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TRIP DOSSIER: 4 Day Gorilla Trekking Safari

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Embark on a thrilling 4 days' adventure into the heart of Africa's most iconic forests. This safari begins in the bustling urban landscape of Kigali, Rwanda, and takes you through the picturesque hills of rural areas, ultimately leading you to the Bwindi Gorilla Forest in Uganda, renowned for its exceptional gorilla trekking experiences. Your adventure concludes with a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, providing a meaningful and reflective end to your safari.

NB: While it is our intention to operate the itinerary as printed below, it may be necessary to make changes due to flight schedules, weather conditions, accommodation availability, or other operational factors. Therefore, the order and location of overnight stops may vary.

Please note: Due to availability of Gorilla trekking permits, we might have to alter the programme and travel some distances.

Starting Point: Kigali, Rwanda

End Point: Kigali, Rwanda

Accommodation: Camp or Lodge

Included:

- Transportation in a 4x4 safari vehicle
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Gorilla permits: **\$800** per person
- Visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre
- Local market
- Services of English speaking driver/guide
- Mineral water
- All the activities specified in the itinerary inclusive of applicable entrance fees

Not included:

- International flights
- Optional activities and spa treatments
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Tips and gratuities

- Personal items and beverages not specified
- Visas for countries visited
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Brief Day by Day Description

Day 1: Arrival in Kigali and transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport in Rwanda, you will be warmly welcomed by one of our staff to brief you on your safaris and introduce you to the tour guides. They will greet you with a smile, embodying the hospitality of the land of a thousand hills, and transfer you to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Meals: Dinner



Gorilla



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Day 2: Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park in Uganda

In the morning, after breakfast, our guide will pick you up from your hotel to begin with Kigali city tour by visiting Kigali Genocide memorial center and Kimironko Local market, then after start your journey to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Southwestern Uganda. Along the way, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the beautiful scenery and terraced farming. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is home to half of the world's endangered mountain gorillas. You will have the afternoon to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Golden Monkey

Day 4: Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi NP and visit to Batwa Community

Early in the morning, enjoy a cup of coffee before preparing for a briefing from Uganda Wildlife Authority officials. Afterwards, you will enter the jungle to search for the mountain gorillas and observe their lifestyle in their natural habitat. Upon finding the gorillas, you can spend an hour watching these magnificent creatures and gazing into their big, round eyes. A gorilla safari requires a reasonable level of fitness.

The tracking experience can last half a day or a whole day, depending on the gorillas' movements. This experience will certainly leave you with unforgettable memories. In the afternoon, get ready for a village foot safari to explore the indigenous local life of Batwa, if time and conditions allows.

Dinner included at lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4: Transfer from Bwindi to Kigali for departure

Start your day with an early morning breakfast, followed by a short sightseeing experience, perfect for photography and capturing the final memories of your adventure. Afterwards, board your vehicle and drive back to Kigali. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch in Kigali, and if time permits, take the opportunity to explore the city's vibrant streets and shop for unique local souvenirs. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch



Gorilla Mother and Baby



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Terms and Conditions

Price Includes:

- Shared accommodation
- Entrance Fees and park fees
- Transfers and activities, as listed
- Professional Guide
- Water
- Meals as listed
- Gorilla Trekking Permit

Price Excludes:

- Flights
- Unspecified Meals
- All Beverages
- Sleeping Bags and pillow
- Optional Activities & Entrance Fees
- Visas, travel insurance, tips and personal expenses

Practical Info

**** Excursions:** A qualified grade 1 safari guide will accompany clients on all excursions except where it is necessary to employ a guide from local parks.

- Please feel free to add on to this tour with any of the other possible tours we offer in the area.
- The accommodation specified in the itinerary is a guide only and subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard if required.
- The Dollar rate is just an indication of the price at the current exchange rate, it

cannot be guaranteed until a confirmed booking is made

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Climate:

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest enjoys a tropical rainforest climate, with mild temperatures year-round thanks to its high altitude (1,200–2,600 m). Days are usually warm and humid, while nights can be cool or even chilly. Rain can fall at any time of the year, but the wettest months are typically March to May and October to November. The drier seasons—from June to September and December to February—offer the best conditions for gorilla trekking, though light showers are still possible.

Baggage:

- 1 soft bag (maximum 20kg)
- 1 daypack

Clothing and Footwear:

- Lightweight cotton, long sleeves for sun protection
- Warm layers for cold nights
- Waterproof jacket and raincoat
- Hiking boots and sandals
- Swimwear, sunhat, insect repellent
- Long hiking pants
- Camelback or container to carry water

Equipment:

- Head torch
- Sunglasses, sunscreen
- Binoculars
- Camera and cover for dust
- Basic first aid, and personal medication
- Malaria Prophylaxis Recommended

Visas and Permits:

Rwanda

European passport-holders must hold a passport valid for at least 6 months on arrival.

Tourist visas are available on arrival or online. Single-entry visas cost US \$50 for 30 days, and multiple-entry visas cost US \$70.

There is also the regional East Africa Tourist Visa (covering Rwanda, Uganda & Kenya) valid for 90 days, costing US \$100. Always check for latest updates before travel.

Uganda

European travellers likewise must have a passport valid for at least 6 months, and must obtain a tourist visa (via the online e-Visa portal).

The standard single-entry tourist visa fee is US \$50.

For multiple-entry tourist visas (6-12 months) the fee is US \$100, and for 24 months around US \$200.

The East Africa Tourist Visa (Kenya–Uganda–Rwanda) also applies here at US \$100.



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Use the official government e-visa / immigration sites:

For Rwanda: the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration (migration.gov.rw) — they publish visa types and how to apply online.

(Rwanda's online visa service is also available via the IREMBO e-services portal).

For Uganda: the official Uganda e-Visa portal visas.immigration.go.ug (run by the Directorate of Citizenship & Immigration). Apply/check status there; the National Immigration site (immigration.go.ug) has additional guidance.

Tip: always use the government domains above (or your nearest official embassy/consulate page) — embassy sites also warn that third-party sites may be fraudulent.

Vaccinations & Health Advice: Vaccination requirements & other health advice can change, so please check with a specialized travel clinic for up-to-date information before you depart. Rwanda

Entry requirement

A certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required for travelers aged ≥ 1 year only if arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

If coming directly from a "non-yellow-fever risk" country, yellow fever vaccine may not be required.

Recommended vaccinations Even if not required, the following are strongly recommended before travel: Hepatitis A — recommended for most travelers (food/water-borne risk).

Typhoid — especially if visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or staying with locals.

Rabies — if you will be in remote areas, have animal-contact risk.

Meningitis — in some travel-health guidance for Rwanda (especially during dry season).

Influenza / COVID-19 / pneumonia / other routine adult vaccinations should also be considered.

Uganda

Entry requirement

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travelers

The certificate should be obtained at least 10 days prior to travel.

Recommended vaccinations In addition to the requirement above:

Hepatitis A — recommended for most travellers.

Typhoid — food/water-borne risk especially in rural/less-developed settings.

Hepatitis B — for longer stays or potential exposure.

Rabies — recommended for those who will be

working/visiting remote areas, having animal-contact risk. Meningitis, influenza, COVID-19, etc. — depending on itinerary, season and personal risk.

Local costs: 4 Breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners are included

Meals are indicated as follows:

B- Breakfast

L- Lunch

D-Dinner

Approximate costs are for guidance only and may vary widely according to location and type of establishment.

Coffee/tea USD\$2.50

Soft drink USD\$1.00

Medium beer USD\$2.80

***Reasonable Mid-range tourist class restaurant**

Optional excursions:

Some or all the excursions detailed below may be available; others not listed may also be available. Approximate costs per person are given for guidance only and may depend on the number of participants. Your safari guide should be able to assist you in arranging them as well as advise you on any.

For better or worse, tipping is an accepted part of everyday life, and - although it is always at your discretion - you will be expected to tip to reward service. Your tour guide will give you an indication of when and how much is appropriate. This can vary widely, but please allow USD 60per person for this tour.



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Seasonal changes: Although all rooms/chalets in malaria areas that we use are protected with mosquito netting; there will be insects and mosquitoes about. The camps, lodges and resorts are essentially "al fresco" so you should be prepared with insect repellent and appropriate long sleeved/legged clothing. Insects are attracted to light at night and are especially prevalent during the rainy season. Switching the lights off and placing a hurricane lamp a distance from you will remove the problem.

The evenings and mornings will be chilly from about June to August: so, it is advisable to take a light sweater or fleece

Currency: USD is accepted in Rwanda and Uganda.

Local currencies used area:

Rwanda: Rwandan Franc (RWF)

Uganda: Uganda Shilling

We recommend that you bring all you need for the trip in cash in US\$ or make use of your debit or credit card.

NB: Pre- 2007-dollar bills are not accepted in most African countries

Airport Tax: This should be included in your air ticket. Please confirm with your air carrier



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Average Temperature for Uganda

