

**VISIT  
RWANDA**



## **UBER LUXE SAFARIS**



**7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS REMARKABLE RWANDA**

**Kigali, Akagera, Nyungwe & Volcanoes National Parks**

*The Ultimate Bespoke Safari Experience*

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**“When you have caught the rhythm of Africa, you find out that it is the same in all her music.”— Karen Blixen, Out of Africa**

### Day 1: ARRIVAL - KIGALI

Arrival of your flight at *Kigali International Airport*. Meet and Greet assistance. You will be handed over to and warmly welcomed by our *Uber Luxe Safaris* representative outside customs and immigration hall. Transfer to your hotel. Have briefing about your safari at the lobby.



We will assist you with check in. Dinner and Overnight stay.

**THE KIGALI SERENA HOTEL (HB – Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)**

### Day: 2 KIGALI – AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK (02H30 DRIVE) (BOAT CRUISE & GAME DRIVE VIEWING)

**06h00:** You will be picked up from your *Hotel* and proceed to **AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK**.

Upon arrival at the park headquarters, you will have a briefing at the park Headquarters, collect your lunch boxes at Akagera Game Lodge. You will embark on a game drive viewing en-route to Lake Ihema.

You will then enjoy a boat trip on the beautiful Lake Ihema. You will sail along the water edge which is covered with several trees, drifting passed herds of hippos and crocodiles in the water and on the shore. For those interested in birds, you will have a chance to see a variety of bird species.

*Lining the lakes are some of the continent's densest concentrations of water birds, while the connecting marshes are the haunt of the endangered and exquisite papyrus gonolek, and the bizarre shoebill stork - the latter perhaps the most eagerly sought of all African birds.*



*The game drive in Akagera National Park provides you with the opportunity to see the newly re-introduced king of the jungle (Lions) as well as viewing gentle hills blending beautifully with lowland swamps and water bodies. You will visit the hippo pool, Giraffe area in the south and the lakes road up towards Birengero.*



17h30: You will then exit the park and have a leisurely drive back to **KIGALI**. You will be dropped at your hotel.

Dinner and Overnight stay.

**THE KIGALI SERENA HOTEL (HB – Lunch (picnic lunch), Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)**

**Day 3: KIGALI – CITY TOUR → NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK (45 minutes scenic flight)**

08h00: After early breakfast at the hotel, you will check out and settle all extras.

08h30: Proceed on a city tour that will include the *Kigali Genocide memorial* and the *Inema arts gallery*.

*Highlight; Perhaps the city's best known landmark, and with good reason, is the very insightful and moving Kigali Genocide Memorial standing amid beautiful rose gardens and fountains. The memorial sets out the history leading up to the genocide in Rwanda and also explains other genocides around the world. It includes poignant displays of victims' photographs and belongings, bringing the realities of the atrocities to life. While it might seem an unusual tourist attraction and can be upsetting, it does help to put into context how and why the genocide happened and to better appreciate just how far the country has moved on together in the intervening years. It also plays a vital role in educating Rwanda's new and future generations about the genocide. Audio visual equipment will be provided in Dutch, English or other languages spoken.*



*Inema Arts Center spurs creativity for personal, social, and economic growth. Here, you will witness the use of creative expression to bring the community and country alive.*



12h30: Lunch will be at the *Pilipili restaurant*.

14h00: Transfer to Kigali International Airport for your scenic helicopter flight to **NYUNGWE FOREST** National Park, departing at 15h00. *where the largest montane forest East and Central Africa is found. The heart of Nyungwe Forest is like a scene from a fairy tale. Tall old mahoganies, ebonies and giant tree ferns tower above you, whilst orchids and other epiphytes cling to every branch. Brightly coloured birds flit around, butterflies are everywhere, and walking quietly you may even encounter larger forest residents, including a variety of primates for which Nyungwe National Park is renowned.*



15h45: Land at the lodge helipad, met by our driver guide and transfer to the lodge (10 minutes) where you will be assisted with check in.

Afternoon at leisure to relax or take part in one of the complimentary activities offered e.g. *Boot camp spear throwing, Conservation Walk, Umugawe Community Participation, Exploring by bicycle or Nyungwe Nocturnal walk*. Dinner and overnight stay.

*Take a walk in the thick of the wilderness, as majestic mahoganies, giant ferns and delicate orchids magically surround you. Encounter the rare Mangabey monkey, lively in its own playground, and cheer as you capture a rare butterfly in flight. Then retreat to a place where enchanting experiences are curated just for you, from evening drinks by the bonfire and grand feasts below mountain vistas, to soothing African inspired spa therapies, and atmospheric movie nights under the stars.*



**ONE & ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drink)**

**Day 4: NYUNGWE (CHIMPANZEE TREKKING & CANOPY WALK)**

Today at **05h00** you will get your packed breakfast and drive to the park headquarters for chimpanzee trek briefing and formalities and then to the evergreen forest for a great experience that starts at **06h00**. You may spot a wide variety of bird life.

*Dashing at high speed through the flora, hooting and clanging – it's a truly exhilarating experience to encounter chimpanzees playing, wild and free. Home to one of East Africa's last intact chimpanzee populations, Nyungwe is an ideal place to observe chimps in their natural habitat. Most active in the morning, an early rise is required for maximum viewing opportunity, and a beautifully prepared breakfast will be enjoyed 'on the go'. Allow experienced, expert trackers to guide you on a deep forest trail, learning about these fascinating creatures and the enchanting forest they call home.*



Return to the lodge at around **11h00**. **12h30**: Have an early lunch. We will transfer you to the park headquarters for canopy walk briefing that takes place at **14h00**. Your guided canopy walk will start at **15h00**.

*Experience the rainforest from a dazzling new perspective – on the famous Canopy Walkway. The only walk of its kind in East Africa, this breathtaking construction hangs 60 metres above the forest floor between giant trees and towers, revealing a stunning view of the flora and fauna, both below and above. An iconic experience, not to be missed!*



Return to the lodge later in the evening. We will have a *traditional tea ceremony*. Dinner and Overnight stay.



**ONE & ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drinks)**

**Day 5: NYUNGWE → MUSANZE & VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (45 Minutes flight)**

Have a leisurely breakfast at the lodge. Check out and settle any extras.

**10h00:** Transfer to the helipad for your helicopter flight to **MUSANZE & VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK**, departing at **10h15**.

*Rwanda is also known as the Land of a Thousand Hills because most of the country is covered by rolling, grassy hills. The Karisimbi Volcano (4,519 m high) in the Virunga Mountains, is the highest point in Rwanda. On a clear day, you will be able to see these as you near your destination.*

**11h00:** Land at *One and Only Gorilla' Nest Lodge* helipad. Met and assisted with check in. Later, you will have a sumptuous lunch at the lodge's dining area. This afternoon at **15h00**– You will visit the *Gorilla guardian's village* for a cultural experience

*Ibyi Iwacu is changing the traditional perception of what constitutes tourism by turning fate into fame through sharing various aspects of rural cultures and livelihoods into tourist attractions and creating income-generating activities for rural poor people that have reformed from living on bush meat and poaching for generations.*



17h00: Return to the lodge. Evening will be at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay.

**ONE & ONLY GORILLA'S NEST LODGE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drinks)**

**Day 6: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (GORILLA TREK)**

06h30: After an early breakfast at the lodge, proceed to the park headquarters in time for Gorilla Trek briefing at 07h00. We will then transfer you to the trail head of your guided walk that begins at 08h00.

*Volcanoes National Park is the Rwandan section of the great volcanic massif called the Virunga Mountains that straddles the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the DRC. The massif covers a huge area of over 8,000km<sup>2</sup>, encompassing six active and three extinct volcanoes. There is no other wildlife experience quite like an encounter with mountain gorillas. That precious hour spent in their company – watching the group playing, sulking, teasing each other, eating, or dozing just like we do – is extraordinary. And the gorilla tracking safaris in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park are among the best in Africa.*



*Rwanda is now home to twelve habituated groups of mountain gorillas that are scattered all over Volcanoes National Park. Gorilla trekking can be arduous – some of the groups wander high up the mountainsides – but it is always utterly rewarding. Volcanoes National Park also has a historic connection with gorilla conservation. It was the base for the ground-breaking work of primatologist Dian Fossey which started in the late 1960s and is evocatively portrayed in the book and film *Gorillas in the Mist*.*

After this memorable experience, you will return to the lodge for lunch.



This afternoon will be at leisure to have much needed rest. Dinner and overnight.

**ONE & ONLY GORILLA'S NEST LODGE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drinks)**

**Day 7: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – KIGALI (02h30 drive) → DEPART**

Breakfast at the lodge and check out at 10h00. Have a leisurely scenic drive to **KIGALI**. Arrive in time for lunch at the *Pilipili*. You will later proceed to *Kigali International Airport* to catch your departure flight.

*WISHING YOU AN EXCELLENT TRIP*

Validity: Nov 2019 – May 2020

Low season

*2 persons sharing a double / twin room per person*

US\$ 10,055.-

*4 persons sharing a double / twin room per person*

US\$ 9,815.-

*6 persons sharing a double / twin room per person*

US\$ 9,215.-

*Single room surcharge*

US\$ 954.-

High season

*2 persons sharing a double / twin room per person*

US\$ 11,020.-

*4 persons sharing a double / twin room per person*

US\$ 10,780.-

*6 persons sharing a double / twin room per person*

US\$ 10,180.-

*Single room surcharge*

US\$ 1,072.-

#### INCLUSIONS

- Meet and greet assistance on arrival
- Airport and inter-hotel transfers from day 1 to the last day
- Accommodation at the *Serena Kigali Hotel* on Half board basis
- All activities, visits, entrances and extra meals/drinks mentioned in the itinerary
- *One & Only Nyungwe House* includes breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, minibar, non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic house beverages with meals and two activities per person per day (as defined by the Resort and subject to change without notice).
- *One & Only Gorilla's Nest Lodge* includes breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, minibar, non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic house beverages with meals
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- Exclusive use of a private safari land cruiser 4x4 with WI-FI in receptive areas
- Services of a professional, experienced English speaking Uber Luxe driver guide
- Bottled mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- Helicopter transfers from Kigali – Nyungwe + Nyungwe -Musanze (taxes included)

*Robinson 044 has maximum 2 seats and Augusta 109 has maximum 4 seats. For a booking of 6 pax we will book both the Robinson 044 and Augusta 109. Maximum total weight is 200 kg (inclusive of luggage)- upon confirmation, we will require client weights.*

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- *The maximum weight allowed will change depending on your destination altitude, the higher the altitude the lighter the weight*
- *We will need the precise weight of passengers beforehand and will advise the weight that is permitted for their journey*
- *There can be cancellations and change of flight times due to adverse weather conditions*
- 1 Chimpanzee trek permit per person (this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 90.-)
- 1 Canopy walk permit per person (this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 60.-)
- Emergency Medical Evacuation Services
- Our assistance

#### EXCLUSIONS

- **1 Gorilla permit per person (this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 1,050) - 30% discount on Gorilla permits if visiting other Rwanda National Parks (Akagera National Park, Nyungwe National Park) for 3 days and more during the low season of November – May**
- International and domestic airline tickets unless where indicated,
- Entry visa fees,

- Optional extras whilst in Kigali
- Drinks throughout the trip,
- Tips and gratuities,
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, mini bar, porter-age, travel insurance, etc.

**Gorilla permit note:** Once permit is bought, it cannot be refunded or inter-changed. Before confirming the tour, please ensure that you request for availability of permits based on the number of participants because there are only 96 permits issued per day.

**Passenger Information:-**

- In case of non-availability, we may have to reroute and provide alternative accommodation at lodges of similar category.
- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris as our vehicles have limited luggage space
- All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them throughout their travel.
- To confirm a booking, 30% deposit of the safari quote and 100% payment for the Gorilla permit is required. The balance is due 90 days to commencement of the trip.
- We accept payment by bank transfer and credit card, the latter does attract a surcharge on top of the amount to be paid.

**TERMS OF CANCELLATION**

The parties involved shall agree the specific terms of cancellation on each case.

Under the **Rwanda Legislation**, the Hotels and Caterers can legally levy the following cancellation charges:-

60-46 days prior to arrival: No charge, room release

45-14 days prior to arrival: 10%

14-07 days prior to arrival: 25%

07-03 days prior to arrival: 50%

03 days-to no show : 100%

**FORCE MAJEUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

In case either party suffers force majeure circumstances (that are unforeseen, inevitable and uncontrollable), such as strikes, closing of frontiers, ports and airports, bad weather, delays in departures and arrivals of the means of transportation, accidents and all services provided by a third Party, as a result of which the obligations under the present agreement cannot be fulfilled the parties shall be exonerated from their obligations without having to pay compensation for the damage caused to the other party.