



GORILLAS OF RWANDA

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Africa, Rwanda



5 days from AU\$16,360 pp



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Journey Overview

Time spent tracking and observing, at close quarters, a family of the world's last remaining mountain gorillas is simply unforgettable. The mountains and volcanoes of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park world famous for the work conducted there by Dian Fossey, are home to some of the world's last remaining mountain gorillas and you'll have two days tracking included in the programme. Tracking is conducted in small groups of no more than eight and a good level of general fitness is recommended.

Journey Highlights

- Observe a family of the world's last remaining mountain gorillas at close quarters
- Soak up views of dramatic volcanic peaks and the surrounding countryside from your elegant lodge
- Visit the Rwandan Genocide Memorial, and discover how Rwanda has worked to move beyond its troubled past



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kigali

Arrive into Kigali, the Rwandan capital, where you are met by a representative of A&K and transferred to your hotel.

Kigali Serena

Day 2: Kigali - Volcanoes National Park

This morning explore Kigali with a short tour including a visit to the memorial for victims of the genocide of 1994, a moving experience. Make a short stop for lunch before driving to elegant Wilderness Sabyinyo, located in the foothills of the mist-shrouded Virunga Massif.

Wilderness Sabyinyo / Meals: BLD

Day 3: Volcanoes National Park

The park protects the Rwandan side of the Virunga volcanoes, a range of six extinct and three live volcanoes which shelter some of the last remaining mountain gorillas in the world. This park gained world notoriety for the work Dian Fossey conducted here.

After an early breakfast, drive to the Volcanoes National Park Headquarters where you are allocated a gorilla tracking group. Following a briefing by your gorilla tracker/guide, the adventure begins. Today's hike may take anything from one to five hours to reach the gorillas depending on the location of the family. You'll walk through farmland, bamboo forests and rainforest. Upon sighting the gorillas, stay with them for a magical hour as they go about their daily habits, feeding, foraging, playing, resting and attending the young. Afterwards, return to base where your driver awaits. Lunch is back at the lodge and this afternoon enjoy a scenic drive to view the twin lakes, Ruhondo and Burera, with the spectacular backdrop of the Virunga Volcanoes.

Wilderness Sabyinyo / Meals: BLD

Day 4: Volcanoes National Park

Today is another opportunity to head into the park in search of the mountain gorillas. You will most likely be allocated a different group, the terrain may vary but the experience will certainly be unforgettable.

Wilderness Sabyinyo / Meals: BLD

Day 5: Volcanoes National Park - Depart Kigali

After breakfast transfer back to Kigali airport for your departure flight.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

The Retreat Rwanda, Kigali



Luxury and style in Rwanda's lively capital of Kigali, The Retreat is the region's first entirely eco-friendly solar powered resort featuring locally crafted furniture, 11 expansive custom-built rooms, front and rear private patios, and extensive amenities sure to leave you relaxed and refreshed.

The in-house restaurant, aptly named Fusion, takes culinary traditions from Italy, Mauritius, Morocco and other world destinations and delivers sumptuous dishes using locally sourced Rwandan ingredients. Perched beside The Retreat's glorious saltwater pool, rock gardens and native plantings, Fusion is the most elegant spot in Kigali to explore new flavours and experience first-class hospitality.

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