

# GORILLAS, CHIMPANZEES AND THE BIG 5 AN 11 NIGHT LUXURY JOURNEY TO RWANDA



# DAY ONE

On arrival into Kigali you are met and transferred to the Serena Hotel for one night on a bed and breakfast basis. On an enchanting boulevard in the heart of Kigali lies Kigali Serena Hotel - a distinctively rich blend of Rwandan heritage, art and culture with contemporary 5-star comfort.

Overnight at the Kigali Serena in a Prime Room on a bed and breakfast basis

# DAY TWO

This morning you will be taken on a city tour visiting the Genocide Museum and city markets before lunch at the Serena Hotel. You will then be transferred to the airport in time for your mid-afternoon scheduled helicopter transfer to Mwanzi where you will be met and transferred to Bisate Lodge close to the Volcanoes National Park for 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis. We have included one gorilla trekking permit and one golden monkey trekking permit for your stay.

Bisate Lodge, adjacent to Volcanoes National Park, combines gorilla and golden monkey trekking with a pioneering vision of reforestation and community partnership.

Bisate is located in the natural amphitheatre of an eroded volcanic cone, with dramatic views of the peaks of the Bisoke and Karisimbi volcanoes rearing up through Afro-alpine forests. Six opulent en-suite forest villas promise comfort with stunning views while adhering to environmentally responsible principles and reflecting the rich culture of rural Rwanda.

Activities include gorilla and golden monkey trekking, nursery visit and tree planting, guided walks in the Volcanoes National Park, hike to Diane Fossey's grave and meeting the community.



# DAY FIVE

Today you will transfer back to Kigali by road and connect with the scheduled helicopter service to Magashi Camp in the Akagera National Park for three nights on a fully inclusive basis.

Magashi Camp is situated in the diverse north-eastern corner of Akagera National Park overlooking beautiful 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, some very large crocodiles as well as the rare sitatunga and more than 520 bird species.

Teeming with plains game, Akagera now also boasts a healthy population of lion, which were reintroduced into the park in 2015 after a 20-year absence, as well as black rhino which were reintroduced in 2017. Magashi also offers a good density of leopard.

Six spacious and airy tents offer uninterrupted views over Lake Rwanyakazinga and Magashi's main area comprises a luxurious lounge, dining and bar area, pool, and expansive viewing deck with a fire pit area.

Activities include boating, 4 x 4 safaris and night drives and birding.



#### DAY EIGHT

Today you will transfer back to Kigali in the early afternoon by helicopter. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the Serena Hotel for one night on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in a Prime Room.

#### DAY NINE

This morning you will be transferred for your morning flight by helicopter to Nyungwe National Park. On arrival you will be met and transferred to One & Only Nyungwe House for 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis. We have included one chimpanzee trekking permit per person during your stay.



Nyungwe House is nestled within the jungle on a working tea plantation and overlooks the dense canopy of ancient trees shrouded in mist. Situated in five striking wooden villa clusters the treetop-skimming, luxury suites and rooms are secluded amongst the tea plantation and overlook the forest. Enjoy exceptional dining and selected beverages included in your stay, plus two signature resort experiences daily.

Ngungwe Forest National Park is home to over 13 different species of primate and 20% of all the apes in Africa. The lush and diverse habitat is famously home to a large population of chimpanzees and endangered monkeys; including the owl faced monkey and the golden monkey, of which sightings are reported, but unverified.

The forest was cited by Birdlife International as "the most important site for biodiversity conservation in Rwanda" for its 275 recorded bird species of which 27 are endemic. Home to a myriad of stunning orchids, butterflies, moths and other fascinating creatures and insects, the Government of Rwanda declared Nyungwe a national park in 2005, affording it the highest level of protection in the country.

Activities include chimpanzee and monkey trekking, forest walks, visits to the tea factory, birding, mountain biking, archery or relax at the Spa.



# DAY TWELVE

Today you will drive back to Kigali visiting the museums of Butare on the way. Alternatively, you can take the mid-morning helicopter transfer back to Kigali where you will be met and transferred to the international airport in time for your international flight home. Depending on your departure flight time you may have time for more exploration of Kigali.

Not ready to go home – you can extend your journey to Rwanda by flying directly to the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania!



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