



GORILLAS IN THE MIST



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DAY	DATES	ITINERARY - GROUP 2	ACCOMMODATIONS	MEALS
1	Mon 6/22	FLY USA to Brussels or Nairobi		
2	Tue 6/23	Fly Brussels or Nairobi to Kigali	Kigali Serena Hotel	D
3	Wed 6/24	Kigali - Akagera National Park	Akagera Game Lodge	B,L,D
4	Thu 6/25	Akagera National Park	Akagera Game Lodge	B,L,D
5	Fri 6/26	Akagera National Park - Kigali	Kigali Serena Lodge	B,L
6	Sat 6/27	Kigali - Nyungwe National Park	Gisakura Guest Lodge	B,L,D
7	Sun 6/28	Nyungwe National Park	Gisakura Guest Lodge	B,L,D
8	Mon 6/29	Nyungwe National Park	Gisakura Guest Lodge	B,L,D
9	Tue 6/30	FLY - Kamembe – Kigali Drive Kigali - Ruhengeri	Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge	B,L,D
10	Wed, 7/1	Ruhengeri	Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge	B,L,D
11	Thu 7/2	Ruhengeri - Lake Kivu	Lake Kivu Serena	B,L
12	Fri 7/3	Lake Kivu	Lake Kivu Serena	B
13	Sat 7/4	Lake Kivu - Kigali	Kigali Serena Hotel	B,D
14	Sun 7/5	FLY Kigali - Brussels or Nairobi		B
15	Mon 7/6	Arrive USA		

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Rwanda is a beautiful country. It was on the bamboo-covered slopes of Rwanda's Virunga Volcanoes that the late Dian Fossey studied the behavior of the endangered mountain gorilla for 20 years, followed by the filmmakers who shot 'Gorillas in the Mist' on the same location. Join us for a Rwanda safari, and discover a country that is today embracing a bright new future, and offers one of the most memorable wildlife encounters on earth. The highlight of our trip is, of course, our visit with the gorilla. We have arranged for two visits since it is so extraordinary. But Rwanda offers many wonderful sites and activities and from chimpanzee tracking to safari drives in Akagera to relaxing Lake Kivu, this promises to be an exceptional journey and will draw exceptional traveling companions.

Day 1: - USA - KIGALI, RWANDA

Depart the USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Kigali, Rwanda (Brussels Air) or to Nairobi, Kenya for connection to Kigali.

DAY 2 - KIGALI, RWANDA

Arrive Kigali Airport where you will be met by our representatives and transferred to Kigali Serena Hotel. Dinner is on your own arrangements Kigali Serena Hotel. Overnight Kigali Serena Hotel.

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Day 3 - KIGALI - AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK

This morning take a leisurely drive East to Akagera National Park. Lunch at Akagera Game Lodge with beautiful views of the lake. Afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at Akagera Game Lodge.

About Akagera National Park

Set at a relatively low altitude on the border with Tanzania, Akagera National Park could scarcely be more different in mood to the breezily cultivated hills that characterize much of Rwanda.

The park has its own collections of game. Herds of elephant and buffalo emerge from the woodland to drink at the lakes. Giraffe and zebra haunt the savannah, and more than a dozen types of antelope inhabit the park, most commonly the handsome chestnut-coated impala, but also the diminutive oribi and secretive bushbuck, the world's largest antelope, the Cape eland as well as numerous hippos.

Day 4 - AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full day game drive in this incredibly scenic park with its numerous lakes and abundance in bird life. Take with you a picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight Akagera Game Lodge

DAY 5 - AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK - KIGALI

After breakfast begin your drive back to Kigali. Lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will drive to visit a reconciliation village. This tour is combined with a visit to Nyamata/Ntarama memorial sites.

Reconciliation plays an important role in present day Rwanda and the enormous strides that we have made since genocide.

The reconciliation village is where the perpetrators, survivors and a few returnees are living together in an exceptionally unique way. Visitors get the opportunity of listening to testimonies from the perpetrators and survivors in this model cluster village. We will be able to sample a few traditional dishes and drinks with entertainment from a local dance troupe. Dinner under own arrangements. Overnight at Kigali Serena Hotel

DAY 6 - KIGALI – NYUNGWE FOREST

After an early breakfast, drive south 136Km to Butare. Make a stop in Nyanza, the traditional seat of the monarchy to visit the Royal Palace. The palace has been restored to its 19th century splendor using only local materials. In Butare you will have lunch and visit the National Museum, perhaps one of the best ethnographic museums in the region. After lunch, proceed further south to Nyungwe Forest. Dinner and overnight at Gisakura Guest House

DAY 7 - NYUNGWE FOREST

This morning, you will track for Chimpanzees in Nyungwe forest. Lunch at Gisakura Guest House. Afternoon visit to the nearby tea plantation. Dinner and overnight at Gisakura Guest House

Nyungwe Forest

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Nyungwe Forest is the largest block of Montana forest in East and Central Africa covering more than 1000sq.kms, spanning an altitudinal range from 1600 to 1950 m. (5200–9680 feet). It is also one of the most ancient dating further back than the last Ice Age. It has the bio-diversity to match its age with an amazing variety of plant life including over 100 different orchids. The forest is home to 13 species of primates, almost 300 bird species. This is truly Africa's best kept secret.

DAY 8 - NYUNGWE FOREST

Early this morning, you will track deep in Nyungwe forest for the colobus monkeys. Lunch at Gisakura Guest House. Afternoon at leisure or you may want to explore the surrounding area. Dinner and overnight at Gisakura Guest House

DAY 9 - KAMEMBE – KIGALI - KINIGI or RUHENGRI

This morning transfer to Kamembe airport for your flight to Kigali.

1140hrs Depart Kamembe

1215hrs Arrive Kigali airport where you will be met and taken to a local. Restaurant for lunch. Take a leisurely drive north to Ruhengeri. Dinner and overnight at Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge.

Day 10 - KINIGI or RUHENGRI

Early breakfast and then drive to the park offices to track for Mountain Gorillas. 0700am at the park offices, you will be given a briefing by your trackers/guides before driving to the starting point of the track.

Upon sighting the gorillas, you will stay with them for a magical hour before returning to the base, where your driver will be waiting. Lunch at Mountain Gorilla Nest. Afternoon take a scenic drive to view the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo. Dinner and overnight at Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge.

Day 11 - KINIGI or RUHENGRI – GISENYI – LAKE KIVU

Second morning of tracking where you will have a chance of to visit another gorilla family. After tracking return to the base where your driver will be waiting for you. Lunch at Mountain Gorilla Nest. This afternoon take a drive further north to Gisenyi where you will have an opportunity to swim in the lake or relax at the beach. Dinner under own arrangements. Overnight at Lake Kivu Serena

Day 12 - LAKE KIVU

This morning visit a nearby coffee farm.

Coffee is the biggest foreign exchange earner for the country and the biggest export for the country. The coffee tours explores our visitors to over 20 coffee growing and production processes right from the nursery beds, coffee gardens/plantations, picking coffee, washing, selection, drying, fermenting . Getting to learn all those stages adds value to the coffee you drink.

Lunch under own arrangements. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner under own arrangement. Overnight at Lake Kivu Serena

Day 13 - LAKE KIVU - KIGALI

Return to Kigali, stopping at Imbabazi Orphanage that was started by Rosemund Carr. Rosemund Carr was a good friend of Dian Fossey that lived in Rwanda for many years. She came to Rwanda having launched her career as a fashion illustrator in New York. Rwanda became her home which she was forced to leave for a relatively short period during genocide.

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She died in 2006 at the age of 94, leaving behind many children in the home she had created for them.

Continue the drive to Kigali arriving in time for a late lunch. Lunch under own arrangements. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at Kigali Serena Hotel

DAY 14 - KIGALI - USA

Today you will take a tour of Kigali City which includes the craft centre and the Memorial Museum amongst others Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Day 15 - ARRIVE USA

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ESSENTIALS

DATES: June 22-July 6, 2009

FLY DATES: **Depart USA to Kigali, Rwanda** **Depart Kigali to USA**
6/22 (arrive Kigali 6/23) 7/5 (arrive USA 7/6)

If flying Visa Nairobi, you must leave on 6/21 (one day earlier and overnight at least one night in Nairobi. On the return you can connect the same day (7/5) for your return flight.

DEPOSIT -- A deposit of \$750 per person is required at the time of registration. The Gorilla Permit is also required to be paid in advance and is only refundable if your space is resold.

FINAL PAYMENT -- Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure and is payable by personal check. Credit card charges for final payment are assessed a processing fee.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS -- No visa is required for American or Canadian passport holders. Travelers of other nationalities should check with the appropriate Consulate or Embassy for requirements.

SHOTS / HEALTH -- *Yellow Fever Vaccination required*; Anti-malarials recommended. If you cannot receive a Yellow Fever vaccine & wish to participate, please call us. It is recommended you have your regular vaccinations up-to-date before traveling. For further information, visit the Center For Disease Control website.

INT'L AIRFARE -- Direct to Kigali: Brussels Airlines Via Nairobi:: Virgin Atlantic, American Airlines, British Airways are among airlines that can be used for this trip. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to try to use Frequent Flyer Miles for free tickets or upgrades or the American Express Platinum card 2-4-1 program.

MINIMUMS -- All departures are guaranteed on a minimum of 2* participants. A Coda Tour Manager accompanies the tour on a minimum of 7 participants. (* Some modifications to the inclusions in the program may be made if participation is fewer than 5 travelers.)

TOUR RATES - 12 hotel nights and 30 meals included

2009	Land Price	GORILLA PERMIT	Total Per Person
Double	\$6595	\$1000* (2 Treks)	\$7595
Single	\$8295	\$1000* (2 Treks)	\$9295

****The Gorilla Permit, once paid, is non-refundable unless the space can be resold.***

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