

3 DAYS GORILLA TRACKING TOUR RWANDA

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Day 1: - PICK UP IN KIGALI- Genocide memorial visit and transfer to Ruhengeri

Day 2: PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS and GORILLA TREK

Day 3: SHOPPING AND DEPARTURE - gorilla tour aftermath.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: - PICK UP IN KIGALI- Genocide memorial visit and transfer to Ruhengeri

A gorilla tracking tour representative from AA SAFARIS AND TOURS LTD will meet with you and brief you about your booked gorilla trekking tour. In case you arrive early enough, you will indulge in a Kigali City tour around Kigali. Kigali is the Capital City of Rwanda. The Centre City of Rwanda, Kigali's geographical position has a Latitude of 1°57'South and lies on a longitude of 30°04'East. It is beautifully placed on a natural region called Bwanacyambwe within the immediacy of Nyabarongo river basin, between Mountain.Kigali with an altitude of 1852m above sealevel and Mountain .Jali. This seat of the government is fostered on interlocking hills, which increasingly meet and are alienated from each other by large valleys giving them elliptical shapes. Initially the city dominated the knolls of Nyarugenge and Nyamirambo which occupied an area of about 200hactares at the time of independence but has since then prolonged to cover Gikondo, Kacyiru, Kicukiro, Kicukiro Kimihurura, Kiyovu, Nyarutarama Remera and many other areas.! Kigali is a beautiful diminutive town and some refer to it as the city of the thousand hills. Kigali is 70% urban with a significant part that is rural with a population of relatively youth making up about 60% and women making slightly more of the percentage. Kigali city is inhabited by approximately 1 million inhabitants and it harbors one of the most famous and informative Genocide memorials. The genocide memorial centre has 3 permanent exhibition centers which include ;Education Centre, Memorial Gardens and National Documentation Centre, the largest of which gives a documentary of 1994 genocide. The area also has a children's memorial centre, and it is an exhibition on the history of several genocide hostility around the world. The site is a committed exhibition and a meaningful tribute to those who lost their loved ones as well as a form of a powerful educational tool for the new generations. After the city tour, you will be transferred to Kinigi now known as Musanze for diner and over nights at

Either;

Budget - KINIGI GUEST HOUSE

Mid RANGE - GORILLA VIEW LODGE / LEBAMBOU LODGE/ HOTEL GORILLAS/
GORILLA NEST CAMP

LUXURY- SABINYO SILVER BACK LODGE / VIRUNGA LODGE.

Day 2: PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS and GORILLA TREK

Take breakfast and report at 0730hrs to the Parc National des Volcans Headquarters in Kinigi office for registration, briefing and other formalities. Then drive on the brim of Parc National des Volcans depending on the group or family of gorilla that you will be allocated to trek. Thereafter go through the park for Gorilla trekking. The time taken to look out for the gorillas will vary with how close they will be and it is unpredictable because gorilla tracking takes place in their natural habitats. The gorilla safari here commences at about 2000 meters above sea level in the upmost slopes of the Volcanoes. After tracking and encountering your assigned group you will spend one hour in their company before tracking your steps down the volcanoes. An encounter after a backbreaking walk is a worthwhile! If time allows, you will visit the little known but eloquently gorgeous twin lakes of BULERA & RUHONDO at an extra cost .

Dinner & Overnight at the lodge of your budget.

Day 3: SHOPPING AND DEPARTURE - gorilla trekking tour ends

In this day you can relax before your flight connections or go for last minute shopping before being driven to the airport for your outbound flight.

GORILLA TOUR QUOTE US\$\$ PER PERSON /ACCOMMODATION TYPE	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	10 persons
BUDGET	\$1999	\$1507	\$1470	\$1390	\$1370	\$1253	\$1150
STANDARD	\$ 2690	\$ 1890	\$ 1770	\$ 1680	\$1650	\$1554	\$1490
RUSTIC LUXURY	\$ 3980	\$ 3290	\$ 2980	\$2890	\$2805	\$ 2706	\$2603

The price includes;

- Park entry fees
- Gorilla permits 1 for Rwanda
- Meals
- Ground transportation in a 4 x4 safari vehicle each of you with a window seat and fuel costs
- Full board accommodation

But it excludes; optional activities, tips, laundry fees, drinks and any other personal expenses.

ACCOMMODATION

KINIGI GUEST HOUSE

Locally branded as "Village Touristique de Kinigi" , Kinigi guest house is located at the brim of Sabyinyo Volcanic mountain in Kinigi district. It is only 11 Km from Ruhengeri town and it was founded and is managed by "Association de Solidarité des Femmes Rwandaises (ASOFERWA) an organization of orphans and widows. The profits produced from the guest house are used to look after women groups, orphans and needy people as well as local art and craft works of women and orphans. The guest house has over 20 rooms and on average it can accommodate over 40 people, with en suite showers which have hot and cold water. Kinigi guest house also has dormitories which can accommodate students or large groups of 16 and above on a small budget . These dorms have shared bathrooms, which have hot and cold water. Electricity is always available in all rooms. Kinigi guest house operates a restaurant, with great cuisines at great rates and it also has a lounge with a fire place where people can relax in the evening after Gorilla tracking.



RATES FOR KINIGI GUEST HOUSE

A SINGLE GOES FOR US\$ 40 per night Bed and breakfast

A DOUBLE OR TWIN GOES FOR US\$ 50 per person per night Bed and Breakfast

Meals depend on the menu .

MUHABURA LODGE IN KINIGI

Muhabura Hotel is located in Kinigi and it was built in a colonial style in 1954 . The lodge was renovated in 2008 .It has 30 rooms and apartments. It provides a cozy environment to relax in after Gorilla trekking or a day visit to the Northern are of Rwanda. The lodge is suitable for travelers who are on a very tight budget and are in Rwanda to just do Gorilla Tracking.



RATES FOR HOTEL MUHABURA

20,000 Rwf (US\$40) for Single rooms

25,000 Rwf (US\$50) for double or twin room and 30,000Rwf (US\$60) for apartment.

The above rates for Muhabura Lodge include Continental Breakfast but exclude meals.

MOUNTAIN GORILLA VIEW LODGE

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge has a standard value. It has magnificent outlooks of the Virunga volcanoes and easy access to Volcanoes National Park (PNV).

Simply placed on the gradient of Mt. Sabyinyo, Mountain Gorilla View Lodge has 30 individual stone cottages. The rooms offer both space and solitude. Every small lounge has an inglenook to ward off the chill at this elevation, a private verandah and en suite facilities with a shower. The fixtures, furniture, rooms are simple and

comfortable, with queen-size beds and individual safe for keeping money. Mountain Gorilla View lodge also has a generator which provides electricity to enhance production of hot water and electricity, usually from about 18h00; but the lodge expects to be connected to mains electricity in the nearby future.

The innermost central area has a bar and restaurant which can also serve as its dining area. It serves very delicious local food in good portions with a variety of starters, mains and desserts at dinner with tasty home cooking. Their Breakfast is a buffet with an assortment of cooked meals.



Mountains gorilla view lodge is a 15 minutes drive from the park headquarters and very ideal for standard budget travelers going to Park des Volcans for Gorilla Tracking in Rwanda.

Other activities that can be done while staying at the Mountain Gorilla View lodge are

- Tours to the Karisoke Research Centre
- Dian Fossey's grave trekking,
- Golden monkey trekking,
- Hiking in the Virungas,
- Visiting the wonderful Iby'Iwacu cultural village or one of the beautiful crater lakes.

The lodge has evening entertainment which is provided by local Childrens who always come from the neighboring areas. They usually sing and perform local dances.

Mountain Gorilla View lodge has professional staffs who warmly welcome their and provide a hot water bottle in beds at night for warmth and your cleaned walking boots make you feel incredibly indulged and pampered.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge was innovated by the first owners of Mountain gorilla nest camp and is no doubt a good substitute for Mountain gorilla Nest Cap ever since it go a fire outbreak.

RATES FOR GORILLA VIEW LODGE

A SINGLE GOES FOR US\$ 240 per night Full board

A DOUBLE OR TWIN GOES FOR US\$ 350 per person per night Full board

The lodge has no half board or bed and breakfast rates

MOUNTAIN GORILLA NEST LODGE / CAMP



An amazing encounter awaits you when you visit the Mountain Gorilla Nest camp. Experience the the Legendary Gorilla's family vicinity , share the serenity found in nature and wonder at the abundance of primates in this magical spot.

Simply placed on the Brim of the Virunga Volcano range this beautiful lodge offers magnificent vistas of Rwandan thousand hills and the slopes of the Volcanoes National Park.

Located in Northern Rwanda's Musanze district, Gorilla's Nest Lodge is nestled in a forest of Eucalyptus trees.

THE ORIGINAL GORILLAS NEST LODGE

Even though the Gorillas Nest Lodge recently caught up fire , it his being restored into a better place .

The Lodge is also still open to groups of up to 8 people who can stay at the famous Jack Hanna Cottage which takes 4 people and the adjacent Ranch Rooms which takes 4 people on the property with all meals prepared by a private chef in the Hanna Cottage.

The Jack Hanna Cottage was recently renovated to 5-star standards and ranks as the finest accommodation available in the region.

Guests are currently informed the lodge has a noise associated reconstruction of the main public building, limited to usual day hours.

The management and directors of the Mountain Gorilla Nest Lodge do regret any problems / inconveniences brought by the noise and assure all guests staying on the property in the intervening period of continuing excellent and personalized service.

We will update you about availability .

RATES FOR MOUNTAIN GORILLA NEST LODGE

A ROOM costs FOR US\$ 320 per person per night Full board

VIRUNGA VOLCANOES LODGE

In a magnificent area with nice views of the Virunga volcanoes Mountains and shimmering lakes Ruhondo and Bulera is where the Virunga Safari Lodge is placed. The lodge is well built on a magnificent slope and has eight rustic bandas with a scenic vista of the Virunga volcanoes and the twin lakes of lakes Ruhondo and Bulera.

The terraced gardens on this high edge are now well established, with a mysterious gaunt paradise garden as their focal point. Other than gorilla tracking , visitors to this lodge can indulge in a climb up the volcano to the Karisimbi , they can take part in golden monkey tracking, indulge in a trek to the late Dian Fossey's grave or stroll around the picturesque villages near the lakes. Three hours' drive from Kigali or a long day's drive from Kampala. Volcanoes Virunga Lodge has the most excellent views over this outstanding scenic region. It is owned and run by the Volcanoes group of companies. Virunga lodge is one of the best rustic luxury lodges around second to Sabinyo Silver back lodge . It is slightly cheaper than Sabinyo Silver back lodge though both of them offer the same discounted quote to tour operators .



RATES FOR VOLCANOES VIRUNGA LODGE

A double or Twin room costs USD 602 Per Person Sharing
 A Single Supplement costs USD 120

- The tariffs are on an all-inclusive basis and in addition to accommodation and meals, include unlimited consumption of all alcoholic and soft drinks; laundry services, and any activities .
- A complimentary massage is also offered.
- These are gross rates based on accommodation only reservations; clients on a full safari receive a discounted rate.
- Children 12 years and under sharing with adults pay 50% of the above rates.
- Infants under 2 years are free.

SABINYO SILVER BACK LODGE

Sabinyo Silver Back lodge is a few minutes away from the main offices of Volcanoes National Park . It is the most beautiful luxury lodge in Ruhengeri where tourists do Gorilla trekking on foothills of the magnificent Virunga Volcanoes's Perc Des Volcans which is also known as Volcanoes National park.

Sabinyo Silver back lodge is simply places on the slopes of the Virunga Volcanoes whose chain of 15,000 ft volcanoes stretches owing to Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The lodge has superlative views of the volcanoes and the neighboring countryside. Guest cottages and the main lodge building have been delightfully built and selected . The lodge is the perfect base for luxury travelers who wish to encounter the unique experience of Volcanoes National park in the fascinating spot of Africa. The lodge was set up by Governors' Camp and is owned by a Community Trust known as SACOLA, which uses a standard community fee from the lodge to drive socio-economic and conservation plans within the surrounding communities of Volcanoes National Park.

RATES FOR SABINYO SILVER BACK LODGE

A SINGLE GOES FOR US\$ 849 per night Full board Plus US\$58 as a community fee

A DOUBLE OR TWIN GOES FOR US\$ 679 per person per night Full board Plus US\$58 as a community fee

The lodge has no half board or bed and breakfast rates

