



# RWANDA GORILLA TREKKING Short Stay | 5 Days

Known as the "Land of a Thousand Hills," Rwanda offers breathtaking scenery, vibrant culture, and one of the world's most extraordinary wildlife experiences. Journey into the misty forests of Volcanoes National Park for an unforgettable trek to see endangered mountain gorillas up close in their natural habitat — a truly once-in-a-lifetime encounter.

- Visit the moving Kigali Genocide Memorial
- Spend time at the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund
- Hike through Volcanoes National Park
- Spend an hour with a mountain gorilla family

## **INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation (2 nights Kigali/2 nights Musanse)
- Meals as specified
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- · English speaking local guide
- 1 gorilla trekking permit per person



#### PHYSICAL LEVEL:

The physical level of this trip is difficult to determine, as it will depend on the location of the gorilla family that you will visit and the weather conditions. Treks can take anywhere from 30 min up to 5 hours, and involves hiking through dense rainforest with uneven path, that also can be slippery when wet.

The park rangers and guides are very experienced at splitting people into groups based on their physical abilities and assigning what gorilla family will each group visit.

Solid walking shoes and sturdy clothing with long sleeves and long pants to protect against stinging nettles are essential. Gardening or leather gloves are useful as well as a lightweight waterproof jacket in case of rain.

Please note: THE MINIMUM AGE LIMIT TO TRACK GORILLAS IS 15 YEARS OLD

Meals: none

Meals: B, L, D



#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

## Days 1: Arrive in Kigali

Arrive at Kigali International Airport, where you will transfer to your hotel. Check in and unwind after your journey, enjoying the gentle charm of Rwanda's clean, green capital city.



## **Destination Information**

**Kigali -** Set among rolling green hills, Kigali is Rwanda's vibrant capital — a city known for its cleanliness, safety, and welcoming spirit. It's a modern hub with a rich history, best explored through landmarks like the Kigali Genocide Memorial and lively neighbourhoods such as Nyamirambo, where art, culture, and cuisine come alive.

## Day 2: Travel to Volcanoes National Park

After breakfast, depart Kigali stopping off to spend some time at the Kigali Genocide Memorial to learn about and reflect on the events of 1994. Then head north to Musanze, the gateway to Volcanoes National Park. Along the way, take in the beauty of Rwanda's rolling hills and rural landscapes. This afternoon, visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund — a world-class research and conservation centre dedicated to protecting mountain gorillas and their habitat. Explore



interactive exhibits, watch scientists at work, and gain a deeper appreciation for the legacy of Dian Fossey. Check in at your lodge and enjoy dinner surrounded by volcanic peaks.

## **Destination Information**

**Volcanoes National Park** — is a breathtaking sanctuary of biodiversity and one of Africa's most iconic wildlife destinations. Best known for its rare mountain gorillas, the park offers life-changing treks through dense rainforest, where visitors can come face-to-face with these gentle giants in their natural habitat. Beyond gorillas, the park is home to golden monkeys, volcanic peaks, and lush ecosystems that make every hike a journey through raw, untamed beauty.



Day 3: Gorilla Trek Meals: B, L, D

Rise early and prepare for a day of adventure! Head to the Volcanoes National Park headquarters where you will have a safety briefing and be assigned a gorilla group. With expert trackers leading the way, hike deep into incredible landscapes watched over by volcanic peaks, heading through misty rainforest and bamboo groves searching for a family of endangered mountain gorillas. Once you locate them, spend an unforgettable hour observing their social interactions—from the playful juveniles to the commanding silverback. One of the



world's most incredible wildlife encounters, revel in this rare and emotional experience. Hike back to headquarters and return to your lodge for lunch and a relaxing afternoon.

## Day 4: Return to Kigali

Meals: B

After breakfast, return to Kigali, retracing your route through Rwanda's lush countryside. Back in the city, the rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish. You could visit a local market or two, enjoy an authentic Rwandan meal or simply relax at the hotel.



## Day 5: Depart Kigali

Meals: B

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to Kigali International airport for your onward journey.



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