

ITINERARY

1. Arrive Kigali, Rwanda

You are welcomed on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy dinner and your first night in Rwanda, the "land of a thousand hills." (D)

Kigali Serena Hotel

2. Kigali / Parc National des Volcans

Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial, a moving testimony to this country's past, courageously overcome. After lunch, travel through the beautiful terraced hillsides, gradually ascending into the Virunga Mountains. Settle into your eco-lodge and let the sights and sounds of the rain forest envelop you. (BLD)

At your lodge, join a talk led by a leader in gorilla conservation to add more meaning to tomorrow's trek.

Virunga Lodge, Sabinyo Silverback Lodge or One&Only Gorilla's Nest

3. Parc National des Volcans

Rise early to start tracking through the steep and often muddy forest. While you may be lucky and catch up with the gorillas by mid-morning, sometimes tracking them down can take a full day, especially when it is wet. Quietly observe them as they feed on the lush foliage and tend to each other with uncannily human-like mannerisms. Return to the lodge in time for a late lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon. (BLD)

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4. Parc National des Volcans

Enjoy a day at leisure. Choose from a variety of optional excursions or perhaps go on a second trek (pre-purchase of the gorilla permit is required). Stroll through the forest to spot the lively golden monkeys. Trek in the footsteps of the late activist Dian Fossey on a full-day hike to visit her gravesite and the remains of her Karisoke Research Center. Visit Lake Kivu, take a guided walk to Lake Bulera or visit the Imbabazi Orphanage and have tea or lunch with the staff and volunteers. (BLD)

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5. Parc National des Volcans / Depart

Travel back to Kigali. Enjoy lunch, and then transfer to the airport for your onward arrangements.
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