

## Rwanda Travel Itinerary

7 Days in Rwanda

November 2019 - May 2020

# VISIT RWANDA

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## ITINERARY

### Day One

#### Thousand Hills Africa, Rwanda

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport you will be met by a representative for a Thousand Hills Africa, whom will assist you with customs and immigration clearance. Thereafter you will be transferred at Kigali Serena Hotel. The drive from Kigali International Airport to Kigali Serena Hotel is approximately 20min.

#### Kigali Serena Hotel, Rwanda



**Room:** Prime Room/s  
**Arrival:** Day 1  
**Departure:** Day 2  
**Included:** Bed and Breakfast

Situated in central Kigali and just 10 km from the international airport, Kigali Serena Hotel comprises of 148 air conditioned rooms in various categories: Standard, Deluxe, Superior (43), Prime (7), Junior Suites (18), Executive Suites (6) as well as a Presidential Suite. Other facilities include the elegant Milima Restaurant, the Lounge Bar offering a choice of three purpose designed areas: the bar, the lounge and the terrace, two conference rooms, three other meeting rooms, an executive board room, business center, gymnasium, swimming pool, a spa and WiFi.

#### Kigali Serena Hotel and overnight

## Day Two

### Thousand Hills Africa, Rwanda

#### Kigali City Tour

**09h00** After breakfast, you will be collected from Kigali Serena Hotel and taken on a Kigali City Tour which includes a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial and crafts markets.



The history of Rwanda dates back centuries, Kigali has been a part of it for a hundred years. Founded in 1907 as a German settlement, Kigali did not become the capital until Rwanda's independence in 1962 when it replaced the colonial seat of power in Butare. Since then, the city has seen major economic development resulting in what it is today; a vibrant African city of more than one million residents with wide boulevards, world-class hotels and restaurants, crafts & curio shops as well as a lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere. Visit the Kandt Museum, tour old Kigali and the craft markets, visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial to learn about Rwanda's history, the Genocide against the Tutsi as well as other mass atrocities around the world. This tour will allow you to experience life in the country today and Rwanda's remarkable recovery - a true testament to humankind's resilience.

Midday: Lunch at Milles Collines Hotel. After lunch, you will drive to the Lake Kivu Serena (Approx. 3 hours)

### Lake Kivu Serena, Rwanda



**Room:** Superior Double/s

**Arrival:** Day 2

**Departure:** Day 4

**Included:** Breakfast & dinner

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel is ideally located on a sandy beach, in the Rwandan resort town of Rubavu, on the shores of the 6th largest lake in Africa. The nearby Volcanoes National Park provides a spectacular backdrop on one side complimenting a panoramic view of the lake on the other. Accommodation comprises 66 air-conditioned rooms including 6 luxury suites, 23 family rooms and one room especially equipped for disabled guests. Other facilities include a boardroom, three conference rooms, a gym, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts and a water sports centre.

You have time to relax and enjoy some of the hotels facilities: A gym, outdoor swimming pool, two tennis courts and windsurfing and kayaking. Other options (some at extra charge) include: boating, swimming in the lake, visiting the local fishing islands or simply lying on the beach and being mesmerized by your surroundings.

Dinner and overnight at Lake Kivu Serena Hotel.

### Day Three

#### Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda

You will be collected from Lake Kivu Serena for 1h30 min journey to the Volcanoes National Park Headquarters for your gorilla trekking adventure.

#### Gorilla Trekking



Our exhilarating trek in the footsteps of the rare and critically endangered Mountain Gorillas, the largest living primate on earth, starts in the cultivated foothills of the Volcanoes National Park with stirring views in all directions. Upon entering the park, with paths carved by the mountains' elusive buffalo and elephant, trekkers will be immersed in the mysterious intimacy of the rainforest, alive with colourful bird calls, butterflies and more. Through gaps in the canopy, the magnificent Virunga peaks, among the highest in Africa yet easily accessible, are glimpsed, beckoning an ascent.

Weaving through overhanging vines, moss-covered hagenia and giant lobelias that thrive in the tropical climate, our experienced trackers, who spend their entire lives in or close to this forest, bring you up close with the gorilla family.

**Upon sighting the gorillas, you will stay with them for a magical hour as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting; raising their young. Coming face to face with a giant silverback is one of the greatest wildlife experiences on earth.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** A 30% discount on each gorilla permit is offered when also visiting two other national parks in Rwanda (Akagera National Park, Nyungwe National Park) for 3 days. This offer is valid from November 2019 - May 2020. The discounted permit price is \$1,050.

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner at Lake Kivu Serena

## Day Four

### One&Only Nyungwe House, Rwanda



**Room:** Nyungwe Room/s

**Arrival:** Day 4

**Departure:** Day 6

**Included:** Rates include breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, non-alcoholic beverages with meals and two activities per person per day (as defined by the Resort and subject to change without notice).

#### Dinner and overnight at One&Only Nyungwe House

**One&Only Nyungwe House** is set on the edge of Nyungwe National Park in Rwanda's mountainous south-west. Part of a working tea plantation, its roots are well-established, yet its offerings are distinctly modern with every comfort you could ever need. It's all about once-in-a-lifetime moments as you delight in active adventures such as mountain biking, kayaking and trekking. Feel the thrill of wild up-close encounters, from rare primates and reptiles to butterflies and exotic birds. Being at one with nature goes hand-in-hand with an ethos of personal wellness. Unwind with al fresco yoga before inspiring vistas; or indulge in holistic therapies such as Rwandan-inspired spa treatments offered in the warm open air. Dining takes on a different angle, from stunning sunrise breakfasts that prepare you for a day of discovery to sociable grand feasts amongst the lush flora. Whether private dinners in a treehouse or a secluded oasis, you'll never have the same experience twice. The 22 luxury rooms and suites are situated in six stunning wooden villas. Open fireplaces and private decks can be found in each room and suite. The interior décor and artwork is inspired by the natural beauty and traditions of Rwanda.

#### Experience even more...

- Enjoy heartwarming interactions with local people as you learn about unique ways of life and discover secrets of their crafts, cuisine and more.
- Get involved, getting your hands dirty: work the land, build a fence or tend to animals.
- An opportunity to give back: every cherished gift we receive from the lands and community encourages local life to flourish, while leaving our own lasting legacy.
- Invest in handmade crafts: purchasing unique local products funds charitable initiatives.

## Day Five

### Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda

#### Chimpanzee Tracking

Your morning activity will be a wonderful chimp tracking experience.



These cousins to humans can be found and tracked in Nyungwe National Park. A beautiful guided hike through the forest will lead you to these fascinating creatures where you can watch them play and interact up close. Chimpanzee tracking can be done year-round in Nyungwe, rain or shine, and while it is never guaranteed that you will see them, sightings are very common and guides are skillful in tracking them. The experience differs from gorilla tracking as the chimps move through the canopy, so the sightings are a bit more sporadic and exciting, but worthwhile nonetheless.

Lunch at One&Only Nyungwe House.

Your afternoon activity will be a wonderful canopy walk.

Dinner and overnight at One&Only Nyungwe House.

## Day Six

Early morning transfer to the Kamembe Airport for your flight to Kigali. Transfer to airport is approx. 45 minutes.

Upon landing, transfer from the airport to Serena Hotel.

Scheduled shuttle transfer from Kigali Serena Hotel to Magashi Camp, Akagera National Park. Shuttle will depart from Kigali Serena Hotel at 12:00.

As an alternative to the shuttle, a scheduled helicopter flight is available daily. Flights depart at 1:30pm at \$280 per person.

## Magashi Camp - Akagera National Park, Rwanda



Tented Room/s

**Room:**

**Arrival:** Day 6

**Departure:** Day 7

**Included:** All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

**Magashi Camp** is situated in the phenomenally diverse north-eastern corner of Akagera National Park, overlooking scenic Lake Rwanyakazinga. Akagera comprises some of the most scenic savannah in East Africa – open plains, woodlands, lakes, swamp, and grassy low mountains – and is home to one of Africa’s highest hippo densities, large crocodiles as well as rare sitatunga and more than 520 bird species. Teeming with plains game, Akagera also boasts a healthy population of lion which were introduced by African Parks in 2015 after a 20-year absence; black rhino were reintroduced in 2017. Magashi – the only exclusive-use area in Akagera – also harbors a good density of leopard.

### Did you know?

- Magashi has been established in partnership with the Rwanda Development Board and African Parks, demonstrating our commitment to pioneering sustainable and authentic ecotourism in Rwanda.
- Our core purpose in Akagera is to help conserve Rwanda’s last protected savannah ecosystem, and species like shoebill and black rhino. Furthermore, our presence will contribute towards enabling it to become economically self-sufficient for the first time.
- Ideal opportunity to combine an extraordinary gorilla experience while at Bisate Lodge with a spectacular savannah safari at Magashi.
- View East African bird- and wildlife during expertly-guided game drives, walks and boating trips.
- Take in a cultural experience on route with a visit to an Ankole cattle farm or a local school.

### CHILD POLICY:

- Children 6 years and older are accommodated.
- For families travelling with children between 6 and 12 years (inclusive), sole use of a vehicle is required. As there is no private vehicle offering at Magashi, a minimum of 3 tents (either on double occupancy or single occupancy with a single supplement) must be booked and charged for to accommodate this.
- Children between 6 and 16 years of age must share with an adult/s in the same room.
- The minimum age for walking activities is 13 years (subject to season).

## Day Seven

### Thousand Hills Africa, Rwanda

Morning game drive to the North gate.

Transfer from the north gate of the park to Kigali.

For same day departures out of Kigali, guests should not schedule their international flight earlier than 7:00pm. As an alternative to the shuttle, a scheduled helicopter flight is available daily. Flights are at 1:30pm. \$280.00/Per Person

### Contact Us

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the services that we offer.

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