



14 DAYS GRAND RWANDA TOUR

Day 1: ARRIVAL - KIGALI

Arrival of your flight at *Kigali International Airport*. Meet and greet assistance. You will be warmly welcomed by our company representative outside customs and immigration hall. Transfer to your city hotel for check in. Tour briefing will be done at the hotel lobby.



Dinner and overnight stay.

THE RETREAT BY HEAVEN (HB – Dinner, Bed and Breakfast)

Room category : Deluxe king room

Day 2: KIGALI (FULL DAY KIGALI CITY TOUR)

After breakfast at 08h30, you will proceed on a morning tour of Kigali city that includes The Kigali Genocide Memorial Center, Inema arts centre & Kimironko local market. Lunch will be at the PiliPili Restaurant. Highlight: After the 1994 unspeakable awfulness, several burial places in the country were established as memorial sites. They include the Kigali Genocide Memorial where 250,000 genocide victims were buried. Learn about Rwanda's history from pre-colonial times to the 1994 genocide; learn about other genocides in the world and how this country has dealt with that past.



14h00: Proceed to *the Nyamirambo women's center*. You will have briefing before you start a *guided walking tour*.



The walking tour begins at the Women's Center with a traditional snack, a quick Kinyarwanda language lesson, and an introduction to the Center and its activities. It then weaves through Nyamirambo, one of Kigali's oldest neighborhoods. Along the way guides lead participants into a women's hairdressing salon where the adventurous type can get a free braid; into a family compound to pound cassava leaves; by two mosques and a lookout view over Kigali; and into a tailor shop to feel the fabrics you'll otherwise see styled on the streets. The tour concludes with a traditional lunch made and served in the home of Aminatha, NWC's best cook.

Have Lunch at Pili Pili Restaurant

Afternoon visit Inema Arts Center spurs creativity for personal, social, and economic growth. Here, you will witness the use of creative expression to bring the community and country alive.



Dinner and overnight stay

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Day 3 : KIGALI → AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK (27 minutes scenic helicopter flight) GAME DRIVES VIEWING

09h00:Afterbreakfat at the hotel.Check out and transfer to Kigali International Airport for your scenic helicopter flight to **AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK**, departing at **14h00**.



After 30 minutes,you will land at the *Magashi Helipad*. Met by the camp driver guide and proceed to the camp for check in . Have Lunch. Afternoon embark on a guided game drives in a shared camp vehicle. The game drive in Akagera National Park provides you with the opportunity to view gentle hills blending beautifully with lowland swamps and water bodies. You will visit the Giraffe area in the south and the lakes road up towards Birengero. Akagera National park is a home for animals like elephant buffalo, Giraffe, zebra and more than a dozen types of antelope inhabit the park, most commonly the handsome chestnut-coated impala, but also the diminutive oribi and secretive bushbuck, as well as the ungainly tsessebe and the world's largest antelope, the statuesque Cape eland.



13h00: Return to camp for lunch. The afternoon will be at leisure or you may opt for an afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight. Nine tents are spaced widely apart on either side of a thatched reception and dining area, set back from the lake shore and hidden among swaying palms and fruiting fig trees. With a maximum of 20 guests, the lodge a quiet an intimate retreat. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom with hot and cold running water, a dressing area and either comfortable queen or $\frac{3}{4}$ twin beds, with a small patio at the front and accessible by wooden boardwalks. Another boardwalk leads to a large deck with a fireplace sits under a shady fig tree overlooking Lake Ihema. Solar energy entirely powers the Lodge and the lodge prides itself on being environmentally conscious.



Six spacious and airy tents offer uninterrupted views over Lake Rwanyakazinga, while Magashi's main area comprises a luxurious lounge, dining and bar area, pool, and expansive viewing deck with a convivial fire pit. The architecture and interiors pay homage to traditional Rwandan culture.

Dinner and overnight stay.

MAGASHI TENTED CAMP (FB -Lunch, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, a selection of drinks, laundry, brochured camp activities)

Room category : Tented room

Day 4: AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK (AM BOAT CRUISE / PM GAME DRIVES)

Today after your breakfast, you will go for a **boat excursion on Lake Ihema**, which will take you to the island that is inhabitant to several species of birds. Lining the lakes are some of the continent's densest concentrations of water birds, while the connecting marshes are the haunt of the endangered and exquisite papyrus gonolek, and the bizarre shoebill stork - the latter perhaps the most eagerly sought of all African birds. After your boat excursion.



After this, continue with game drive. Picnic lunches. Return to the camp in the evening.

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Dinner and overnight stay



All meals and overnight at the camp

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Day 5 : AKAGERA (AM BEHIND THE SCENE TOUR) / ATRENOON AT LEISURE)

Have breakfast at the camp **08h00:** Have a **behind the scenes tour** at the park offices.This tour explains the key partnerships of the park including Law enforcement control room, patrol teams and canine unit 'dog show



12h00: Have lunch at the Camp.Aftenoon at leisure relaxing at the camp. Dinner and overnight at the camp.

MAGASHI TENTED CAMP (FB -Lunch,Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, a selection of drinks, laundry, brochured camp activities)

Day 6 : AKAGERA → NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK (1h00 scenic Helicopter flight)

08h00: After early breakfast at the camp, you will check out and settle all extras. **08h30:** Transfer to Magashi Helipad for your scenic helicopter flight to **NYUNGWE FOREST** National Park where the largest montane forest East and Central Africa is found. The heart of

Nyungwe Forest is like a scene from a fairy tale. Tall old mahoganies, ebonies and giant tree ferns tower above you, whilst orchids and other epiphytes cling to every branch. Brightly coloured birds flit around, butterflies are everywhere, and walking quietly you may even encounter larger forest residents, including a variety of primates for which Nyungwe National Park is renowned.



09h30: Land at the lodge helipad, met by our driver guide and transfer to the lodge where you will be assisted with check in. Afternoon at leisure to relax.



ONE & ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drink) Room category : Nyungwe Room

Day 7: NYUNGWE (CHIMPANZEE TREK / TEA TOUR)

Unlike other countries like Uganda where chimpanzee tracking activity starts at **08h00**, here in Nyungwe Forest National Park the activity starts at **06h00**. You will enter into the forest when its dark but you will be able to see primate species such as Colobus monkeys, forest birds and later, you will be able to see the chimpanzees when its already day time.



After the chimpanzee trekking, you will return to the lodge at around **11h00**, later your lunch. Brief rest.

16h00: You will have a guided tour of Gisakura Tea plantation and factory. Tea is Rwanda's largest export, and you can see it in the landscape. Tea leaves cover the mountains and give a dark green contrast to the blue skies, dirt roads and sunshine. Fertile volcanic soils provide for the perfect tea making environment, making Rwanda the perfect home for these endless plantations. You can discover how tea is harvested and even get to taste the specialty!



Return to the lodge. Dinner and overnight stay

ONE & ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drink & complementary brochured activities)

Day 8: NYUNGWE (AM AT LEISURE / COMPLIMENTARY BROCHURED ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE) & PM CANOPY WALK)

The morning will be at leisure to relax or you may opt to take part in one of the complimentary lodge activities offered e.g. Boot camp spear throwing, Conservation Walk, Exploring by bicycle or Nyungwe Nocturnal walk or nature walks etc



Have lunch at the lodge. We will transfer you to the park headquarters for canopy walk briefing that takes place at **14h00**. Your guided canopy walk will start at **15h00**. Experience the rainforest from a dazzling new perspective – on the famous Canopy Walkway. The only walk of its kind in East Africa, this breathtaking construction hangs 60 metres above the forest floor between giant trees and towers, revealing a stunning view of the flora and fauna, both below and above. An iconic experience, not to be missed!



Return to the lodge later in the evening. Dinner and Overnight stay.



ONE & ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE (All Inclusive- Lunch, Dinner, Bed and breakfast, a selection of drink & complementary brochured activities)

Day 9 : NYUNGWE - ILIZA HOUSE BOAT – LAKE KIVU IN GISENYI (4h00 boat transfer)

After breakfast.09h00 check out and transferred to the **Kibuye** boat dock for the **Iliza House Boat** to **Gisenyi**



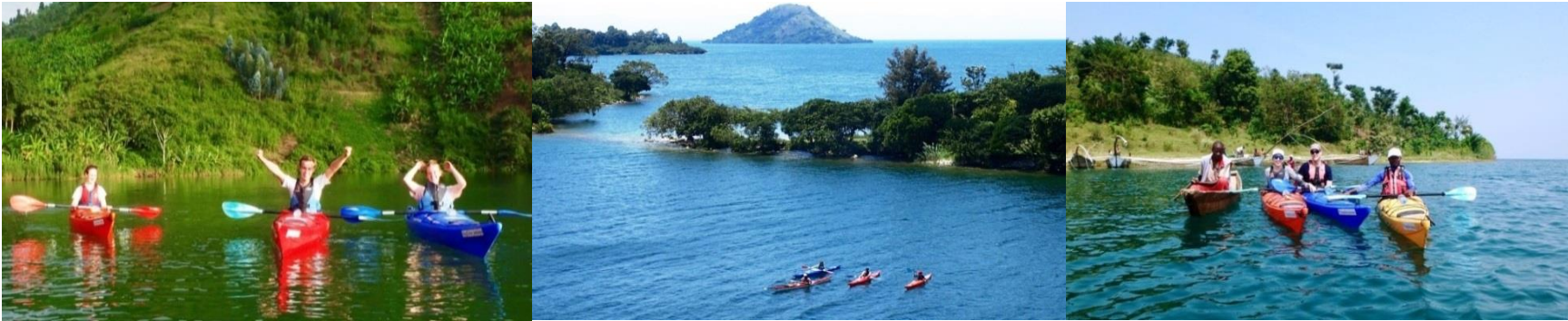
You will have a tasty barbeque lunch on board,soft drinks.Evening arrival at the Gisenyi boat dock.Meet by your driver guide who will transfer you to your hotel.Evening at leisure.

LAKE KIVU SERENA HOTEL (FB I.e. Lunch (Iliza House Boat),Dinner,Bed and Breakfast, selection of soft drinks)

Room category : Deluxe room

Day 10 : GISENYI (KAYAK TOUR) – MUSANZE & VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the **Kingfisher journey jetty** for briefing before you start your kayaking in Lake Kivu at **11h00**.



Kayak on a journey of discovery through the African countryside. Travel peacefully along the spectacular coast of one of Africa's Great Lakes and witness the verdant landscape, vibrant local communities, birds and wildlife that thrive in the water, on the shores and islands of Lake Kivu. After this wonderful experience, return to the hotel for lunch. This afternoon, assisted with check out and drive to **MUSANZE & VOLCANOES**. Arrive at the lodge assisted with check in.



Dinner and overnight stay.

ONE & ONLY GORILLA'S NEST LODGE (All Inclusive-breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages with meals and two activities per person per day (as defined by the Resort and subject to change without notice).

Room category : Forest King room

Day 11: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (GORILLA TREK / VILLAGE CULTURAL TOUR)

06h30: After an early breakfast at the lodge, proceed to the park headquarters in time for Gorilla Trek briefing at **07h00**. We will then transfer you to the trail head of your guided walk that begins at **08h00**. Volcanoes National Park is the Rwandan section of the great volcanic massif called the Virunga Mountains that straddles the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the DRC. The massif covers a huge area of over 8,000km², encompassing six active and three extinct volcanoes. There is no other wildlife experience quite like an encounter with mountain gorillas. That precious hour spent in their company – watching the group playing, sulking, teasing each other, eating, or dozing just like we do – is extraordinary. And the gorilla tracking safaris in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park are among the best in Africa.



Rwanda is now home to twelve habituated groups of mountain gorillas that are scattered all over Volcanoes National Park. Gorilla trekking can be arduous – some of the groups wander high up the mountainsides – but it is always utterly rewarding. Volcanoes National Park also has a historic connection with gorilla conservation. It was the base for the ground-breaking work of primatologist Dian Fossey which started in the late 1960s and is evocatively portrayed in the book and film *Gorillas in the Mist*. After this memorable experience, you will return to the lodge for lunch. – You will visit the ***Gorilla guardian's village*** for a cultural experience. Ibyi Iwacu is changing the traditional perception of what constitutes tourism by turning fate into fame through sharing various aspects of rural cultures and livelihoods into tourist attractions and creating income-generating activities for rural poor people that have reformed from living on bush meat and poaching for generations.



17h00: Return to the lodge. Evening will be at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay.

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Day 12: VOLCANOES (FREE DAY AT LEISURE / OPTIONAL GOLDEN MONKEY TREK)

Spend the day free at leisure relaxing at the lodge or Rise early in the morning and breakfast at the lodge. Proceed to the Park's headquarters for briefing about your trek. You will then be transferred by vehicle to the start point of the guided walk that begins at **08h00** in search of the **Golden Monkeys**.



Trekking to see the golden monkeys is another highlight of Volcanoes National Park. The Golden Monkey (*Cercopithecus mitis kandti*) is a local subspecies of the widespread Sykes Monkey, also known as the "Blue Monkey" and is endemic to the high altitude forests. There are two habituated groups of Golden Monkey, one group comprises around 80 - 100 members and has its home at the foot of Mt Sabyinyo. As with treks to see the Mountain Gorillas, treks to see the Golden Monkeys take place in the mornings and visitors are permitted to stay for 1 hour with the monkeys. The number of visitors is not limited.

After this memorable experience, you will proceed to the lodge for lunch. Afternoon at leisure enjoying the lodge facilities and scenery. Dinner and overnight at

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Day 13: VOLCANOES (THE DIANNE FOSSEY FOUNDATION / KARISOKE RESEARCH CENTRE) – KIGALI (02h30 drive)

Breakfast at the lodge and check out and proceed to the **Karisoke Research Center** and learn more about the efforts done by the government of Rwanda to protect the endangered mountain gorillas.

The Karisoke exhibit consists of seven sections:

- Gorillas: Overview, behavior, life history of mountain gorillas
- Dian Fossey and the history of Karisoke
- Conservation and challenges
- Biodiversity: Other animals and plants in the forest
- Working with local communities
- The Virunga mountain

All of the exhibit's sections include panels and posters are filled with information and photos, and many also include iPads with videos, photos and additional information. For those who want to learn more about gorillas, the gorilla section includes not only detailed information about gorillas, such as diet, behavior, and social structure, but also skeletal models and audio recordings of gorilla vocalizations.



After this educative experience. Have a leisurely scenic drive to **KIGALI**. Arrive in time for lunch at the **Pilipili Restaurant**.

If time permits, we will take you to visit local crafts shops. They have beautiful souvenirs that are locally made.



Proceed to your hotel. Evening at leisure.

Dinner and overnight stay

THE RETREAT BY HEAVEN (FB – Lunch(*Pili pili*), Dinner, Bed and Breakfast)

Room category : *Deluxe king room*

Day 14: KIGALI → DEPART

After breakfast at the hotel ,you will be assisted with check out and settlement of extras. Proceed to Kigali International Airport. Check in for your international flight back home. **End of our service and wishing you an excellent tour!**

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- VIP Meet and greet assistance on arrival
- Airport and inter-hotel transfers from day 1 to the last day
- All activities, visits, entrances and extra meals/drinks mentioned in the itinerary
- Accommodation at the **Retreat Hotel By Heaven** on Half board basis
- **The price at Maghashi** includes :*(All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.*
- **One & Only Nyungwe House** includes breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, minibar, non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic house beverages with meals and two activities per person per day *(as defined by the Resort and subject to change without notice).*
- Accommodation at **One & Only Gorilla Nest Lodge** includes breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, minibar, non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic house beverages with meal
- Exclusive use of a private safari land cruiser 4x4 with WI-FI in receptive areas

- Services of a professional, experienced English speaking driver guide
- 1 Gorilla permit per person (**this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 1,500.-**)
- 1 Chimpanzee trek permit per person (**this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 90.-**)
- 1 Canopy walk permit per person (**this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 60.-**)
- Iliza House boat transfer (Kibuye to Gisenyi) inclusive of lunch
- Kayak tour in Lake Kivu
- Bottled mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- Helicopter transfers from Kigali – Akagera and Akagera - Nyungwe (taxes included)

Augusta 109 Maximum total weight is 380 kg (inclusive of luggage)- upon confirmation, we will require client weights.

Terms and Conditions

- ***The maximum weight allowed will change depending on your destination altitude, the higher the altitude the lighter the weight***
- ***We will need the precise weight of passengers beforehand and will advise the weight that is permitted for their journey***
- ***There can be cancellations and change of flight times due to adverse weather conditions***
- Emergency Medical Evacuation Services
- Our assistance

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic airline tickets unless where indicated,
- Entry visa fees,
- Optional extras whilst in Kigali
- Optional 1 Golden monkey permit per person (**this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 100.-**) on day 12
- Drinks throughout the trip,
- Tips and gratuities,
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, mini bar, porter-age, travel insurance, etc.