

Volcanoes Primates-Lake Kivu



Excerpt:

A four day (three night) excursion that covers the adrenaline-pumping Gorilla Trek and Golden Monkey trek in Volcanoes National Park along with visits to the Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village and the Twin Lakes of Burera & Ruhondo before finishing up with a visit to the calm and relaxing Lake Kivu.

Description

Quote Includes:

- Kigali Airport Arrival + Departure transfers and assistance.
- Kigali City Tour on Day 01; (inclusive of applicable fees).
- Extra Lunch on Day 01, after the city tour.
- 02 Nights Accommodation at the Volcanoes, on Full-Board basis.
- 01 Nights Accommodation at Lake Kivu, on Full-Board basis.
- 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:

- Any accommodation in Kigali.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gorilla Trek Permit (quoted separately in main quote).

- Golden Monkey Trek Permit (quoted separately in main quote).
- Cultural Village Visit (quoted separately in main quote).
- 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 ? City Tour/Volcanoes National Park

Morning hours 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, embark on a morning sight-seeing tour of Kigali City, including the **Genocide Memorial Museum**. At the end of the city tour, enjoy 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, depart and drive north-west of the country to the Ruhengeri area ? at the foothills of the Volcanoes Mountains (94km, 2.5hrs). Arrive at your volcanoes lodge in the late afternoon for check-in and evening at leisure, with dinner included.

Day 2: Volcanoes National Park ? Gorilla Trek/Leisure

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 3: 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.

Afternoon is at leisure ? to simply relax at your lodge, or take up one of the optional activities, such as a visit to the nearby spectacularly beautiful and picturesque **Twin Lakes of Burera & Ruhondo**. (time and weather permitting). Later in the afternoon, depart and drive south-westwards ? down the winding roads and through the beautiful, rolling hill-sides to the shores of Lake Kivu ? Gisenyi. (65km ? 1.5hrs). Arrival in the late afternoon to an orientation tour of Gisenyi Town, the Rwanda/DRC border point of Goma, and then onward to your Lake Kivu hotel, for check-in. Evening at leisure at your hotel, with dinner included.

Day 4: Lake Kivu/Kigali/Depart

Breakfast at your hotel then a morning at leisure on the shores of Lake Kivu (swimming, boat rides, water sports, biking, hiking) or a guided Lake Kivu orientation drive ? including a visit to the hot springs and distant view of Rwanda's Methane Gas Plant. After lunch at your hotel and check-out, depart and drive back to Kigali (156km, 3.5hrs), arriving in the late afternoon ? with onward transfer to the Kigali International Airport for your evening outbound flight.