



THE FAR HORIZONS

Journeys Discovering Africa

LUXURY TOURS

Spend time in Rwanda, the heart of Africa, with the magnificent
Mountain Gorillas in their natural habitat

MISTS OF THE VIRUNGAS



DAY 1: KIGALI - VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

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, and as you near the end of your journey, you will (weather permitting!) begin to catch glimpses of the Virungas – a chain of 9 impossibly steep and lofty volcanoes straddling the western branch of the Rift Valley from east to west.

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. A “true island in the sky”, 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.

After we have checked into our lodge, we have time to visit the nearby Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village for a display of the traditional *intore* dancing and drumming.



Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge
Meal Plan: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Today's activities may be amongst the most exciting and challenging you have ever undertaken. The gorillas we are allowed to track belong to either one of seven 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.



After an early breakfast we are allocated our gorilla family for the day and set out by vehicle to the start of the tracking point to begin the track. Experienced guides will accompany us on our tracking, many of whom have been involved in the habituation process themselves. They will use their knowledge of the gorillas' habits and information from the previous day to locate the group's whereabouts.

The time taken to track the gorillas varies enormously, from a couple of hours to as long as 9 hours. Once the gorillas are located, we 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.

Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 3: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – KIGALI

We enjoy a second day of gorilla tracking in the park, before travelling back to Kigali in the afternoon.

Kigali Serena
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 4: KIGALI - DEPARTURE

This morning we take a city tour of Kigali, and for those who wish to, there is the opportunity to visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre. The Centre in Kigali was created by a joint partnership between the Kigali City Council and the UK-based Aegis Trust. It contains a permanent and extremely moving exhibition of the Rwandan genocide and an exhibition of other genocides from around the world.

We then relax for the rest of the day to prepare for our flight out, recounting the experiences of our time with the magnificent mountain gorillas.

Meal Plan: Breakfast





MAIN TOUR PRICE

1 Jan-31 Mar 2012

US\$ 3,802 per person sharing a twin

US\$ 494 single room supplement

1 Apr-31 May 2012

US\$ 3,364 per person sharing a twin

US\$ 178 single room supplement

1 Jun-15 Jul; 1 Nov-14 Dec 2012

US\$ 4,334* per person sharing a twin

US\$ 494 single room supplement

16 Jul-31 Oct; 15 Dec-31 Dec 2012

US\$4,522* per person sharing a twin

US\$ 540 single room supplement

*EARLY BIRD OFFER:

Book and pay a deposit for this safari by 15th May 2012 and you will receive a \$500 discount per person on the published list price. Offer only valid on set departures falling 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/t18uh6>

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

2 gorilla tracking permits per person

Services of an English speaking driver guide

Park fees

Community Fees at Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge

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.

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)