



## Rwanda Grand Discovery Wildlife, Culture & Lake Kivu Experience 11 Nights / 12 Days

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### Overview of the Package

This 12-day journey showcases the best of Rwanda — from thrilling safaris in **Akagera National Park** and **chimpanzee trekking in Nyungwe**, to serene **boat tours on Lake Kivu** and vibrant **Kigali city life**. Explore cultural treasures, breathtaking landscapes, and iconic wildlife for an unforgettable all-round Rwandan adventure.

### Day Wise Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Arrival in Kigali

Upon arrival at the **Kigali International Airport**, our driver guide will be waiting to meet you at the arrivals section with a **pla-card written on your lead name**. The driver guide will brief you about the entire trip. Transfer to check-in at your hotel in **Kigali**.

**Overnight:** Kigali Marriott Hotel-5\*(BB) / Four Point by Sheraton Hotel-4\*(BB) / M-Hotel- 3\*(BB) or similar.

#### Day 2: Akagera National Park – Full Day Game Drive

05:00am; transfer 3 hours' drive to **Akagera National Park**.

After briefing at the park office, proceed on the **whole day game drive**.

#### Optional at an extra cost:

- Night Game Drive – USD 40 per person (5:30pm – 8:00pm)
- Boat Tour – 4:30pm to 6:00pm at USD 45 per adult/child

**Overnight:** Ruzizi Tented Lodge-4\*(FB) / Akagera Game Lodge-4\*(HB-Dinner).

#### Day 3: Second Game Drive & Optional Balloon Safari

Enjoy a **second day game drive** in the park.

**Hot lunch at a picnic area restaurant** (under own account). In the late afternoon, return to **Kigali**.

#### Optional at an extra cost – Hot Air Balloon Safari:

- 05:15am; briefing about your balloon safari
- After landing, enjoy a **full English breakfast with champagne** at one of the best viewing spots in the park
- Proceed with the normal game drive afterward
- **Price per person: USD 400**

**Overnight:** Kigali Marriott Hotel-5\*(BB) / Four Point by Sheraton Hotel-4\*(BB) / M-Hotel- 3\*(BB) or similar.

#### Day 4: Kigali Sightseeing & Nightlife Experience



08:00am; **Kigali sightseeing** including:

- Genocide Memorial
- Parliament Museum
- Local markets and other sites

Lunch at any restaurant of your choice in Kigali (under own account). In the evening, enjoy a **Kigali nightlife experience**.

**Overnight:** Kigali Marriott Hotel-5\*(BB) / Four Point by Sheraton Hotel-4\*(BB) / M-Hotel-3\*(BB) or similar.

#### **Day 5: Kigali to Nyungwe National Park (via Nyanza)**

07:00am; drive 6 hours to **Nyungwe National Park** with a stopover in **Nyanza**. Enjoy a **Royal reception with cultural entertainment**. After lunch, proceed on your journey.

**Overnight:** One & Only Nyungwe House-5\* / Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel-4\* / Chimpanzee Lodge-3\*.

#### **Day 6: Chimpanzee Trekking & Canopy Walk**

05:00am; briefing at the park office about **Chimpanzee trekking**. In the afternoon, enjoy a **canopy walk on a 160m long and 70m high suspension bridge**.

**Overnight:** One & Only Nyungwe House-5\* / Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel-4\* / Chimpanzee Lodge-3\*.

#### **Day 7: Nyungwe to Karongi (Lake Kivu)**

Breakfast and transfer 4 hours' drive to **Karongi**. Enjoy **guided walks in the vicinity** to stretch out. If time permits, enjoy the **Karongi nightlife experience**.

**Overnight:** Cleo Hotel-5\*(FB) / Kivu Lodge-4\*(FB) / Cormoran Lodge-3\*(BB).

#### **Day 8: Lake Kivu Boat Tour & Napoleon Island Hike**

Take a **boat tour to the many islands of Lake Kivu** and a **Napoleon Island hike**. Drinks will be served.

**Karongi** lies on the eastern shores of Lake Kivu, west of Kigali, with steep hills falling into the deep green waters, an indented shoreline with a smattering of islands nearby – extremely picturesque.

**Overnight:** Cleo Hotel-5\*(FB) / Kivu Lodge-4\*(FB) / Cormoran Lodge-3\*(BB) or similar.

#### **Day 9: Karongi to Rubavu**

Breakfast and transfer 4 hours' drive to **Rubavu**. Visit the **two borders of Rwanda-Congo** and explore **local markets**.

**Overnight:** Lake Kivu Serena Hotel-4\*(HB) / Nirvana Heights Resort & Spa-3\*(HB) / Hill View Lake Kivu Hotel-3\*(BB).

**Day 10: Rubavu to Musanze (Community Activity)**

Morning at leisure.

In the afternoon, drive 1½ hours to **Musanze** to enjoy any available **community-based activity**.

Return to your hotel.

**Overnight:** Lake Kivu Serena Hotel-4\*(HB) / Nirvana Heights Resort & Spa-3\*(HB) / Hill View Lake Kivu Hotel-3\*(BB).

**Day 11: Return to Kigali**

Transfer to **Kigali** (4 hours' drive).

If time permits, enjoy **more Kigali sightseeing**.

**Overnight:** Kigali Marriott Hotel-5\*(BB) / Four Point by Sheraton Hotel-4\*(BB) / M-Hotel-3\*(BB) or similar.

**Day 12: Departure**

Transfer to the **airport**.

Drop-off for your **departure flight**.

**END OF PACKAGE DETAILS**

**Tour Package price per person sharing in a double/twin room in a 4x4WD vehicle**

**Use of a TXL/Prado vehicle**

| No. of Passengers                                                                                                    | 1              | 2             | 3             | SRS           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Kigali Marriott Hotel/Ruzizi Tented Lodge/One & Only Nyungwe House/Cleo Hotel/Lake Kivu Serena Hotel                 | <b>\$14879</b> | <b>\$9462</b> | <b>\$8765</b> | <b>\$3318</b> |
| Four Point by Sheraton Hotel/Akagera Game Lodge/Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel/ Kivu Lodge/Nirvana Heights Resort & Spa | <b>\$8215</b>  | <b>\$5127</b> | <b>\$4424</b> | <b>\$1065</b> |
| M-Hotel/Akagera Game Lodge/Chimpanzee Lodge/Cormoran Lodge/Hill View Lake Kivu Hotel                                 | <b>\$7458</b>  | <b>\$4554</b> | <b>\$3850</b> | <b>\$799</b>  |

**Tour Package price per person sharing in a double/twin room in a 4x4WD vehicle**

### Use of a Safari vehicle

| No. of Passengers                                                                                                    | 1              | 2             | 3             | 4             | 5              | 6             | SRS           |
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| Kigali Marriott Hotel/Ruzizi Tented Lodge/One & Only Nyungwe House/Cleo Hotel/Lake Kivu Serena Hotel                 | <b>\$15890</b> | <b>\$9965</b> | <b>\$9096</b> | <b>\$8664</b> | <b>\$8404</b>  | <b>\$7478</b> | <b>\$3318</b> |
| Four Point by Sheraton Hotel/Akagera Game Lodge/Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel/ Kivu Lodge/Nirvana Heights Resort & Spa | <b>\$9226</b>  | <b>\$5630</b> | <b>\$4761</b> | <b>\$4328</b> | <b>\$3,694</b> | <b>\$3892</b> | <b>\$1065</b> |
| M-Hotel/Akagera Game Lodge/Chimpanzee Lodge/Cormoran Lodge/Hill View Lake Kivu Hotel                                 | <b>\$8469</b>  | <b>\$5056</b> | <b>\$4187</b> | <b>\$3755</b> | <b>\$3,177</b> | <b>\$3317</b> | <b>\$799</b>  |

**Single Room Supplement (SRS)-To stay in a single room add on this amount**

### Hotel Details

| Location | Night | Hotel Name                      | Room Type   | Meal Plan              |
|----------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Kigali   | 04    | Kigali Marriott Hotel-5*        | Deluxe      | Breakfast (BB)         |
|          |       | Four Point by Sheraton Hotel-4* | Standard    | Breakfast (BB)         |
|          |       | M-Hotel-3*                      | Standard    | Breakfast (BB)         |
| Akagera  | 01    |                                 |             |                        |
|          |       | Ruzizi Tented Lodge-4*          | Tented Camp | Full Board (FB)        |
|          |       | Akagera Game Lodge-4*           | Standard    | Half Board-Dinner (HB) |
| Nyungwe  | 02    | One & Only Nyungwe House-5*     | Standard    | Full Board (FB)        |
|          |       | Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel-4*  | Standard    | Full Board (FB)        |
|          |       | Chimpanzee Lodge-3*             | Standard    | Full Board (FB)        |
| Karongi  | 02    | Cleo Hotel-5*                   | Standard    | Breakfast (BB)         |
|          |       | Kivu Lodge-4*                   | Standard    | Full Board (FB)        |
|          |       | Cormoran Lodge-4*               | Standard    | Breakfast (BB)         |



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| Rubavu | 02 | Lake Kivu Serena Hotel-4*       | Standard | Half Board-Dinner (HB) |
|        |    | Nirvana Heights Resort & Spa-3* | Standard | Half Board-Dinner (HB) |
|        |    | Hill View Lake Kivu Hotel-3*    | Standard | Breakfast (BB)         |

**BB:** Bed & Breakfast | **FB:** Full Board | **HB:** Half Board | **RO:** Room Only |

### Package Inclusions:

- 04 Night's Accommodation at Kigali on Bed & Breakfast.
- 01 Night Accommodation at Akagera on Half Board basis.
- 02 Night's Accommodation at Nyungwe on Full Board basis.
- 02 Night's Accommodation at Karongi on Bed & Breakfast
- 02 Night's Accommodation at Rubavu on Bed & Breakfast
- Services of our driver guide
- Transfers
- Akagera park entrance fees
- Akagera game drive
- Akagera Park guide
- Kigali night life experience
- Nyanza Royal Reception + Lunch
- 1 Nyungwe park entrance fees
- Chimpanzee permit
- Canopy Walk permit
- Karongi night life experience
- Karongi boat Tour and Napoleon Island hike
- 1 community-based activity in Musanze
- Bottled mineral water in the car
- Use of a 4x4WD vehicle



### Package Exclusions:

- Park permits
- Optional Extras whilst in Rwanda
- International & Domestic Airfare, Train Fare, Travel Visa, Travel Insurance & Medical Premium, Medical tests, etc.
- Personal expenses on items such as Laundry, Juices, Sodas, Soft & Hard Drinks, Bottled Water etc.
- Individually extended accommodation, sightseeing, transfers, excursions pre, post or on tour.
- Local Tax / City Tax / Tourism Dirham tax / Green Tax etc. (if applicable)
- Meals, excursions and transfers other than specified in the itinerary
- Incidentals, Porterage, Minibar and Bell-Boy charges etc.
- All Optional tours that mentioned above in Itinerary
- Anything not mentioned in "Package Inclusions"
- OK to board for the airline (if applicable)
- All beverages during meals
- Entry Visa to Rwanda
- Gratuities & Tips

**Note:** Gorilla permits sell at a first come first serve basis and they sell very fast. We are not allowed to book. The only way to guarantee availability is by purchasing. They are non-refundable and a penalty applies in case of a change. Trekking is strictly from the age of 15 years and above.

| Activity           | Particulars                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Canopy Walk</b> | Scheduled at 8:00am, 10:00am or 1:00pm, 3:00pm. Suspended above a ravine in the lush montane rainforest of Nyungwe National Park, the canopy walkway provides an exhilarating perspective on the ancient treetops and wildlife. The 160m long and 70m high suspension bridge is accessible as part of a guided tour. The hour's walk to the canopy walkway from the Uwinka Reception Centre, visitors will see countless butterflies, orchids and colourful birds, including many endemic to the region.                                                      |
| <b>Chimpanzee</b>  | Briefing starts at 5:00am; Nyungwe is an ideal destination for lovers of primates. Most visitors will opt for at least one tracking experience, of which the most popular is chimpanzee trekking. Chimpanzee trekking can be done throughout the year. <b>Age limit:</b> You need to be at least 15 years old for this trek. This is strictly enforced and there is no flexibility. A pair of binoculars will usually enhance your experience considerably, especially if you encounter the chimps up in the trees, and many consider a camera indispensable. |
| <b>Colobus</b>     | Scheduled at 8:00am, 10:00am or 1:00pm, 3:00pm. Colobus monkeys are black primates with white cheeks. Trekking is a short hike that takes 2-3 hours. They are usually found in a group of about 350-400 individuals including the largest group of the Angolan Colobus Monkeys in Africa. These beautiful creatures have an amazing experience which you can't miss out like the way they climbing trees, jumping from one tree to another including their messy eating habits that also help spread the seed of the fruit that they are eating in the        |

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|                            | forest and this keeps them to move around than chimpanzees tends to move long distance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Birding</b>             | This can either start at 7:00am or 3:00pm. There are over 310 species that have been recorded in Nyungwe which reflects a large habitat diversity and the altitudinal range. These also include the 25 species of the Albertine Rift mountains endemic bird area which occur in Rwanda, the Rockefellers' sun bird, Chapin's flycatcher. More so, 11 of the 23 species of the Guinea Congo Forest biome and also 71 of the 74 species of this biome of the afro tropical highlands that occur in Rwanda and have been recorded at this site. Usually, Nyungwe forest is also the most vital forest for the conservation of motane birds in the region.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Tropical waterfalls</b> | The Waterfall trail is also referred to as the Isumo trail. It is about 10.6 kilometres long and takes only 4-5 hours to complete the hike. The waterfall trail rewards tourists with beautiful views, wildlife, bird species, and also takes you through tea plantations as well as viewing the jaw-dropping Isumo waterfalls. You can take pictures and view different tourist attractions such as primates like the Colobus monkeys, black and white and blue monkeys, birds, and tree species. To enjoy this amazing trail in Nyungwe forest national park, you have to carry a rain jacket as it may rain any time, a camera with extra batteries, binoculars, hiking boots, long-sleeved clothes, a hat, garden gloves, water and energy drinks and a walking stick is provided at free of charge from the reception Center. |

### Activity description

| Activity                 | Particulars                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Mountain Gorillas</b> | Briefing and gorilla family allocation starts from 7am. Then you drive to the starting trail, get out of the car, enter the Park with a Park guide and a game warden in groups of 6 to 8 Pax. Trekking usually takes between 4 to 6 hours depending on where the gorillas might have slept the previous night. Upon finding the gorillas, you spend 1 hour with them, watching how they feed in their natural habitat. The Silverback is the head of the family for protection |
| <b>Golden Monkeys</b>    | Briefing starts from 7am. Then you drive to the starting trail, get out of the car, enter the Park with a Park guide and a game warden in groups of 16 Pax. Trekking usually takes between 4 to 6 hours as they jump from tree to tree                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |





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| <b>Bisoke Hiking</b>    | Briefing starts from 7am. An active volcano with a creator Lake on top. You depart with Lunch boxes. The whole experience take approx. 6 hours depending on your physical status. Porters can be hired at an extra cost 10\$                                                                        |
| <b>Dian Fossey Tomb</b> | Briefing starts from 7am. Dian Fossey was an American primatologist and conservationist known for undertaking an extensive study of mountain gorilla groups from 1966 until her murder in 1985. She was buried just next to her favorite gorilla friend, Digit and about 20 other mountain gorillas |



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| <b>Nature Walk</b>      | Briefing starts from 7am. Nature walk is yet another amazing way that you can get to watch the different attractions living in and around the volcanoes national Park. In a group and together with your ranger guides, you walk deep into the jungle and spend some time searching for other species that may interest you, like the tree species. Nature walks also give you an enhanced knowledge about the forest's ecosystem. This nature walk will take you between 3 to 4 hours depending on your speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Musanze Cave</b>     | It can either commence at 7:00am or 2:00pm The Musanze Cave is 2km long, lies in the volcanic region dating back 65 million years, where the lava flows contributed to the Albertine Rift Valley. The cave is part of the lava basaltic layers from the Bisoke and Sabyinyo volcanoes. Has 31 entrances, most being roof collapses. The main cave has an entrance the size of a cathedral and is home to a sizeable bat colony. The collapses create an incredible array of colored shafts of light shining into the cave.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Buhanga Eco-Park</b> | It can either commence at 7:00am or 2:00pm. This is a small forest of around 31 hectares that is referred to as sacred, and a ritual place where the Kings of Yore in Rwanda were initiated and enthroned for Kingship. It really brings out great beauty of an ecosystem and it's quite exhausting as you get into the forest walking on stony trails under the covering of tall majestic trees as well as creeping and crawling plants as you are ushered in by beautiful colorful butterflies and various bird species singing in the air. The forest has different sections like (A small ditch, the dark cave, <b>Conference Podium</b> , three-in-one tree, a <b>small spring</b> ) and each section has a different story concerning the initiation of the Kings and the traditions of the Yore people in Rwanda |

### **Visa Requirement and Charges:**

- Please check online or with our authorised representative if Travel visa is required to visit our country. It is your responsibility to submit all relevant documents and obtain a legal travel visa (as per requirement) before you travel.
- In case your tour is cancelled or curtailed short due to visa issues, we will be unable to provide you any refund of the tour cost.
- You may click the above link and check the details there. Visa fees once paid is completely non-refundable
- For Sticker Visa, please check with our local branch for the costing, documents required and approximate processing time.



## **Travel & Medical Insurance Charges:**



- It is Traveller's responsibility to obtain and be in possession of the comprehensive travel and cancellation insurance, including medical insurance with provision for air evacuation, insurance in case of accidents, sudden sickness, medical expenses or death, before embarking on a tour. Our company is neither responsible nor liable for any claims, damage or loss as a result of Client's failing to obtain necessary insurance cover.
- We are however, happy to provide you travel insurance as per the plan you select which can offer you comprehensive coverage at highly competitive costs.

**\*Disclaimer for Visa & Travel Insurance:** Please do check with our Branch / Authorised representative about the latest requirement as visa requirement / visa fees / travel insurance charges are dynamic and subject to change. The consulate at their discretion may ask for additional documents also for visa processing. Visa issuance is purely at the discretion of the consulate and not us.

#### **Payment Terms:**

- 50% payment at the time of confirmation
- Rest of the payment applicable as per the cancellation policy

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

- We need to receive a cancellation request in writing for us to proceed with cancellation. The following charges will be applicable based on the cancellation request received by us.
- If you cancel –
  - 25% of fee if cancelled less than 30 days prior to visiting date
  - 50% of fee if cancelled less than 15 days prior to visiting date
  - 75% of fee if cancelled less than 10 days prior to visiting date
  - 100% of fee if cancelled less than 7 days prior to visiting date
- *Any non-refundable services or hotel rooms shall be charged over and above the charges mentioned in the above cancellation policy.*

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

- The packages rates quoted are subject to fluctuations in rate of exchange.
- All rooms, rates and services are subject to availability at the time of confirmation.
- Rates are not valid for Events / Trade Fairs / Long weekends / Festivals / Blackout dates. (surcharges/ supplements will be applicable during these dates)
- In case the same hotels / lodges / camps / resorts are not available, we reserve the right to change them in the same star category.
- Child rates apply for children aged from 2 to 11 years old. 1 child sharing a room with 2 adults (depending on hotel policy). If the hotel does not have availability for family rooms, adult rates will apply.



- If certain tours / entrances are closed during certain periods, alternative options may be provided.
- Standard check-in time at the hotel is generally 1500 hrs. and check-out 12 Noon.



- Early check-in, late check-out is solely based on the discretion of the hotel and not guaranteed unless paid for.
- We reserve the rights to reschedule the itinerary or routing.
- Unused inclusions in a tour package are non-refundable.
- Tours will be seat in coach basis (Unless mentioned otherwise) where guests have to reach on time at designated pick up point.
- Any delays from your side will be considered a no show. No refund applicable in case of no show.
- Most of the Hotels/ Lodges/ Camps / Apartments may ask for a security deposit at the time of check-in, which is refundable at the time of check-out and is subject to the hotel/lodge's policy.
- We reserve all rights. Any damages caused whilst on tour shall be borne (paid or settled) locally by the client, we will not be liable for the same.
- In view of the current situation, please be advised that whilst the information and rates quoted are correct as of today's date – we retain the right to adjust rates based on any changes to current operational or capacity restrictions imposed by Governments or other Authorities.





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