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Tour Style

Hosted

Countries Visited

Rwanda

Starting Location

Your journey begins at **Kigali International Airport** where one of our representatives will be waiting to welcome you. Assistance will be given with the immigration process and your luggage collection. You will then be escorted outside the airport and introduced to your driver/guides who will be waiting for you. From here, you will be transferred directly to your hotel to begin your experience in comfort and ease.

Ending Location

On your final day, you will be transferred to **Kigali International Airport**. To ensure you arrive comfortably and with ample time for your departure, we kindly ask that you share your flight details with us in advance.

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199 If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

What's included

Meals as outlined in the tour itinerary / accommodation / qualified guides / transport as specified in the itinerary / included highlights as per the itinerary

What's excluded

Gorilla Trekking Permits (USD1,500 per person per trek) and/or Golden Monkey Trekking Permits (USD140 per person per trek) / Items of a personal nature (snacks, premium alcohol) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / tips.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival in Kigali (Rwanda)

Upon arrival in Kigali, you will be welcomed by a dedicated representative and transferred to your accommodation for the night. A Rwandan icon since its inauguration in 1973, Hotel des Mille Collines rose to global recognition through the acclaimed film *Hotel Rwanda* and remains the country's most celebrated hotel. Perfectly located in Kigali's central business district, the hotel offers sweeping views of the city's rolling hills and an atmosphere of refined comfort. Your stay promises a true "home away from home," combining heritage, style, and comfort in one of Kigali's most distinguished addresses.

Accommodation	Hotel des Mille Collines https://millecollines.rw/
Facilities	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kigali International Airport to Hotel
Meals	No Meals

Day 2 – Kigali City Tour

After breakfast, you will set out on a privately guided city tour of Kigali. Your journey begins with a look at the city's origins, from its first modern buildings to the vibrant neighbourhoods shaping Rwanda's future. A highlight of the day is a moving visit to the Genocide Memorial, the resting place of over 250,000 victims of the 1994 tragedy. Both a place of remembrance and education, it reflects not only Rwanda's painful past but also its remarkable resilience and progress. Later, we travel north to the foothills of the Virunga Massif and settle into your lodge near Volcanoes National Park.

Accommodation	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge https://3bhotels.com/branches/mountain-gorilla-view-lodge/
Facilities	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kigali to Volcanoes National Park Area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Kigali City Tour

Day 3 – Mountain Gorilla Trekking

Today brings one of the most extraordinary wildlife encounters on earth – tracking the endangered mountain gorillas of Rwanda. You will report to the Volcanoes National Park headquarters in the early morning for a briefing by your lead guide, who will outline trekking procedures and allocate you to a gorilla family group suited to your fitness level. Your trek begins with a drive up the forested slopes to the starting point before setting off on foot in search of these remarkable primates. The duration of the trek varies, lasting anywhere from two hours to a full day, depending on the gorillas' movements. Once located, you will be granted the rare privilege of spending up to one hour in their presence, observing their behaviour and daily interactions – a truly humbling and unforgettable experience. **Please note:** The gorilla trekking experience requires a pre-purchased permit, subject to availability at the time of booking, at a cost of USD 1,500 per person, per trek. This permit fee is not included in your tour price and must be secured at the time of booking your safari. Minimum age: 15 years.

Accommodation	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge https://3bhotels.com/branches/mountain-gorilla-view-lodge/
Facilities	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Journey to Akagera National Park

This morning, continue your Rwandan journey as you travel east to Akagera National Park, a region of sweeping savannah, rolling hills, and glittering lakes. On arrival, settle into your lodge, perched high on a hilltop with commanding views over the park. You can unwind at the inviting pool deck or enjoy drinks at the bar, with views stretching across Lake Ihema and Lake Shikani. Just a short drive from the lake itself, the lodge is ideally positioned for boat excursions and game drives into Akagera's unique wilderness.

Accommodation	Mantis Akagera Game Lodge https://www.mantiscollection.com/hotel/akagera-national-park-mantis-eco-lodge/
Facilities	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Volcanoes National Park Area – Akagera National Park Area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5/6 – Exploring Akagera National Park

Over the next two days, immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Akagera National Park, Rwanda's only Big Five reserve and a sanctuary of remarkable biodiversity. The park's landscape is a striking contrast to the country's famed misty mountains, with rolling savannah plains, woodlands, and shimmering lakes creating a picture-perfect setting for safari adventures. You will set out on exhilarating game drives in search of elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, and rhino, alongside an impressive variety of plains game and over 500 species of birds. Between drives, enjoy the serenity of a boat cruise on Lake Ihema, where pods of hippo and basking crocodiles share the waters with abundant birdlife, from African fish eagles to dazzling kingfishers. Evenings invite relaxation back at your lodge, perhaps sipping a sundowner as the sky turns golden over the savannah, followed by dinner with uninterrupted views across the wilderness.

Accommodation	Mantis Akagera Game Lodge https://www.mantiscollection.com/hotel/akagera-national-park-mantis-eco-lodge/
Facilities	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Safari Drive, Afternoon Boat Cruise

Day 7 – Return to Kigali & Departure

After breakfast, bid farewell to Akagera's sweeping landscapes as you journey back to Kigali. On arrival, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward travels. Please ensure your international flight is scheduled for the evening to allow for a comfortable transfer.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements
Route	Akagera National Park – Kigali International Airport
Meals	Breakfast