
10-nights Rwanda - Gorillas, Chimps & Predators

Thank you for choosing Mallerby's Luxury Travel to assist you with planning your special trip.

Please feel free to get in touch when you've had a chance to review the itinerary.

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We look forward to making this incredible trip a reality for you and your special travel companions.





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VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK



| Start | Accommodation | Destination | Basis | Duration |
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| Day 1 | Kigali Serena Hotel | Kigali | B&B | 1 Night |
| Day 2 | Wilderness Magashi | Akagera National Park | FB+ | 3 Nights |
| Day 5 | One & Only Nyungwe House | Nyungwe Forest National Park | FI | 2 Nights |
| Day 7 | Lake Kivu Serena Hotel | Gisenyi | B&B | 1 Night |
| Day 8 | Singita Kwitonda Lodge | Volcanoes National Park | FI | 3 Nights |

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Included

- Accommodations as stipulated
- Meals and beverages as stipulated
- Activities as stipulated as included
- Road transfers in private vehicles

Excluded

- All International flights
- Visas
- Personal Travel and Medical Insurance - highly recommended
- Any accommodations not stipulated as included
- Any transportation not stipulated as included
- Any food and beverages not stipulated as included
- Any sightseeing activities or additional activities not stipulated as included
- Gratuities
- Any other personal purchases such as curio shop, telephone, mini bar, etc.

Day 1: Kigali Serena Hotel, Kigali

On arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be met and warmly welcomed to Rwanda.

You will be transferred in a private vehicle to the Kigali Serena Hotel for your overnight stay before heading on safari.

Should your flight arrive early enough, you will explore the city with your guide and visit the Genocide Museum.

Kigali

Rwanda's capital and biggest city stretches across lush undulating hills surrounded by towering mountains, the largest of which is Mount Kigali, rising 1850 metres above sea level. Kigali is the country's financial, commercial and cultural hub, served by an international airport and featuring a wide range of accommodation options. It also offers a collection of restaurants and points of interest, including the Kigali Genocide Centre, an atmospheric market and numerous craft shops. With its interesting architecture, busy streets, meandering boulevards, and green hillsides, Kigali is said to be one of the most attractive cities in Africa and is definitely worth a visit.

Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel

Ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel centres on the Executive Lounge and Bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating. The capital's natural business hub, the hotel also boasts its own extensive conference centre, 500-seater auditorium and lavish ballroom.

The hotel features 148 rooms. Guests can choose from a selection of 60 Standard Rooms, 37 Superior Rooms, 19 Deluxe Rooms, 18 Junior Suites, 7 Prime Rooms, 6 Executive Suites and a luxury Presidential Suite. In-room facilities include 24 hour room service, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, tea/coffee making facilities, mini fridge, hair dryer, private safe and a flat screen satellite TV.



Day 2-5: Wilderness Magashi, Akagera National Park

Today you will be collected and transferred to the Akagera National Park for your 2-night stay at Wilderness Magashi.

During your stay you will venture on game drives, boat cruises, nature walks and catch-and-release fishing.

Akagera National Park

Bordering Tanzania in eastern Rwanda, Akagera National Park is central Africa's largest protected wetland and the last refuge for savannah-adapted species in the country. Stretching across a vast expanse of low-lying mountains and savannah plains, the park takes in the rolling highlands woodlands, swamp-fringed lakes, and wetlands of the Kagera River along the way. Crocodiles and hippos wallow in the park's watery basins, predators prowl through its acacia groves, and elephant, zebra, giraffe, buffalo and other animals roam across its grassy plains. Bursting with a rich biodiversity, the park features a variety of rare species, as well as a plentitude of mammals and hundreds of bird species.

Overnight: Wilderness Magashi

Wilderness Magashi is situated in the productive and phenomenally diverse north-eastern corner of Akagera National Park, overlooking scenic 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, large crocodiles, as well as the rare sitatunga and boasting an impressive 520 species of birds. Teeming with plains game, Akagera now also boasts a healthy population of lion which were introduced by African Parks in 2015 after a 20-year absence; black rhino were reintroduced in 2017, and white rhino in 2021. Wilderness Magashi – the only exclusive-use area in Akagera – also harbours a good density of leopard.



Day 5-7: One & Only Nyungwe House, Nyungwe Forest National Park

This morning you will be collected by your guide and transferred across to the magnificent Nyungwe Forest. The transfer is long through scenic countryside, however you may choose to break your trip and spend a night in Kigali en route.

Your experienced and knowledgeable guide will stay with you for the duration of the trip, transferring you between the accommodations and activities.

The One&Only Nyungwe House is set on a working tea plantation surrounded by captivating wildlife and dramatic mountain landscapes blanketed with greenery. Here you will trek with chimpanzees and monkeys on your expertly guided animal encounters, exploring the untameable jungles and sky-high bridges spanning the treetops in Nyungwe National Park.

Optional activities at Nyungwe House include a guided walk through the tea plantation; spear throwing; exploring the conservation initiatives that operate within the Nyungwe National Park and also around the resort; a personal guided tour by a senior chef through the kitchen's dedicated garden filled with unique native ingredients and a few culinary staples; joining in the tree planting initiative; learning the secrets of African Tea through an interactive experience; hilltop archery; exploring the surrounds on bicycle; heading out with an expert guide after sundown to seek out the intriguing nocturnal creatures and famous constellations in the night sky; Imigongo Painting - traditional Rwandan art; bird watching and pampering yourself at the Spa or unwinding with a private yoga or meditation class for a holistic sense of wellbeing.

Overnight: One & Only Nyungwe House

Nestled on the edge of the vast and ancient Nyungwe rainforest, within the lush green expanse of a working tea plantation, One&Only Nyungwe House in Rwanda offers guests the opportunity to go where few have gone before, with once-in-a-lifetime experiences in one of the world's most exceptional natural locations. Immersed in wild beauty surrounded by awe-inspiring jungle views, every element of the resort has been carefully considered, with inspired farm-to-table dining, spa and wellness offerings that embrace nature and local traditions, and curated, authentic experiences to discover.



Day 7: Lake Kivu Serena Hotel, Gisenyi

Today, you will be transferred to Lake Kivu, an approximate 4-hour transfer along the scenic countryside.

Although this hotel is not of grandeur or splendour, it is the perfect stopover spot to break the journey between Nyungwe and the Volcanoes. Should you prefer, a helicopter flight can be arranged to fly you from Nyungwe to Volcanoes directly and we can remove this element of the trip. Please note that luggage restrictions apply on the helicopters, but if you're happy for your guide to drive your luggage, that can be arranged.

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel celebrates the shores of this African Great Lake as a destination of astonishing beauty, where pristine beaches and the sparkling waters of Africa's sixth largest lake come together in breathtaking fashion. Your arrival is greeted by a bright, open-plan lobby giving way to a private stretch of beach reserved exclusively for hotel guests. We welcome you to experience unparalleled warmth, hospitality and relaxation at our tropically inspired hotel in Gisenyi, Rwanda.

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel is located in the resort Rwandan town of Gisenyi, on the shores of Lake Kivu, the sixth largest lake in Africa. The hotel is ideally situated on a sandy palm lined beach, with the nearby Virunga Volcanoes providing a spectacular backdrop on one side and a panoramic view of the lake on the other.

Activities in and around Lake Kivu include jet skiing, kayaking, boat cruise along the lake, fishing in the lake, nature walks, tennis, volleyball, swimming, cycling and massage treatments.

Overnight: Lake Kivu Serena Hotel

Serenely sited on the white sandy shores of Lake Kivu, the sixth largest lake in Africa, and surrounded by extensive tropical gardens, the tastefully open-plan Lake Kivu Serena Hotel offers the ideal week-end escape.



Day 8-11: Singita Kwitonda Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

Today you will be transferred from Lake Kivu to the Volcanoes National Park.

Travelling time is approximately 1.5 hours to Singita Kwitonda Lodge.

Set right on the edge of Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda, where more than a third of the world's remaining mountain gorillas find refuge, Singita Kwitonda Lodge's unrivalled position puts lifechanging gorilla trekking experiences within easy reach. Each of the eight luxurious suites features a private heated plunge pool, wellness treatment area, in- and outdoor fireplaces and large timber-framed windows that welcome breathtaking scenery and volcano views inside.

A deeply transformative experience

Created in response to its dramatic setting, the lodge includes elements such as woven ceilings and hand-fired terracotta brickwork crafted by local artisans, while a dedicated Conservation Room and on-site nursery and vegetable garden – which provides fresh produce for Kwitonda's farm-to-table food journey – further enhances the experience. Offering guests a nurturing space within which to contemplate their encounters with the remarkable "gentle giants of the forest", the lodge envelops them in a sanctuary of warmth, stillness & solitude.

A contemplative, nurturing space

Kwitonda Lodge, which was named after a legendary silverback gorilla, is located on 178 acres and shares a 1.2km border with Volcanoes National Park – the only lodge within such close proximity of the park.

An experience unlike any of Singita's other destinations.

Boasting breathtaking views of the Sabyinyo, Gahinga and Muhabura volcanoes and surrounded by high-altitude forests, the interiors emphasise local design and handcrafted details adorn the carefully planned spaces.

Besides the famous bucket-list must-do experience of Gorilla Trekking, which I recommend you should do twice during your stay, Kwitonda Lodge offers a range of other experiences and activities from Golden Monkey trekking to exploring the farm-to-table garden, mountain biking through the surrounds, visiting the local communities, joining in a cooking class at the Singita Community Culinary School, engaging with a Singita conservation specialist in the dedicated Conservation Room which provides a unique perspective on endangered mountain gorillas and their habitat; and visiting the Ellen DeGeneres Campus which vividly depicts the story of mountain gorilla research and conservation from Dian Fossey's time to today.

Volcanoes National Park

Bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo in Rwanda and set high on the jungle-covered slopes of the volcanic Virunga Mountains, the Volcanoes National Park is best known as a sanctuary for the region's rare mountain gorillas. Visitors flock here to experience face to face encounters with these intriguing creatures. Regulated treks through the reserve allow visitors to spend an hour at a time with these incredible primates in their natural habitat. While the gorillas are without a doubt the main drawcard, visitors can also look forward to exploring a network of scenic hiking trails, with the beautiful day hike to the crater lake on Mount Bisoke being a particular highlight. Make sure to visit the fascinating Karisoke Research Centre and the tomb of the world-famous Dian Fossey.

Overnight: Singita Kwitonda Lodge

Boasting breathtaking views of the Sabyinyo, Gahinga and Muhabura volcanoes and surrounded by high-altitude forests, Singita Kwitonda Lodge offers an experience unlike any of Singita's other destinations. With its exceptional natural beauty, environmentally conscious luxury and transformative, purpose-driven experiences, the lodge was designed in response to this remarkable location, and the eight contemporary suites (as well as the private four-bedroom villa – Kataza House) are linked by volcanic rock pathways to the central lodge.

The interiors emphasise local design and handcrafted details adorn the carefully planned spaces. Layered textures and colours enhance the reflective quality of this tranquil haven and an experiential enclave offers free-flowing indoor and outdoor areas. A convivial fire pit, interactive kitchen, bar-deli and wine cellar complete the picture.



Day 11: End of Itinerary

Today you will say your sad goodbyes to a country that has stolen a piece of your heart.

You will be transferred from the Volcanoes back to Kigali International Airport in time to check in for your onward flight home.

The transfer will take approximately 3.5 hours.

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