

We Know RWANDA



One&Only Nyungwe House

Visiting Rwanda, “the land of a thousand hills,” is one of the great wildlife adventures on the planet. The welcoming people, rich landscapes and wildlife attractions make Rwanda an ideal addition to any African safari. Rwanda is mountainous, green and lush, and home to a variety of primates, more than 100 orchids and over 600 bird species — a paradise for bird watchers, conservationists and botanists alike.

The star attraction is the highly **endangered mountain gorilla**. An encounter with a silverback gorilla and his family can be a hair-raising experience and one you will likely never forget! Their

human-like characteristics are fascinating, and to observe them grooming, foraging and nesting is a privilege. The young juveniles are playful and mischievous.

While the majority of tourism is focused on a visit to the **Parc National des Volcans** in the north, the nearby Lake Kivu offers a great place to unwind after a trekking adventure. For those with a bit more time, Nyungwe National Park offers a pristine mountain rainforest, which is home to **habituated chimpanzees** and other primate species.

It's definitely time to put on your boots and visit Rwanda.





Mountain gorilla



Virunga Lodge

Meaningful Memories

AFRICAN TRAVEL'S ADDED BENEFITS

- VIP airport meet-and-greet
- Trek the endangered mountain gorillas



Golden monkeys

Follow in the footsteps of the late activist Dian Fossey and observe the “Gorillas in the Mist” on this extraordinary journey into Rwanda’s Virunga Mountains and Parc National des Volcans.

Day 1 Arrive Kigali, Rwanda

You are welcomed on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy dinner and your first night in Rwanda, the “land of a thousand hills.” (D)

Kigali Serena Hotel

Day 2 Kigali/Parc National Des Volcans

Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial, a moving testimony to this country’s past, courageously overcome. After lunch, travel through the beautiful terraced hillsides, gradually ascending into the Virunga Mountains. Settle into your eco-lodge and let the sights and sounds of the rainforest envelop you. (BLD)

Virunga Lodge, Sabinyo Silverback Lodge or One&Only Gorilla’s Nest

Day 3 Parc National Des Volcans

Rise early to start tracking through the steep and often muddy forest. While you may be lucky and catch up with the gorillas by midmorning, sometimes tracking them down can take a full day, especially when it is wet. Quietly observe them as they feed on the lush foliage and tend to each other with uncannily human-like mannerisms. Return to the lodge in time for a late lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon. (BLD)

Virunga Lodge, Sabinyo Silverback Lodge or One&Only Gorilla’s Nest

Day 4 Parc National Des Volcans

Go on a second trek (purchase of the gorilla permit is required at

the time of booking) or choose from a variety of optional excursions on offer from the lodge. Stroll through the forest to spot lively golden monkeys. Trek in the footsteps of the late activist Dian Fossey on a full-day hike to visit her gravesite and the remains of her Karisoke Research Center. Visit Lake Kivu, take a guided walk to Lake Bulera, or visit the Imbabazi Orphanage and have tea or lunch with the staff and volunteers. (BLD)

Virunga Lodge, Sabinyo Silverback Lodge or One&Only Gorilla’s Nest

Day 5 Parc National Des Volcans/Depart

Travel back to Kigali. Enjoy lunch, and then transfer to the airport for your onward arrangements. (BL)

Discover RWANDA



Male mountain gorilla



One&Only Nyungwe House

Meaningful Memories

AFRICAN TRAVEL'S ADDED BENEFITS

- Go on a fascinating walk through a tea plantation and learn what makes the perfect cup of tea
- Enjoy epic panoramic views from a scenic helicopter flight
- Plant a tree and leave a lasting legacy in Rwanda



Akagera hippo

Come on an adventure in the land of a thousand hills. Rwanda's friendly people will welcome you as you explore the open plains, woodlands and lakes of Akagera National Park before continuing your safari to track wild chimpanzees in Nyungwe National Park and the mountain gorillas of Volcanoes National Park.

Day 1 Arrive Kigali, Rwanda

With a warm welcome, you will be assisted through immigrations and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy dinner and a restful evening. (D)

The Retreat

Day 2 Kigali/Akagera National Park

Set off by road to your tented camp in Akagera, central Africa's largest protected wetland. Home to a variety of plains game, predators, primates and birds. (BLD)

Magashi

Day 3 Akagera National Park

The day's agenda includes expertly-guided game drives, walks and boating trips in search of the resident wildlife including: buffalo, leopard, elephant, giraffe, spotted hyena, zebra and eland. (BLD)

Magashi

Day 4 Akagera National Park

Rise early for another day of wildlife viewing. Akagera boasts a healthy lion population as well as black rhino, which were reintroduced to the park in 2017. Look out for the elusive shoebill with its massive bill, one of nearly 500 bird species found in the park. (BLD)

Magashi

Day 5 Akagera National Park/ Nyungwe National Park

Continue by helicopter to your luxury lodge near one of the oldest rainforests in Africa, Nyungwe National Park. (BLD)

One&Only Nyungwe House

Day 6 Nyungwe National Park

Experience the rainforest from a dazzling new perspective on the famous Canopy Walkway. (BLD)

One&Only Nyungwe House

Day 7 Nyungwe National Park

Today's agenda includes chimpanzee trekking deep in the forest. Observe them playing, wild and free, hooting and dashing through the trees. (BLD)

One&Only Nyungwe House

Day 8 Nyungwe National Park/ Volcanoes National Park

The adventure continues to Volcanoes National Park, by way of the beautiful shores of Lake Kivu. (BLD)

Bisate

Day 9 Volcanoes National Park

Don your gaiters and gear and get ready to hike into the mountains. All fatigue melts away as you capture your first glimpse of the gorillas as they forage and move through the forest. (BLD)

Bisate

Day 10 Volcanoes National Park

Return to the forest for another precious hour with the endangered gorillas, (subject to the advance purchase of a second permit) or perhaps search for the rare habituated golden monkey. (BLD)

Bisate

Day 11 Volcanoes National Park/Kigali

Return to Kigali this afternoon in time to depart on an evening flight. (B)