



RWANDA & TANZANIA WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

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Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania



12 days from AU\$34,980 pp



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Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Spend two days tracking the endangered mountain gorilla
- Discover diverse wildlife in places synonymous with unforgettable game sightings, including Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire National Park and the private Chem Chem Wildlife Concession
- Watch iconic species roaming free, including prides of lion and herds of elephant, giraffe and gazelle, from custom-made vehicles with an unobstructed view from every seat
- Visit a Maasai village to learn about the tribe's customs and daily life
- Stay at luxurious, authentic safari camps in prime locations



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.

The Retreat

Day 2: Kigali - Volcanoes National Park

This morning explore Kigali with a short City tour and the memorial for victims of the genocide of 1994, a moving experience. Make a short stop for refreshments and a briefing before driving to Wilderness Sabyinyo.

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- Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, transfer back to Kigali airport for your flight to the fabled Serengeti, one of the oldest and least-changed ecosystems on earth, where the circle of life plays out every day. It is home to one of the world's largest concentrations of wildlife. For a portion of each year, dictated by weather patterns and the unpredictable nature of wild animals, vast herds of wildebeests and zebras move through the Serengeti in search of grass and water as part of the year-round Great Migration cycle.

Serengeti Safari Camp / Meals: BLD

Days 6-7: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy two days venturing out on morning and afternoon game drives in the protected Serengeti refuge, where flowing rivers support a plethora of species. In addition to the Africa's iconic species, including lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino, keep your camera handy for sights such as a cheetah bolting after a fleet Thomson's gazelle. Enjoy ideal game viewing as your highly experienced driver-guide strives continually to keep you in the heart of the action.

Serengeti Safari Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 8: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater

Fly to Lake Manyara where you will meet your guide for the drive to your lodge on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, a 610-metre-deep caldera.

Entamanu Ngorongoro / Meals: BLD

Day 9: Ngorongoro Crater

Descend into this vast extinct volcano whose towering walls are a natural enclosure for a dazzling abundance of wildlife. See wildebeest, zebra, buffalo and gazelle on the plains, waterbuck, bushbuck and eland in the forest, a healthy elephant population, black rhino, lion, leopard, hippo and flamingo.

Entamanu Ngorongoro / Meals: BLD

Day 10: Ngorongoro Crater - Chem Chem

Transfer by road to Little Chem Chem, a vintage style safari camp located within the private Chem Chem Reserve. This afternoon explore the Chem Chem Reserve on a safari activity.

Little Chem Chem / Meals: BLD

Day 11: Chem Chem

Today explore the nearby Tarangire National Park in an open 4x4 vehicle. This park is famous for its large herds of elephants which migrate through the park in search of water between July and October. Breathtaking views of the Maasai Steppe and the mountains to the south make a stop at Tarangire a memorable experience. A full day allows time for plenty of game viewing.

Little Chem Chem / Meals: BLD

Day 12: Chem Chem - Depart Kilimanjaro

Transfer to the airstrip for the flight to Kilimanjaro airport where you will be met and assisted with your departure flight.

Meals: BL

Map



Accommodation

Little Chem Chem, Tarangire National Park



Little Chem Chem – also known as “sunrise camp” - offers the raw drama of the East African bush set in private luxury. This camp, on a 16 000ha exclusive concession, adjoins the Tarangire National Park, famous for its towering baobabs, and overlooks the serene Lake Burunge.

The beauty of the six safari-style tents is in their simplicity. There is no excess, only luxurious necessity, each hosting a large bedroom and en suite, a rocking chair to gaze across the plains and a study desk to memorialise your incredible journey.

Relax in the lounge tent for a lazy afternoon, immersing yourself in the wonders of the surrounding African wilderness, or browse through the boutique camp shop. Enjoy à la carte meals in the dining tent, or savour picnics under the baobab for the full wilderness experience.

Unfenced territory sees some of Africa’s iconic species move through the camp freely, you could enjoy breakfast with an elephant, or gaze out of your tent and lock eyes with a zebra.

Game drives in open-air safari vehicles will leave you awe-struck; watch cheetah sprint across the savannah, observe elephant herds on the move, feel a thrill at the rare sight of tree-climbing lions.

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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