



Essence of Rwanda Tour

07 Days / 06 Nights

Kigali (1N) - Volcanoes National Park (2N) - Lake Kivu (1N) -
Nyungwe National Park (2N)



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

1. Explore Kigali's vibrant capital and visit the profound Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre
2. Experience unforgettable mountain gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park and visit Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village
3. Trek with rare golden monkeys through bamboo forests and relax at scenic Lake Kivu's tranquil shores
4. Enjoy boat excursion on Lake Kivu and journey through tea plantations to Nyungwe rainforest
5. Trek with chimpanzees in Nyungwe Forest and walk the suspended canopy bridge above the rainforest

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 01	Arrive In Kigali
Day 02	Transfer To Volcanoes National Park
Day 03	Gorilla Trekking Adventure And Cultural Experience
Day 04	Golden Monkey Trekking And Transfer To Lake Kivu
Day 05	Boat Ride On Lake Kivu And Transfer To Nyungwe
Day 06	Chimpanzee Trekking And Canopy Walk
Day 07	Transfer To Kigali And Departure

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DAY 01: ARRIVE IN KIGALI

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, transfer to the hotel for check-in and relaxation.

Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda, is renowned for its cleanliness, safety, and remarkable transformation into one of Africa's most progressive cities. Surrounded by rolling green hills, Kigali offers a perfect introduction to Rwanda's culture, hospitality, and scenic beauty. Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, complete immigration formalities and proceed for a comfortable transfer to the hotel.



Later, spend the remaining day at leisure and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the city. Kigali is well known for its vibrant cafés, art centers, and panoramic hilltop views, making it an ideal destination to relax before beginning the primate safari adventure.

SEGV RECOMMENDATION: Optional evening city drive or local dining experience can be arranged for travellers interested in exploring Kigali's nightlife and culinary culture.

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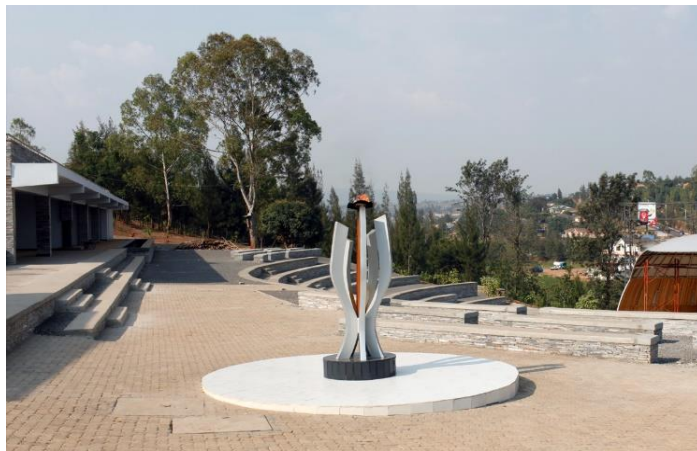
Overnight stay at hotel in Kigali.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrival in Rwanda's vibrant capital city Kigali
- Relaxing stay amidst the scenic hills of Kigali

DAY 02: TRANSFER TO VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at hotel, proceed for a Kigali city tour and visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre before transferring to Volcanoes National Park.



Proceed to visit the **Kigali Genocide Memorial**, one of the country's most important historical landmarks dedicated to the memory of the victims of the 1994 genocide. The memorial provides a profound understanding of Rwanda's history through detailed exhibitions, archives, and peace education initiatives.

Later, proceed towards **Volcanoes National Park**, located in the northwestern region of Rwanda and famous for its breathtaking volcanic landscapes and endangered mountain gorillas. The park forms part of the larger Virunga Conservation Area



and is internationally recognized for primate conservation and eco-tourism. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at the lodge and spend the remaining afternoon at leisure while admiring the scenic views of the Virunga Mountains and surrounding countryside.

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SEGV RECOMMENDATION: Optional **nature walks** around the lodge or a traditional **Rwandan coffee experience** can be arranged in the evening for travellers interested in exploring the local culture and countryside lifestyle.

Overnight stay at hotel in Volcanoes National Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre
- Scenic transfer to Volcanoes National Park through Rwanda's beautiful countryside

DAY 03: GORILLA TREKKING ADVENTURE AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

After breakfast at hotel, proceed for gorilla trekking in **Volcanoes National Park**.



Proceed to the park headquarters for an early morning briefing before starting the unforgettable **gorilla trekking experience** inside Volcanoes National Park. The park is globally celebrated for protecting the endangered mountain gorillas and offers one of the world's most extraordinary wildlife encounters. Trek through dense bamboo forests, volcanic slopes, and scenic jungle trails in search of a habituated gorilla family.

Upon locating the gorillas, spend one hour observing their behavior, family interactions, and natural habitat while capturing memorable photographs.

Later, return to the lodge for lunch and relaxation. In the afternoon, proceed to visit the **Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village**, a cultural center dedicated to preserving Rwanda's traditional heritage and community lifestyle. The village offers an immersive cultural experience through traditional dances, local music performances, storytelling sessions, and demonstrations of ancient hunting and farming techniques practiced by local communities.



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SEGV RECOMMENDATION: Optional evening **bonfire experience** or **traditional drumming performance** can be arranged at the lodge for travellers interested in local entertainment and cultural interaction.

Overnight stay at hotel in Volcanoes National Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gorilla trekking experience in Volcanoes National Park
- Cultural visit to Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village

DAY 04: GOLDEN MONKEY TREKKING AND TRANSFER TO LAKE KIVU

After breakfast at hotel, proceed for golden monkey trekking in Volcanoes National Park before transferring to Lake Kivu.



Proceed to the park headquarters for briefing and later begin the golden monkey trekking experience inside Volcanoes National Park. The golden monkeys are among Rwanda's rare and endangered primates, famous for their playful behavior and striking golden-orange fur. Trek through the **bamboo forests of the Virunga region** while observing these energetic primates moving swiftly through the trees and forest floor. The experience

also offers spectacular views of the volcanic mountains and lush forest landscapes.

Later, proceed towards **Lake Kivu**, one of Africa's Great Lakes and among the most scenic freshwater lakes in East Africa. Surrounded by green hills and charming lakeside towns, Lake Kivu is known for its tranquil atmosphere, beautiful beaches, and relaxing environment. Upon arrival, spend the remaining afternoon at leisure while enjoying panoramic sunset views across the lake.



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SEGV RECOMMENDATION: Optional lakeside activities such as **kayaking, cycling tours, or evening café visits** can be arranged for travellers interested in exploring the local lakeside lifestyle.

Overnight stay at hotel in Lake Kivu.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Golden monkey trekking experience
- Scenic transfer to the beautiful Lake Kivu region

DAY 05: BOAT RIDE ON LAKE KIVU AND TRANSFER TO NYUNGWE

After breakfast at hotel, proceed for a boat excursion on Lake Kivu before transferring to Nyungwe National Park.

Proceed for a **scenic boat ride on Lake Kivu** and explore the beautiful islands and surrounding landscapes of the lake. Lake Kivu is famous for its calm waters, fishing communities, and breathtaking scenery created by the surrounding mountains and green hills. The boat excursion offers an opportunity to experience the peaceful atmosphere of the region while observing local life along the lakeshore and nearby islands.



Later, proceed towards **Nyungwe National Park**, one of Africa's oldest and most biodiverse rainforests. Nyungwe is internationally recognized for its rich primate population, unique bird species, waterfalls, and dense montane forest ecosystem. The journey towards Nyungwe passes through Rwanda's scenic countryside, tea plantations, rolling hills, and traditional villages, providing a remarkable cultural and natural experience along the route.

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Overnight stay at hotel in Nyungwe National Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic boat excursion on Lake Kivu
- Transfer through Rwanda's beautiful countryside to Nyungwe National Park.

DAY 06: CHIMPANZEE TREKKING AND CANOPY WALK

After breakfast at hotel, proceed for chimpanzee trekking in Nyungwe National Park followed by a canopy walk experience.

Proceed towards the rainforest for chimpanzee trekking inside Nyungwe National Park, one of the most important primate conservation forests in Africa. Nyungwe is home to over 13 species of primates and offers an exceptional rainforest ecosystem filled with exotic wildlife and birdlife. Trek through the dense forest trails in search of chimpanzees while listening to their vocal calls echoing through the jungle. Upon locating the chimpanzees, spend time observing their social interactions and energetic movement within the forest canopy.



Later, proceed for the famous canopy walk experience inside Nyungwe Forest. The suspended metallic bridge rises above the rainforest canopy and offers spectacular panoramic views of the forest, valleys, and surrounding mountains. The canopy walk provides a unique perspective of the rainforest ecosystem and allows close observation of birdlife and forest vegetation from above.

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SEGV RECOMMENDATION: Optional birdwatching excursion or guided forest photography session can be arranged for travellers interested in exploring Nyungwe's exceptional biodiversity in greater detail.

Overnight stay at hotel in Nyungwe National Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Chimpanzee trekking experience in Nyungwe Forest
- Scenic canopy walk above the rainforest.

DAY 07: TRANSFER TO KIGALI AND DEPARTURE

After breakfast at hotel, proceed towards Kigali with an en-route visit to the King's Palace Museum.

Proceed towards Nyanza to visit the King's Palace Museum, an important cultural and historical attraction that showcases Rwanda's royal heritage and traditional monarchy. The museum features a reconstructed royal palace designed in traditional Rwandan style and offers insight into the history, customs, and leadership of the Rwandan kingdom. The site is also known for its long-horned Inyambo cattle, which hold deep cultural significance in Rwanda.

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Later, continue the journey back to Kigali while passing through Rwanda's scenic rolling hills and countryside landscapes. Upon arrival in Kigali, proceed towards the airport for the scheduled departure flight, marking the end of the **Rwanda primates safari adventure**.



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Arrive home with pleasant memories of your **Kigali tour** organized by **State Express Global Voyages**, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the historic King's Palace Museum in Nyanza
- Scenic drive back to Kigali for departure



“TOUR END”

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