage of the on-site spa services, or catch up on your email with the Wi-Fi service available in all rooms!

Dinner and Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge – B-L-D



## The Itinerary:

### **DAY 7: Nyungwe Forest Lodge to Volcanoes National Park**

Early breakfast and get on our journey to northern Rwanda the Virunga Volcanoes, Volcanoes National Park, home to the endangered Mountain Gorillas. The drive will take approximately 6hours.

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

First Gorilla trek! You will arise early this morning and drive to the headquarters of Volcanoes National Park where you will meet your trackers/guides and head up the slopes of the Virunga Volcanoes. You will visit one of the ten habituated groups. Tracking Rwanda gorillas through the lush forested slopes of the Virungas is an absolutely magical experience. Some gorilla families however are more elusive, and tracking can take a full day, especially when it is wet and muddy, so you should be able to hike for three hours on steep mountain trails.

### **DAY 8/2: Volcanoes National Park – 2nd Gorilla trekking**

Optional gorilla trek, for those who cannot have enough of the magnificent creatures in just one day, the Rwanda gorillas tour will offer a second chance to fulfill your needs with a second day of trekking.

Alternatively you can track the Golden Monkeys or visit to Dian Fossey's grave or the Gorilla cemetery or Forest walk in Volcanoes National Park.

### **DAY 9: Volcanoes to Kigali and flights home**

Breakfast and pack, then transfer to Kigali for your flight headed home. If you did not have time to visit on arrival day, you should get time to visit Kigali Genocide Memorial Site before your departure flight.

### **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.

