



#### 4 DAYS GORILLA TREK STAYING AT BISATE LODGE

##### **Day 1: ARRIVAL → KIGALI - (Optional Kigali Genocide Memorial) - VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (2hrs30 minutes drive)**

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. Tour briefing will be done at the hotel lobby. After the breakfast, embark on an optional city tour include the Kigali (Gisozi) Genocide Memorial.

The Kigali Memorial exists is a permanent memorial to those who fell victim to the genocide in 1994. It deals with a topic of international importance, with far-reaching significance, and is designed to engage and challenge an international visitor base. Here you will be able to visit the three permanent exhibitions, the largest of which documents the genocide and pay tribute to the victims of the genocide.



You will later be transferred to **Musanze & Volcanoes National Park**. Arrival and check in at the **Bisate Lodge**. Have lunch. Afternoon at leisure.



Dinner and overnight stay.

**BISATE LODGE (FB – Lunch, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, a selection of drinks, laundry, activities at the lodge)**

**Day 2: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (Gorilla trek / (Optional Village Cultural tour)**

Early breakfast at the lodge then proceed to the park headquarters in time for your Gorilla Trek briefing at **07h00**. Your guided walk begins at **08h00**. The largest gorilla group or family ever studied is in Rwanda and was led by Cantsbee (died in 2017). This was the oldest known mountain gorilla in the whole world. A gorilla family is led by a silverback. These troops also include several younger males, adult and juvenile females, and infants. In addition to providing protection to group members, silverbacks maintain order and decide all activities within their troop. They schedule feeding trips, resting time, and travel. They also father the majority of the young in the group.



After this memorable experience, you will proceed to the lodge for lunch and also to clean your trekking boots.

This afternoon at **15h30** – You will have an **optional** visit the *Ibyi Iwacu 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.



Return to the lodge in the evening. Dinner and overnight.

**BISATE LODGE (FB –Lunch, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast,a selection of drinks, laundry, activities at the lodge)**

**Day 3: VOLCANOES (Golden monkey trek) – KIGALI (2hrs30 minutes drive)**

Rise early in the morning and breakfast at the lodge. Check out and 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 the experience, transfer to the lodge for an early lunch and to refresh. You will then be transferred to **Kigali**. Check in at the Hotel. Evening at leisure.



Dinner and overnight stay.

**KIGALI SERENA HOTEL (FB: Lunch, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast)**

#### Day 4: KIGALI → OUTBOUND

Assisted with check out and proceed to Kigali International Airport, check in for your out bound flight to your next destination.

**Wishing you an excellent trip!**

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Meet and greet on arrival
- Airport and inter-hotel transfers from day 1 to the last day
- Meals and accommodation on Halfboard bases at **Kigali Serena Hotel**.
- **Bisate Lodge accommodation rate includes:** meals, alcoholic and soft drinks, laundry services, any activities at the lodges, and one complimentary massage per guest and applicable VAT.
- Exclusive use of a private safari land cruiser 4x4 with WI-FI in receptive areas
- Services of a professional, experienced English speaking driver guide
- Bottled mineral water in the vehicle during the tour
- 1 Gorilla permit per person (**this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 1,500.-**)
- 1 Golden monkey permit per person (**this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 100.-**)
- All activities, visits and extra meals mentioned in the itinerary

- Emergency Medical Evacuation Services
- All government taxes.

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS**

- International and domestic airline tickets unless where indicated,
- Entry visa fees,
- Optional visit to The Kigali Genocide Memorial on day 1( US\$ 30 per person)
- Optional village cultural tour on day 2( US\$ 30 per person)
- Optional Breakfast at Kigali Serena Hotel on day 1( US\$ 40 per person)
- Optional extras whilst in Kigali
- Drinks throughout the trip,
- Tips and gratuities,
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, mini bar, porter-age, travel insurance, etc.