

TRACKS SAFARIS

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7 NIGHT RWANDA PRIMATE JOURNEY GORILLAS, CHIMPANZEES AND GOLDEN MONKEYS VOLCANOES AND NYUNGWE FOREST NATIONAL PARKS



DAY ONE

On arrival into Kigali international airport you will be met and transferred to The Retreat for one night on a bed and breakfast basis. The Retreat is a homely boutique hotel in central Kigali with access to two very good restaurants on the premises and is a comfortable base to start your Rwanda journey.

DAY TWO

Volcanoes National Park is just a three-hour drive from Kigali – the drive is endlessly interesting as you watch rural Rwandan life as you pass through the many villages and towns along the way to Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge where we have reserved a suite for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Alternatively, you can arrive in style by helicopter which takes approximately 30 minutes to the town of Musanze where you are met and transferred to your lodge.

Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is Rwanda's first ever community owned lodge. Accommodation is in six cottages, two suites and one family cottage. All are stone buildings with Rwandese terracotta tile roofs, and feature large sitting areas, fireplaces, stylish ensuite bathrooms finished with Venetian plaster a dressing room and a sheltered veranda. Heat exchangers in the fireplaces provide a plentiful supply of hot water.

In the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda there are over twenty families of Mountain Gorilla, comprised of around 280 individual gorillas, living on the slopes of the Virunga Volcanoes. Of these twenty families, twelve families are visited with ten families being visited each day.



DAY THREE

Today we have included a gorilla trekking permit to visit one of the families of gorillas in the park.

DAY FOUR

Today we have included a trekking permit to visit the Golden Monkeys - discover the playful and inquisitive nature of the golden monkey, a beautiful little creature found only in the high-altitude forests of the Volcanoes National Park. Spend the morning searching the lush vegetation at the foot of Mount Sabyinyo for one of two habituated groups of golden monkeys, one of them a troop of more than 80 members. Spend an enchanted hour watching their frolics as they leap among the slender shoots of bamboo or tumble among the dense foliage on the forest floor.

DAY FIVE

A later start today - you will drive to Lake Kivu for lunch and then drive to Nyungwe Forest and on to One & Only Nyungwe House for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

One & Only 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.

Nyungwe 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 EIGHT

After breakfast drive through the national park and on to Kigali visiting the Murambi Genocide Memorial Centre, the Ethnographic Museum and the Kings Palace Museum on the way with a stop for lunch enroute. On arrival into Kigali you will transfer to the international airport for your international flight home.

Alternatively, you can fly by helicopter back to Kigali on the mid-morning flight – please ask!

**EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY TO THE PRIMATES BY VISITING THE SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK IN TANZANIA.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INTERESTING OPTIONS TO EXTEND THIS EXPLORATION.**



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