
Rwanda's Big 5 and Primates

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.

Please remember that all itineraries can be tailored to suit your personal preferences, so if you'd like to add or remove a day/s, we can do that with pleasure.

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





Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	The Retreat by Heaven	Kigali	B&B	1 Night
Day 2	Wilderness Magashi	Akagera National Park	FI	3 Nights
Day 5	Wilderness Bisate	Volcanoes National Park	FI	3 Nights

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.

Mallerby's booking terms and conditions apply.

Day 1: The Retreat by Heaven, 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 Retreat by Heaven for your overnight stay.

Known as the land of a thousand hills, Rwanda's stunning scenery and warm, friendly people offer unique experiences in one of the most remarkable countries in the world. It is blessed with extraordinary biodiversity, with incredible wildlife living throughout its volcanoes, montane rainforest and sweeping plains.

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: The Retreat by Heaven

Town & Country and The New York Times describe The Retreat in Kigali as one of the top boutique hotels of the world. The American owners of Heaven Restaurant created The Retreat, a 20-room luxury boutique hotel located on a tree-lined street steps from Kigali City Center and 20 minutes from the airport. 8 new luxury pool villas are now open where King Charles III stayed in June 2022! The Retreat is Kigali's first eco-friendly resort and features solar electricity, organic toiletries, locally-crafted furniture from a Tanzanian sustainable teak farm, outdoor showers, private terraces, a yoga and meditation deck, spa, large heated saltwater swimming pool with jacuzzi and diving rocks, and an open-air fitness center. Fusion Restaurant and its Swahili-inspired bar, located at The Retreat, offers delicious farm-to-table international cuisine, while Heaven Restaurant (reached through the Retreat's "Stairway to Heaven") offers an innovative modern African menu. The Retreat is the perfect choice to host guests for first 2 nights or several days as visitors enjoy innovative, curated cultural experiences and exciting activities onsite and around Kigali. From public health to hospitality, co-owners Alissa & Josh Ruxin created Heaven Restaurant in 2008 to provide jobs and vocational training in hospitality, to date, Heaven and The Retreat have trained over 2,500 Rwandans in hospitality skills.



Day 2-5: Wilderness Magashi, Akagera National Park

This morning you will be collected by your guide and taken on a tour of the City including the fascinating Genocide Museum.

Your experienced and knowledgeable guide will transfer you to the Akagera National Park will take approximately 4 hours.

Perched on Magashi Peninsula, Wilderness Magashi looks out over scenic Lake Rwanyakazinga, towards the Mutumba Mountains in the west. Wilderness Magashi's home is 6 000 exclusive-use hectares (14 826 acres) of Akagera National Park, like Rwanda itself, a miraculous story of survival and regeneration. Located in the country's north-east, Akagera was devastated by the 1994 genocide and its aftermath, with a rise in poaching and returnees settling with their cattle on park land. Over the last ten years, the park has been significantly rehabilitated and today offers one of the most thrilling safari experiences in Africa.

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. Black rhino were reintroduced in 2017, and white rhino in 2021. Guests have the opportunity to view a range of wildlife on expertly-guided game drives, and boating trips. On the peninsula's western side, waterbuck, impala and warthog can often be seen grazing, while on the eastern flank, eland frequent the lakeshore. The shore itself offers views of hippo, large crocodiles and a chance of elephant bulls. Other sightings may include buffalo, giraffe, spotted hyaena, zebra, topi, roan, and eland – and often even the otherwise elusive leopard. The park features an impressive 520 species of birds.

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 5-8: Wilderness Bisate, Volcanoes National Park

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

Travelling time is approximately 6 hours to Bisate Lodge.

During your stay your trek Gorillas and Golden Monkeys, walk and hike, bird watch, savour gourmet cuisine and participate in the reforestation programme.

Overnight: Wilderness Bisate

Wilderness Bisate is located in the natural amphitheatre of an eroded volcanic cone and has dramatic views of the peaks of the volcanoes, Bisoke and Karisimbi, rearing up through the Afro-alpine forests of nearby Volcanoes National Park. Six luxurious en-suite Forest Villas maximise comfort and views, while retaining environmental principles and reflecting the culture of rural Rwanda. Each guest contributes to Bisate's biodiversity conservation and local community projects – making a far-reaching impact on an iconic endangered species: the mountain gorilla.

Aside from tracking one of the several habituated gorilla groups, activities include visiting nearby natural attractions, hiking to Dian Fossey's burial site, and observing the Park's group of endangered endemic golden monkey. Walks on Bisate's property offer birding and participation in the reforestation programme.

INSIDER'S TIP: Wilderness Bisate is within easy driving distance of Volcanoes National Park Headquarters, from where gorilla treks depart daily.



Day 8: End of Itinerary

Today, you will say your sad goodbyes to the incredible staff who have shared your journey and be transferred back to Kigali International Airport in order to check in for your onward flight home. Travelling time is approximately 3.5 hours.

End of services.