

Intrepid Primates-Savannah Wildlife Safari



Excerpt:

Our most comprehensive tour. For nine days (eight nights) embark on an experience like no other. Beginning with visits to the historic towns of Nyanza and Butare you will then experience Chimpanzee trekking and a canopy hike in the Nyungwe National Forest. The middle of the tour has visits to Lake Kivu and Volcanoes National Park where you will join in Gorilla and Monkey treks a visit to Cultural Village and the Twin Lakes of Burera & Ruhondo. Finally the tour ends with two days at Akagera National Park for a wildlife safari and then a tour of Kigali city.

Description

Quote Includes:

- Kigali Airport Arrival + Departure transfers and assistance.
- 01Night Accommodation in Kigali, on Bed & Breakfast basis.
- 02Nights Accommodation in Nyungwe Forest, on Full-Board basis.
- 03Nights Accommodation at Volcanoes National Park, on Full-Board basis.
- Historic Towns (Nyanza & Butare)Tour on Day 02 (inclusive of applicable fees).
- Extra Lunches on Days 02, 04, 07 & 09.
- Park Entrance Fee at Akagera National Park.
- 02Nights in Akagera National Park, on Full-Board basis.
- Game-viewing Drives in Akagera National Park, as indicated.
- Kigali City Tour on Day 09 (inclusive of applicable fees).
- Private Transport in a 4x4 Land-cruiser.
- Services of an English/French-Speaking Driver-Guide.
- Bottled Drinking Water during the safari (in the vehicle and while trekking).
- All taxes on the services quoted above.

Quote Excludes:

- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Chimpanzee/Gorilla & Golden Monkey Trek Permits (quoted separately on main quote).
- Canopy Adventure Hike Permit (quoted separately on main quote).
- Cultural Village Visit (quoted separately on main quote).
- Sunset Boat Ride & Night Game Drive in Akagera National Park (quoted separately on main quote).
- All other Optional activities, as outlined.
- Any other sight-seeing activities or accommodation, other than indicated.
- International, regional and local Airfares + Airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature such drinks, telephone calls, e.t.c.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost of any other item/s not specifically mentioned or listed above.

[Important Tips](#)

[Lodging Details](#)

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival Kigali & Overnight

Morning, afternoon or evening arrival into the Kigali International Airport. Meet and Greet Services by a Jambo Tours representative outside the Airport Arrivals section. After introductions and a short briefing you will be transferred to your Kigali hotel for check-in. Rest of the day or evening at leisure at your hotel, with dinner on own account.

Day 2: Nyanza & Butare

Early breakfast at your hotel, followed by check-out. Morning depart and drive south wards of Rwanda - to the historical towns of Nyanza and Butare (133km ? 2.5hrs), for a short tour of their attractions.

Key Attractions:

NYANZA ? [Traditional King's Palace & National Arts Museum](#);

BUTARE ? [National Ethnographic Museum](#) & [National University](#) (the first and oldest higher level institution in Rwanda)

At the end of the tour, enjoy lunch at a Butare hotel or restaurant and then continue on your journey further southwest to the

Nyungwe Forest (127km ? 2.5hrs). Spend the evening at leisure, with dinner included.

Day 3: Nyungwe Forest National Park/Chimpanzee Trekking/Leisure Canopy Walk

Early breakfast at your hotel (or take picnic breakfast). Depart early morning for transfer to the park office, for registration of your Chimpanzee trekking. At the end of the chimps trek, return to your hotel/lodge for freshening up and lunch. Afternoon is at leisure - for optional activities, such as the Canopy Adventure Hike. After the hike, return to your hotel/lodge - for freshening up and evening at leisure.

Day 4: Lake Kivu/Kibuye/Volcanoes National Park

Breakfast at your hotel/lodge, followed by check-out. Morning, depart Nyungwe Forest and take the scenic drive along and parallel to the shores of Lake Kivu to the central Lake Kivu town of Kibuye (130km, 3hrs). Arrive in Kibuye in the mid-morning, for a brief relaxation on the lake-shore (Boat Ride, Swimming, Water Sports) or take an optional 2-hour boat to Napoleon Island (a.k.a. Bat Island) where you can see the residence of a large colony of bats. After lunch at a Kibuye hotel the tour continues to the Volcanoes Mountains region (150km, 3.5hrs). Arrive at your volcanoes lodge in the early evening, for check-in and evening at leisure, with dinner included.

Day 5: Volcanoes National Park/Gorilla Trek/Cultural Village

Early breakfast at your lodge (06:45hrs). After breakfast, you will be transferred to the park headquarters for registration of your gorilla trek and allocation of the particular gorilla family to visit. After registration and allocation of a gorilla family, the trekkers are put into groups - each group's Lead Guide briefs the trekkers of the trekking procedures as well as the ?do's and don'ts while in the presence of gorillas. After the briefing, trekkers return to their respective vehicles for the drive up the mountain to the trek start point, or Trail-Head. Upon sighting the gorillas, you will stay with them for a magical one-hour as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting; raising their young.

Coming face to face with a giant silverback must truly be one of the greatest wildlife experiences on earth!
At the end of the trek, rejoin your driver-guide and transfer back to your lodge for freshening-up and lunch. Afternoon is at leisure ? to simply relax at your lodge, or take up one of the optional activities, such as the [Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village](#) visit. Your evening at leisure at your lodge, with dinner included.

The Ultimate Experience!!

- A Walking Stick is provided at the start-point ? to help steady your trekking
- Porters are also available ? to help carry your water bottle/hand luggage and/or even hold hand in slippery/steep sections (this is at a minimal charge of US\$10 per person, payable at the end))

Day 6: Volcanoes National Park ? 2nd Gorilla Trek or Golden Monkey Trek/Leisure

Breakfast at your lodge. Morning at leisure - one with nature under the shadows of the volcanoes mountains, with opportunity for a second gorilla trek or take-up the Golden Monkey trekking (the only other member of the primates species residing in the volcanoes).

For the Golden Monkey Trek:

Early breakfast at your lodge (06:45hrs). After breakfast, you will be transferred to the park headquarters for registration of your Golden Monkey Trek. At the end of the trek, rejoin your driver-guide and transfer back to your lodge for freshening-up and lunch.

Trekking to see the Golden Monkeys is another highlight of Volcanoes National Park. The Golden Monkey is a local sub-species of the widespread Sykes Monkey, also known as the ?Blue Monkey? and is endemic to the high altitude forests of the Volcanoes

National Park area. The monkeys are playful and inquisitive and often spend their time leaping from bamboo branches or frolicking on the forest floor. Just as with the Mountain Gorillas, visitors are permitted to stay for only 1 hour with the Golden Monkeys.

Early afternoon is leisure or the optional activity of a visit to the nearby spectacularly beautiful and picturesque **Twin Lakes of Burera & Ruhondo**. (time and weather permitting). Rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure at your lodge, with dinner included.

Day 7: Kigali/Akagera National Park

Breakfast at your lodge, followed by check-out. Morning, drive back to Kigali arriving in the early afternoon for lunch at one of Kigali's popular restaurants. After lunch, depart and drive eastwards, towards the border with Tanzania, to the [Akagera National Park](#) (150km, 2.5hrs). Arrive in the park in the late afternoon, for check-in at your lodge. Evening at leisure at your lodge, with dinner included.

Optional Activities:

- Sunset Boat Ride on Lake Ihema (04.30-05.30pm); @ US\$40.00pp;
- Night Game Drive - operated by park vehicle/driver + guide (from 05.30pm for 2.5hrs); @ \$US40.00 Per Person

Day 8: Akagera National Park - Full Day Game Viewing

Early breakfast at your lodge, after which you depart and drive to the northern part of the park for full-day of game-viewing and wildlife photography. Enjoy picnic/packed lunch (provided by your lodge), in-between your game-viewing. Late afternoon, drive back to your lodge for freshening up and a well-deserved rest. Evening at leisure at your lodge, with dinner included.

Day 9: Kigali City Tour/Depart

Breakfast at your hotel, followed by check-out and return to Kigali for an early lunch at one of Kigali's popular restaurants or at the **Hotel Mille Collines** (depicted in the film Hotel Rwanda, the hotel became famous after 1,268 people took refuge inside the building during the [Rwandan Genocide](#) of 1994). After lunch begin a sight-seeing tour of Kigali City, including the **Genocide Memorial Museum**. At the end of the city tour, depart for Kigali International Airport for your evening outbound flight.