

Songa Africa

RWANDA HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE
FROM 1st November 2018 to 31st of May 2019

VISIT RWANDA



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Day 1: ARRIVAL KIGALI

Songa Africa representative and your driver guide will meet you at the airport lobby. You will then drive to Kigali Marriott Hotel (15min drive).

Kigali Marriott Hotel



The new Kigali Marriott Hotel welcomes you to Rwanda's capital city with 5-star sophistication and impeccable service. Ideally situated along KN3 Avenue in the city centre, near the financial district and Kigali City Hall, our hotel provides a luxurious home away from home for business and leisure travelers. Settle in to your beautifully appointed room or suite, which features floor-to-ceiling windows, pillow top bedding, marble bathrooms and flat-screen TVs. Take advantage of free internet.

Dinner and overnight at Kigali Marriott Hotel (dinner on your own)

Day 2: AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK – BEHIND THE SCENES

Enjoy morning breakfast (included) and hotel checkout.

10:00 am depart from Kigali to Akagera National Park by your driver guides (2hrs drive)

Akagera National Park is located in the east of Rwanda along the border with Tanzania. It is named after the Akagera River that flows along its eastern boundary and feeds into a labyrinth of lakes. The rolling hills of Acacia woodland coupled with scattered grassland and swamp-fringed lakes along the watercourse combine to create a park of breathtaking beauty.

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Arrive Ruzizi Tented Camp in time for lunch (included).

03:00pm take an afternoon boat ride on Lake Ihema that will reward you with views of a large number of hippos, huge Nile crocodiles and a variety of bird species. Bird-lovers will be entertained by the majestic African fish eagles and the large concentration of waterbirds. In the marshes, keep an eye out for the papyrus gonolek and the often sought-after shoebill stork, the cormorants, and many more.



The Ruzizi Tented Camp, which opened in November 2012, is tucked away in the riverine forest on the edge of Akagera's largest lake, Lake Ihema. Sheltered by large trees and swaying palms, the camp is a cool, calm and quiet retreat in a spectacular setting. The camp offers seven en-suite tents dotted along the forested lake edge featuring a comfortable queen or large twin bed and a walk-through closet leading to a private bathroom. They are spaced on either side of a thatched reception area with a lounge, bar and dining room. Each tent is accessible by a wooden boardwalk from the reception. The camp is powered entirely by solar power, with a solar-powered hot water system. The central reception offers a space for socializing in the bar, or relaxing on the deck. Meals are served in the dining area; a hearty breakfast is enjoyed before setting off for a day's adventure in the park, and a scrumptious dinner made by the camp chefs will be waiting upon return.



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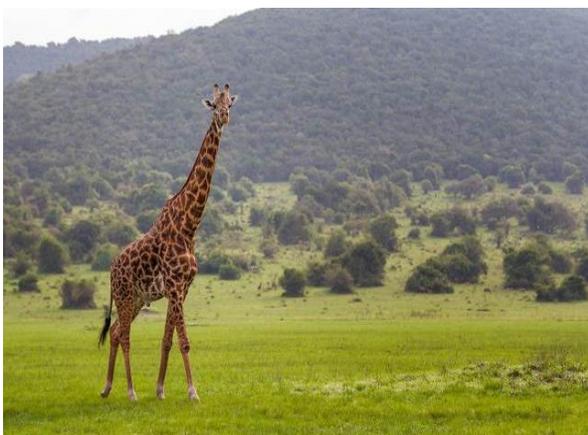


Dinner and overnight at Ruzizi Tented Camp (dinner included).

Day 3: WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Morning breakfast (included).

07:00 am marks the start of your morning game drive. You will have the opportunity to view many large mammals such as elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and antelope that frequent the open plains within the park. Picnic snacks and a bush packed lunch will be served in the park before enjoying the evening Game drive towards the Camp.



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Dinner and overnight at Ruzizi Tented Camp (dinner included).

Day 4: THIS IS AFRICA EXPERIENCE

Morning breakfast & checkout

07:00am, you will drive to Kigali City (2hrs drive)

Known on its remarkable cleanliness, you will drive to the old Kigali and the most vibrant Nyamirambo suburb. You enjoy the walk through the street markets and buy some herbs that will be later useful when making yourselves lunch from our Rwandan local cuisine with the assistance of Rwandan women cooperative from Nyamirambo.

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After Nyamirambo, you will have a memorable painting experience at Inema Art Center, whereby you visit a renowned Art Gallery and also get a chance to exercise your painting skills. This is an exceptional moment to refresh your mind and make yourself a painting souvenir that you take home with.



Dinner and overnight at Kigali Marriott Hotel (dinner on your own)

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Day 5: NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK – CANOPY WALK

Morning breakfast & checkout

Private road transfer to the Airport (15min drive)

Commercial flight to Kamembe at 8:00am (30min flight)

Private road transfer to One&Only Nyungwe House (45min drive)

Morning relaxation and lunch (included)



One & Only Nyungwe House

Alongside ancient rainforest, within the lush green expanse of a working tea plantation, One&OnlyNyungwe House offers an exclusive window to Africa's fascinating wildlife and culture. Curating immersive tailored experiences, from gastronomic picnics to wild chimpanzee tracking and indigenous open-air spa treatments, awe-inspiring, once-in-a-lifetime moments are sure to amaze you at every turn.



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After noon Canopy walk

02:00pm, after lunch you will drive through the beautiful Nyungwe Forest to Uwinka park office for the adventure of Canopy Walk which is a very exciting experience but not for the faint hearted. The canopy walk consist of three bridges and three towers, the bridge leading to the first tower is 37 meters long and 20 meters high, the main bridge has a length of 86 meters and a height of 60 meters, the final exit bridge is 25 meters long and a height of 15 meters .The total length of the canopy way is 150 meters. Nyungwe forest has about 280 bird species, 25 of which are endemic, Nyungwe is one of the most important and still undiscovered bird watching destinations in Africa.



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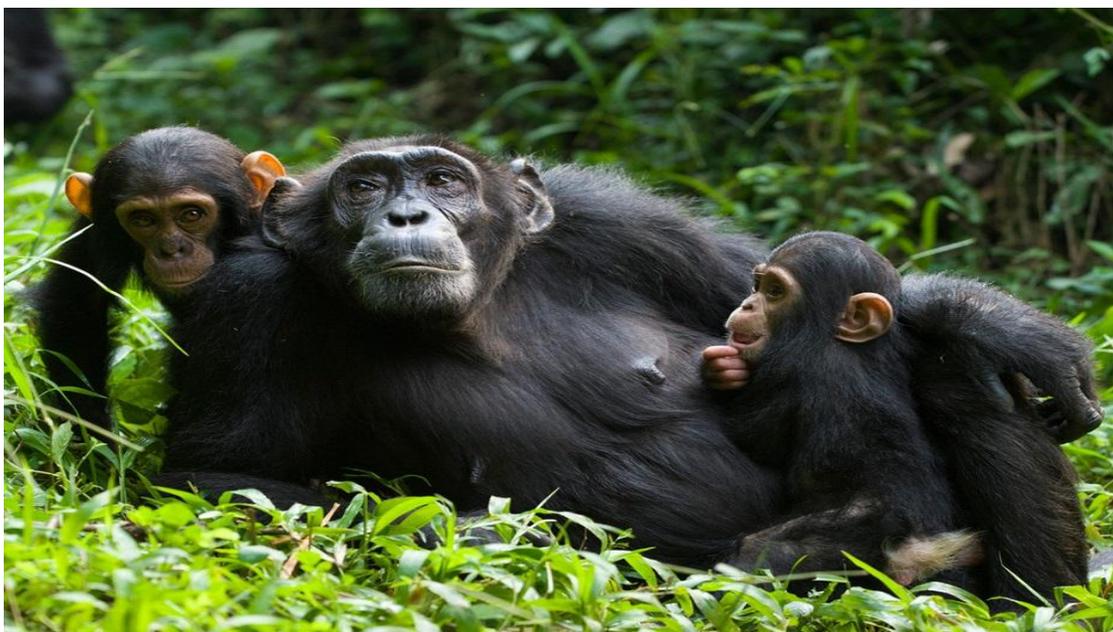


Dinner & overnight One & Only Nyungwe House (FB)

Day 6: CHIMPANZEE TREKKING /TEA PLANTATION

5:30am you will drive to Cyamudongo Forest & there after proceed for Chimpanzee trekking.

There is a lot more in Nyungwe than just chimps. Colobus monkeys, mangabeys, various other primate species plus lots of forest dwelling birds will be encountered on the way. If you are interested in botany, the flora in Nyungwe comes as an added bonus; you will also have a chance to view the other habitants of the forest like reptiles and butterflies.



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After trekking you will return to the lodge for lunch before visiting the Tea plantation



3:00pm Tea plantation visit on the rolling hills of the western borders of Nyungwe forest national parkis Gisakura Tea estate. One of the most famous and beautiful tea estates in Rwanda. You will discover how **tea** is harvested, processed, and even get to taste the results.

Dinner & overnight One & Only Nyungwe House (FB)

Day 7: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Morning breakfast & checkout

Drive to Kamembe Airstrip (1 hr)

Commercial flight to Kigali at 8:30am (30min flight)

Scenic drive to Volcanoes National Park (3hr drive)

Check in at Amakoro Songa Lodge

You will enjoy the lunch at AmakoroSonga Lodge and have an option of experiencing the Amakoro Community Engagement, whereby you will have a walk that takes you to meeting the neirboring communities within their daily life activities such as traditional grinding or having a memorable time with the oldest man around Kinigi who shares the story as a witness of the evolvment of the Park.

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Amakoro Songa Lodge is a natural extension of SongaAfrica–The Tourism Company. This exclusive luxury nature lodge is located in Kinigi in the Northern Province at a distance of 10 min drive to the Gorilla trekking Office.

The Amakoro Songa Lodge provides luxury accommodatin for ecotourists, particularly

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those visiting the Volcanoes National Park for Gorilla trekking, birding, and mountain climbing.



Dinner & overnight at Amakoro Songa Lodge (FB)

Day 8: 1st GORILLA TREKKING EXPERIENCE

06:40am after breakfast, take a short drive to Park Headquarters. Arrive at the Park Headquarters at 7:00am where you will be briefed by Park Guides and trackers. After your briefing you will be driven to where the trails start and your trek begins.

Mountain Gorilla trekking

Volcanoes National Park protects the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range - home of the rare mountain gorilla - and the rich mosaic of montane ecosystems, which embrace evergreen and bamboo forest, open grassland, swamp and heath. The high point of the trek will be spending an hour with the remarkably peaceful gorillas despite their size and appearance, as they go about their daily life: feeding, playing, resting, grooming and raising their young.

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After trekking, you will return to the Lodge for lunch

After lunch you will visit ex-poacher's village-Gorilla Guardians is a Non-Profit umbrella organization that aims at improving the lives of reformed poachers and communities around Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park through provision of conservation incentives, supporting community enterprise development and livelihood based projects.



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You also have an option of relaxing at the Lodge and having massage treatment (optional not included)

Dinner & Overnight at AmakoroSonga Lodge (FB)

Day 9: 2nd Gorilla trekking Experience

Morning breakfast

2nd Gorilla trekking

Lunch at the Lodge and check out

Drive to Kigali (3hr drive)

Dinner at Republica Restaurant (optional not included)

Overnight: Kigali Marriott Hotel (BB)

Day 10: HISTORICAL KIGALI AND DEPARTURE

Morning breakfast & checkout

10:00am, you will drive around some highlights and icon places of our beautiful clean city.

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You will then be driven to the Kigali Genocide Memorial Center. **The Kigali Genocide Memorial** exists as a permanent memorial to those who fell victim to the genocide in 1994. It deals with a topic of international importance, with far-reaching significance, and is designed to engage and challenge an international visitor base. Here you will be able to visit the three permanent exhibitions, the largest of which documents the genocide in 1994 and pay tribute to the victims of the genocide.

01:00pm Lunch at Mille Collines Hotel (Hotel Rwanda) included

Afternoon Souvenir Shopping expedition (optional depending on the flight schedule)

Airport transfer

Depart Rwanda on an evening flight.

This will mark the end of your trip

TOUR FARE AND FEATURE

The total cost for this Itinerary for 4pax is **\$7,044 per person**

TOTAL COST INCLUDE

- Car hire (4x4) with professional guides
- All transport & transfers

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- In-Country flights

All Accommodation

- Accommodation at Kigali Marriott Hotel for 3 nights
- Accommodation at Ruzizi Tented Camp for 2 nights
- Accommodation at One & Only Nyungwe House for 2 nights
- Accommodation at Amakoro Songa Lodge for 2 nights
- All Meals as per itinerary
- All taxes

All Activity

- Canopy Walk experience
- Chimpanzee trekking
- Tea plantation visit
- Game drives experience
- Behind the scenes at Akagera Park
- Boat ride experience on L. Ihema
- Community engagement at Amakoro
- Ex-Poachers' cultural village visit
- This is Africa Experience
- Inema Art center (Painting experience)
- Kigali Genocide Memorial visit

Cost excludes:

- 2 Gorilla Trekking days at \$1050 per person per day (a 30% discount - applicable with this itinerary when visiting three national parks)
- Gratuities to drivers, guides, Lodge/Hotel staff
- International air to/from Rwanda
- Items of personal nature

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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU IN RWANDA!