

Primate Safari – 5/6 Day



Day 1 - Kigali

Arrival in Kigali. After completion of customs and immigration formalities you will be met by our representative, briefed on your trip and introduced to your safari driver guide. Thereafter transfer to your hotel. The history of Rwanda dates back centuries, Kigali has been a part of it for 100 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.

Overnight in Kigali. (Dinner)

Day 2 - Kigali - Volcanoes National Park

Drive to Ruhengeri. Arrive Ruhengeri, at the foothills of Virunga Volcanoes and the base for Gorilla. The town itself, located only 25km from Uganda boarder, is relatively a small city of about 70,000 people. The constant flow of humanity is quite remarkable. The Town has great views of the surrounding volcanoes. People are very friendly here and although a former Belgian colony (and thus French-speaking), many people speak English here

Overnight in the Volcanoes National Park. (Full Board)

Day 3 – Gorilla Trek

After your morning wake-up call and breakfast transfer by road to report to the park headquarters, for gorilla trekking formalities and briefing by the Volcanoes National Park's guides on the gorillas' etiquette. The gorilla group that you will visit will depend on the assignment of travelers to the seven habituated gorilla groups. Park rangers have already left to locate the 7 habituated Gorilla groups that are accessible to visitors. You will be assigned to a specific group of gorillas. Groups of trekkers will have a maximum of 8 visitors per gorilla family. Your trek will vary in length depending on which gorilla group you have been assigned to and will commence at about 7,000 feet of altitude in the upper terraced slopes of the volcano. Soon you will enter the forest of bamboo and thick undergrowth. You follow paths and the walking is steep but not overly strenuous. Nothing can prepare one for the impact of encountering a fully grown silverback gorilla: up to three times as bulky as the average man, yet remarkably peaceful and tolerant of human visitors. There are no words to describe the thrill of recognition attached to staring deep into the liquid brown eyes of these gentle giants, which share some 97% of their genes with humans. After locating your assigned Gorilla group you will spend one hour in their company before retracing your steps back down the volcano slopes. Have lunch at the lodge. Afternoon at Leisure.

Overnight in the Volcanoes National Park. (Full Board)

Day 4 – 2nd Gorilla Trek - recommended but optional

After an early breakfast, report again to the Volcanoes National Park's office to undergo the now familiar gorilla trekking formalities. Then re enter the forest for the second optional and final gorilla trek visiting a different family from yesterdays. Afternoon spent at the leisure.

Overnight in Volcanoes National Park. (Full Board)

Day 5 - Kigali

Morning at leisure and after lunch, enjoy the scenic drive back to Kigali

Overnight Kigali (Half Board)

Day6- tour ends

After early breakfast transfer to Kigali International Airport for your departure flight.