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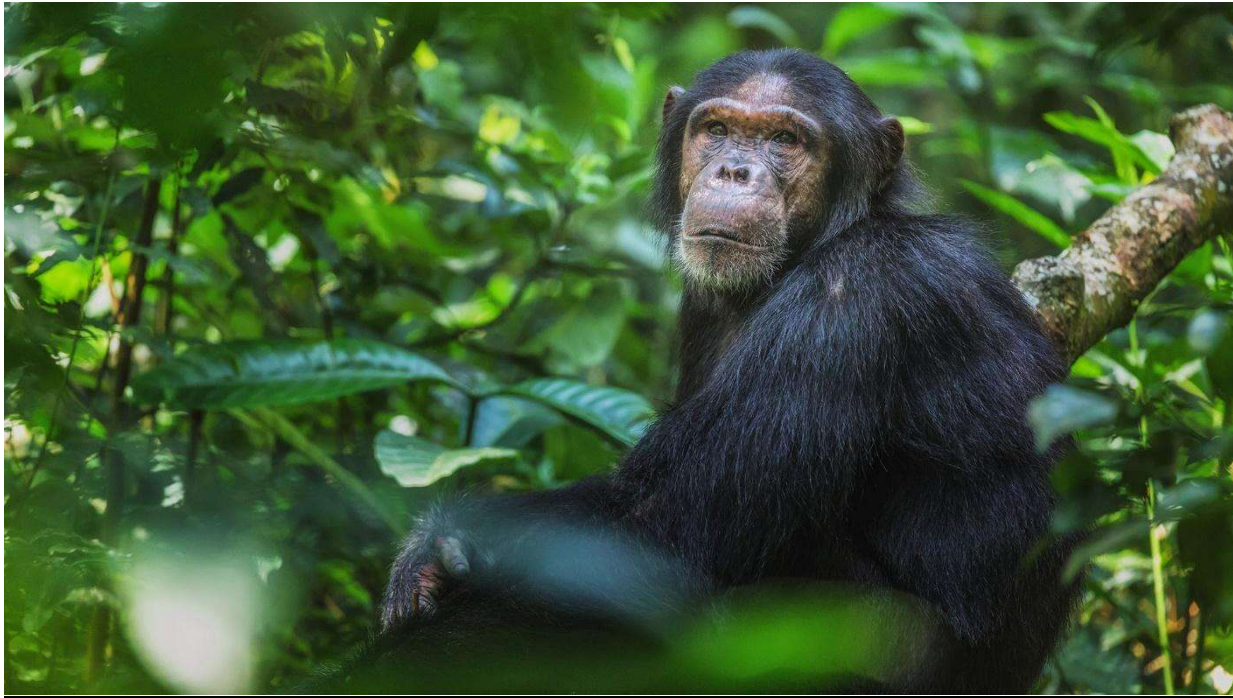
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12 DAYS CLASSIC RWANDA SAFARI

Description

Rwanda is a country gifted by nature, commonly referred to as the land of "a thousand hills" because of its natural beauty. In this itinerary we shall visit the major national parks of the country and participate in all adventure and nature exploration activities like Gorilla trekking, chimpanzee tracking, canopy walk, mountain hiking, boat rides, game drives and community tours



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Rwanda

On arrival to Kigali you will meet our tour representative who will thereafter transfer you to a hotel for an overnight stay on Bed and Breakfast. Depending on your arrival time, we may have a city tour of Kigali where we may visit the genocide memorial center at Gisozi as well as the local craft markets. *All travelers to Rwanda are required to have full COVID-19 vaccination.*

Accommodation options

Budget: [*Hotel Chez Lando*](#)

Midrange: [*Lemigo Hotel*](#)

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Luxury: [*Kigali Serena Hotel*](#)

Meal plan: Breakfast, -, -

Day 2: Drive to Nyungwe Forest national park. Visit Nyanza palace

After breakfast, head to Nyungwe National Park, en route visit Nyanza palace. Nyungwe forest is located in the southern corner of Rwanda and has got a vast virgin tropical rain forest with a high, dense canopy that harbors about 310 different bird species, hundreds of butterflies and orchids, and over 75 different species of mammals – including 13 primates (about a quarter of all Africa's primates) as the chimpanzees.

Accommodation

Budget: [*Gisakura Guest House*](#)

Midrange: [*Top view Hill Hotel*](#)

Luxury: [*One and Only Nyungwe House*](#)

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Chimpanzee tracking and canopy walk

Chimpanzees in Nyungwe forest live in extended communities and move around every day, foraging for food or occasionally hunting smaller mammals. Chimpanzee tracking can last for between an hour to three depending on the location of the chimpanzees. You will spend a maximum of one hour interacting, photographing and observing the animals. After lunch you will undertake a thrilling canopy walk in Nyungwe forest.

Accommodation

Budget: [*Gisakura Guest House*](#)

Midrange: [*Top view Hill Hotel*](#)

Luxury: [*One and Only Nyungwe House*](#)

Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 4: Drive to Gisenyi. Boat ride on Lake Kivu

Gisenyi is one of Rwanda's loveliest spots and the closest the country has to a beach resort. With some attractive stretches of sand fringed with all manner of tropical vegetation along Lake Kivu's long shore. The journey through Kibuye snakes along the shores of Lake Kivu. You will enjoy a picturesque 3 hours drive coming as close as possible to the shores of Lake Kivu on many points. While in Gisenyi, you will enjoy a boat ride on Lake Kivu.

Accommodation:

Budget: [Paladise Malahide](#)
Midrange: [Hakuna Matata Hotel](#)
Luxury: [Serena Lake Kivu](#)
Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 5: Optional water adventure activities on Lake Kivu

You will have today at your disposal for any optional activities or relaxing. For more active travelers, half-day, full-day, and multi-day kayaking excursions, and boat trips can be arranged on request. One can also visit the numerous islands on Lake Kivu or experience an evening with the impressive night fishermen of Lake Kivu. Other optional activities to be done include; tour to the fishing communities, bike tours and a city tour. These activities can be booked on short notice with your guide.

Accommodation:

Budget: [Paladise Malahide](#)
Midrange: [Hakuna Matata Hotel](#)
Luxury: [Serena Lake Kivu](#)
Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 6: Drive to Volcanoes national park

After breakfast, you shall begin your journey to Volcanoes national park. Enjoy the spectacular views of hills and misty valleys on your way. Situated in the far northwest of Rwanda, Volcanoes

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National Park protects the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range – home of the endangered mountain gorilla. You will check into your accommodation, have dinner and relax in preparation for activities of the next day.

Accommodation options

Budget: [Hotel Lapalme](#)
Midrange: [Mt. Gorilla view Lodge](#)
Luxury: [One & Only Gorilla Nest](#)
Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 7: Gorilla Tracking in Volcanoes NP

Early in the morning you will be transferred to the park headquarters for clearance, briefing and allocation. After briefing, you will be led by experienced ranger guides on the hike to visit one of the 12 habituated mountain Gorilla families in the park. You will spend an hour in their presence when you can observe, photograph and film them in their idyllic habitat. After tracking you shall return to your accommodation and relax for the rest of the evening.

Accommodation options

Budget: [Hotel Lapalme](#)
Midrange: [Mt. Gorilla view Lodge](#)
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Meal plan: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 8: Optional activities in Volcanoes national park

Volcanoes national park presents an array of activities that clients can choose to do on their own on this day. These include; hiking Mount Bisoke, Golden monkey tracking, hike to Dian Fossey's grave, tour of the twin lakes, mountain biking and a community tour in Musanze.

Accommodation options

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Midrange: [Mt. Gorilla view Lodge](#)
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Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Drive to Akagera national park

In the morning after breakfast, you will be transferred to Akagera National Park for wildlife viewing. This is the only park in Rwanda where you can do a game drive and view savannah based wild animals. Upon arrival and clearance, you shall enter the park and have a game drive to your accommodation. You may be able to spot various animals along the way; predominantly antelopes, buffalo and monkeys. Accommodation on Full-board basis at Akagera Game Lodge.

Accommodation options

Budget: [Akagera Safari Lodge](#)
Midrange: [Ruzizi tented camp](#)
Luxury: [Magashi Lodge](#)
Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Morning game drive and boat ride on Lake Ihema

Early in the morning you will embark on a game drive in Akagera National park. The largely open expanse is ideal for game viewing. Sightings of buffalo, elephant, antelope, zebra, giraffe, baboons, monkeys, an incredible 490 bird species are possible. You will be led by a ranger guide to better chances of encountering many animals in the park. You may also spot members of the lion pride in Akagera. A boat trip on Lake Ihema is also a highlight of any visit to Akagera, with its large pods of hippos, Nile crocodiles and abundant waterbirds on the island in the middle of the lake.

Accommodation options

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Midrange: [Ruzizi tented camp](#)
Luxury: [Magashi Lodge](#)
Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 11: Drive to Kigali. City tour

In the morning you shall check out of your accommodation and start the journey to Kigali city. Enjoy the countryside views along the way and you may stop for landscape photography or to interact with local communities along the way.

In Kigali you will have a guided city tour to explore the landmarks of history of this budding capital. You will visit the Rwanda Genocide memorial museum in Gisozi. You will also visit local fresh produce markets and local crafts to purchase souvenirs. You will also visit the old presidential palace and learn about its history. Later you will check in at your accommodation for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation options

Budget: [Hotel Chez Lando](#)

Midrange: [Lemigo Hotel](#)

Luxury: [Kigali Serena Hotel](#)

Meal plan: Breakfast, -, -

Day 12: Airport transfer and departure

After an early morning breakfast, you will be transferred to Kigali for your International flight to your next destination.

Meal plan: Breakfast, -, **Inclusions**

The above price includes the following services

- One non-resident Gorilla permit per person in Volcanoes national park Rwanda and one non-resident chimpanzee tracking permit in Nyungwe Forest.
- Park fees for non-residents.
- All activities mentioned as specified in the meal plans (unless clearly labeled as optional).
- All accommodation properties mentioned in the itinerary.
- Roundtrip airport transfer in respect to the above itinerary.
- A professional and experienced English-speaking driver/tour guide.

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- All transportation mentioned including fuel in a 4x4 safari Landcruiser with pop-up roof
 - All Taxes/VAT and all authority fees during the tour
 - Mineral water and fruits while on the way.

Exclusions

- Visa fees and International flights from/to the client's home country.
- Additional accommodation before and after the end of the tour. Accommodation upgrades are also not included.
- Tips, souvenirs, personal purchases, travel insurance and visa fees.
- Other soft drinks or premium soft drinks and extra meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Note: In case of unavailable accommodation properties, we shall suggest like alternatives. In case Gorilla or chimpanzee permits are not available on requested dates, we are able to adjust the itinerary or advise accordingly.

Thank you!

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