



THE FAR HORIZONS  
Journeys Discovering Africa  
EXTENSION TOURS

An affordable four day tour to the Virunga Volcanoes to visit the critically endangered Mountain Gorillas in their natural habitat

RWANDA GORILLAS

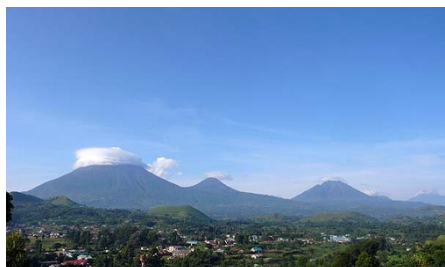


## DAY 1: KIGALI - VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Today you arrive in Rwanda, where we will meet you at Kigali International Airport, and take you to a nearby hotel for welcome drinks and a briefing. After lunch, we travel north to Ruhengeri and the Volcanoes National Park. This two hour drive undulates over Rwanda's extremely hilly and picturesque countryside, until we reach the Virungas – a chain of 9 impossibly steep and lofty volcanoes.

Each mountain possesses its own unique character and silhouette, but together they form one of the most isolated and visually dramatic ecosystems in the world. The Virunga National Park (established in 1925) was Africa's first, and it was granted status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. The park is home to some of the world's few remaining Mountain Gorillas, which were famously studied here by Dian Fossey. We check in to our lodge for the night.

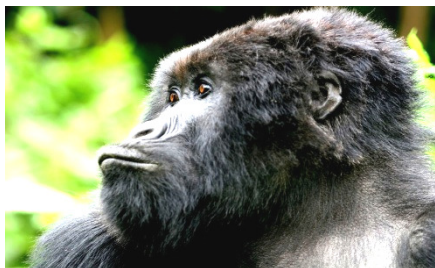
Mountain Gorilla View Lodge  
Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner



## DAY 2: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Today's activities may be amongst the most exciting and challenging you have undertaken. The Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda are part of a worldwide population of just 720 individuals. The gorillas

we are allowed to track belong to either one of ten habituated family groups. For up to five years each, these groups have undergone an extremely delicate process that has gradually brought them to tolerate the presence of humans for a brief period every day and allowed a few privileged visitors to interact with them in the wild.



The gorillas are by no means tame, and are completely wild animals. However, experienced guides will accompany us on our tracking, and will use their knowledge of the gorillas' habits and information from the previous day to locate the group's whereabouts. Because of this, the time taken to track the gorillas varies enormously, from as little as half an hour to as much as 9 hours before one returns to camp.

Once the gorillas are located, our group will be allowed a maximum of one hour with them. This is one of the world's truly memorable experiences – a look into one of these magnificent creature's eyes brings home the bond that exists between them and us. The hour is often over all too quickly, and we slowly make our way back to our lodge to recount the day's adventures.

Later on, we have the chance to pay a visit to the picturesque Twin Lakes, or visit the nearby Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village for a display of *intore* traditional drumming and dancing.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge  
Meal Plan: Full Board

## DAY 3: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – KIGALI

Today we enjoy the option of a second day of gorilla tracking in Volcanoes National Park. Alternatively we can choose to track the equally rare Golden Monkeys, or enjoy a guided hike to Dian Fossey's old research station, where she is buried to this day.

Later on, we travel back to Kigali.

Kigali Serena  
Meal Plan: Full Board

## DAY 4: DEPARTURE

This morning we take a city tour, with the opportunity to visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre—an extremely moving exhibition of the Rwandan genocide.

We then relax for the rest of the day to prepare for our flight out.

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch





## MAIN TOUR PRICE

1 Jan-31 May 2012

US\$ 2,537 per person sharing a twin

US\$ 378 single room supplement

1 Jun-31 Dec 2012

US\$ 2,812\* per person sharing a twin

US\$ 378 single room supplement

1 Jan 2013 onwards

US\$ 2,812 per person sharing a twin

US\$ 378 single room supplement

### \*EARLY BIRD OFFER:

Book and pay a deposit for this safari by 15th May 2012 and you will receive a \$250 discount per person off the published price. Offer only valid on set departures travelling between 1st June-31st December 2012.

Minimum group size: 2 travellers

Maximum Group Size: 6 travellers

Minimum age: 15 years

Maximum age: No maximum age

A general level of basic fitness is normally recommended for Gorilla and Chimp tracking. However, if you have any disabilities or believe your fitness levels may be an issue, do let us know at the time of enquiry. We have a history of helping clients who are differently-abled or who have certain conditions that would normally prevent participation and we will do our best to help.

Available dates: check online at <http://bit.ly/uE9iGC>

We retain the right to substitute the accommodations shown above with other suitable accommodations if there is no availability, and we retain the right to run the itinerary in a reverse direction to fit the availability of accommodations.

## INCLUDED IN THE MAIN TOUR PRICE

Accommodation in standard twin rooms

Meals as indicated in the daily meal plan

All road and air transfers as indicated

1 gorilla tracking permit per person

Services of an English speaking driver guide

Park fees

All activities described in the itinerary, unless specified as extras

Mineral water, tea and coffee in the vehicle

Medical Evacuation Insurance (to Nairobi)

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE MAIN TOUR PRICE

International Air Fares, entry visa fees, domestic and international departure tax

Beverages other than those in the vehicle

All expenses of a personal nature

Tips and gratuities to your driver/guide hotel/camp staff etc.

## OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITIES ON DAY 3

Gorilla tracking US\$500 (increasing to \$750 for all safaris book and paid after 15th May 2012)

Golden Monkey Tracking US\$100

Hiking to Dian Fossey memorial US\$75

Full terms and conditions at <http://bit.ly/sbnwZu>

## WHAT TO PACK

### FOR TRACKING:

A small, lightweight day backpack

Light, waterproof hiking boots or shoes

Walking socks

Waterproof trousers/pants

Waterproof jacket or poncho, with hood (or waterproof hat)

Lightweight, quick-dry hiking trousers

Short-sleeved shirt or T-shirt

Water bottle or canteen (boiled water and a packed lunch will be provided by your camp)

A camera or video-camera with high-speed settings (or 800ASA speed film minimum—no flash photography is allowed when tracking)

### GENERAL:

Long-sleeved shirts and trousers

Short-sleeved shirts, T-shirts and shorts

A down / fleece vest or safari jacket

Travel alarm clock

A sweatshirt or sweater for chilly evenings and early mornings

Sunscreen & after-sun care

Insect repellent (tropical formula recommended)