

# TRACKS SAFARIS

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**GORILLAS, SERENGETI BIG 5 AND MAFIA ISLAND TREEHOUSE ADVENTURE  
RWANDA AND TANZANIA - JUNE 2020**



### **DAY ONE**

On arrival into Kigali International Airport proceed to passport control, purchase your visa, collect your luggage and make your way to the arrivals hall where you will be met by Tracks Safaris representatives and transferred to your hotel for one night.

**Overnight at The Retreat on a bed and breakfast basis**

### **DAY TWO**

This morning you will be met at your hotel and taken on a city tour of Kigali taking in the colourful markets and the Genocide Museum. Transfer back to the Retreat for lunch and then transferred to board the Scheduled Akagera Aviation Helicopter departing mid-afternoon to Musanze airstrip.

On arrival you will be met by your driver and transferred to Virunga Conservation area and on to the One & Only Gorilla's Nest for 2 nights. This can be extended to three nights if you would like to trek to see the gorillas twice – please ask!

**Overnight One & Only Gorilla's Nest in Forest King room on a full board basis**

### DAY THREE

After breakfast transfer to the Volcanoes National Park offices where you will receive a briefing by the park's guides on how to behave in the forest and in the presence of mountain gorillas. You then transfer over mildly bumpy roads to the trail head to start the trek. From the trail head, there is a 10-20 minute walk through fields (cultivated land) to edge of forest. Here you enter the park for a gorilla trek which will take you until around midday depending on where you find them. Once the gorillas are located all fatigue is forgotten, as the experience is often described as being the most profound natural history experience in the world.

It is important to take plenty of water, good cameras and plenty of fast speed film or memory cards. It can rain at a few minutes' notice - hence waterproof clothing is a good essential including zip lock bags for cameras and film and quick drying, sturdy walking boots and a sunhat. After the trek, lunch will be at your hotel followed by time at leisure. **Dinner and overnight One & Only Gorilla Nest in Forest King room on a full board basis**



### DAY FOUR

After breakfast return to Kigali by road (approximately 3 hours).

On arrival check into The Retreat and afternoon at leisure or take an optional cultural tour in and around Kigali.

**Overnight at The Retreat on a bed and breakfast basis**

### DAY FIVE

After breakfast transfer to Kigali International Airport in time to check in for your light aircraft flight to Seronera Airstrip in the Serengeti National Park.

On arrival you will be met by the camp vehicle and shared transfer to camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

**Overnight Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp in Safari Tent on full board basis inclusive of drinks (excluding champagne, private cellar wines and spirits) limited laundry service (we can offer other options – please ask)**

### DAYS SIX AND SEVEN

Shared morning and afternoon game drive in Serengeti National Park. **Overnight Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp in Safari Tent on full board basis inclusive of drinks (excluding champagne, private cellar wines and spirits) limited laundry service**



#### **DAY EIGHT**

After breakfast you will be transferred back to the Seronera airstrip in time to board your light aircraft flight to Mafia Island. On arrival you are met and transferred to Chole Mjini Treehouse Lodge for 5 nights' stay on a full board basis (other lodge options are available including Pole Pole and Kinasi Lodge – please ask).

**Overnight Chole Mjini Treehouse Lodge on full board basis**

#### **DAYS NINE, TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE**

Full days at leisure to enjoy this fabulous island. Chole Bay is set on a marine park and the diving here is excellent. Of note is the ability to swim with whale sharks from November through to March (variable).

**Overnight Chole Mjini Treehouse Lodge on full board basis**

#### **DAY THIRTEEN**

Check out and transfer to Mafia airport in time to board your light aircraft flight to Zanzibar International Airport. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the **Serena Stone Town for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.**

You can choose from other hotels in Stone Town or extend your holiday at a beach resort on the island – please ask!

#### **DAY FOURTEEN**

At leisure in Stone Town Zanzibar

**Overnight at the Serena Stone Town on a bed and breakfast basis**

#### **DAY FIFTEEN**

Transfer to Zanzibar International Airport in time to check in for your international flight home.

Please note that guests must pay Mafia Island Marine Park Fees personally by credit card ONLY at the Marine Park gate upon arrival.

**This itinerary can be extended to include more time in Rwanda or extend your stay on Mafia Island or Zanzibar. It is possible to fly to Pemba Island for more time at the coast. Alternatively you can choose to extend your safari and enjoy more time in northern Tanzania or fly to southern Tanzania to experience the Selous or Ruaha National Parks. The itinerary is for guidance only and we can tailor make your journey to your exact requirements.**



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