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Trip Duration: 5 days

Trip Difficulty:

Destination: Rwanda

Begins in: Kigali

Activities: 



INCLUDED

- Airport transfers
- Game drives in 4x4 safari vehicle
- Gorilla & chimpanzee permits (if applicable)
- All park fees
- Accommodations
- All meals
- Ground transportation
- Guide / driver
- All Value Added Tax (VAT)

EXCLUDED

- Airfare
- Beverages
- Tips

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Itinerary

DAY 1 Depart for Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

On morning arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will meet our safari guide representative. We will leave for Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, home to the endangered mountain gorillas. Bird and primate life in Bwindi is exquisite, with an abundant collection of flora. Once continuous with the forests of the Virunga Volcanoes (Dian Fossey's stomping ground), Bwindi is now an ecological island, surrounded by cultivation on the rich volcanic soils.

DAY 2 Gorilla Trekking

Today we head to the park headquarters for a briefing from the Uganda Wildlife Authority before setting off to the forest to see the mountain gorillas. The ranger guides will take you through the forest tracking gorillas, which can take from half an hour to five hours. A reasonable degree of fitness is required as well as a sturdy pair of walking shoes. If you have the afternoon free, you will take a guided village walk to see how the Ugandans live.

DAY 3 Depart for Parc National Des Volcans

We drive to Kisoro and cross the Uganda-Rwanda border to Ruhengeri in Rwanda. Ruhengeri is a city in northern Rwanda's Musanze district and serves as the base for gorilla trekking. The drive is scenic, and we arrive in the late afternoon or early evening. We can stroll around the lodge or relax and take in the panoramic sunset over the volcanoes.

DAY 4 Gorilla Trekking

Early in the morning, you will enter the gorilla sanctuary of Parc National des Volcans. The trekking is a demanding but rewarding experience. The time spent in the forest depends on the location of the gorillas, and can take from as little as a half an hour up to five hours. If you have the afternoon free, you can drive to Gisenyi to visit Ross Carr's orphanage and Lake Kivu or visit the local school, community projects or walk to Lake Bulera.

Day 5 Return to Kigali

After breakfast, drive to Kigali and have a city tour. In the afternoon transfer to the airport if applicable.



RWANDA

Best Time to Visit

Rwanda sits just a few degrees south of the equator and has a temperate tropical highland climate with lower temperatures, typical for equatorial countries due to its high elevation. There are some temperature variations across the country; the mountainous west and north are generally cooler than the lower-lying east.

The country experiences two rainy seasons a year, February to June rain is heavy and persistent. The shorter, less severe rainy season begins in September and lasts through December. The rainy seasons are separated by dry seasons, from June to September when the country often sees no rain at all. The shorter dry season is December to February. Rwanda offers good weather throughout the year, but when planning a visit the dry seasons are preferable and offer better wildlife viewing..

Temperature

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Average High (F)	81	82	80	79	79	80
Average Low (F)	60	60	61	60	61	60

Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average High (F)	81	83	83	81	79	80
Average Low (F)	59	60	61	60	60	60

Entry Requirements

Rwanda Visas are issued on arrival. US Citizens do not pay an entry fees. A passport valid for six months after date of entry is required. Visitors must hold return/onward tickets and all documents required for their next destination.

Vaccinations

Rwanda does not require proof of a valid Yellow Fever immunization certificate, but the country from which you came and are returning to, will ask. (Immigration officials might force a visitor to get immunized, which is at an extra cost). Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, and Typhoid immunizations are recommended for all travelers. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended and you should consult your local doctor or physician to advise which malaria medication is best suited for you. Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the CDC's Internet site at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>.



Travel Advisories

Make two photocopies of valuables such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers' cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

Be sure to inform your credit card company as well as your bank you will travel internationally into Africa. This will eliminate any credit card holds for fraudulent activity.

Currency

Carrying cash, an ATM or traveler's check card and also a credit card that can be used for cash advances in case of emergency is advisable. The best places to exchange money are normally bureau de change, which are fast, have longer hours and often give slightly better rates than banks. Local currency is Rwandan Francs (RWF), however most places accept USD. Better hotels, lodges, and camps will accept credit cards, however it is advised to withdraw cash when visiting remote areas and villages.

Government

Rwanda – is a presidential republic whereby the President of Rwanda is both head of state and head of government.

Religion

Rwanda – 56.5% of Rwanda's population is Roman Catholic, 26% is Protestant, 11.1% is Seventh-day Adventist, 4.6% is Muslim, 1.7% claims no religious affiliation, and 0.1% practices traditional indigenous beliefs.