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Kigali - Volcanoes National Park 4 Days / 3 Nights



# Introduction

Accommodation	Туре	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Kigali Marriott Hotel		Kigali	НВ	Club rooms	1 Night
→ Kigali Serena Hotel	alternate			Deluxe Rooms	
One & Only Gorilla's Nest		Volcanoes National Park	FB+	1x Forest King Lodge	2 Nights
→ Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel	alternate			Deluxe Rooms	

## Key

HB: Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

# Included

- Meet and greet assistance on arrival
- Airport and inter-hotel transfers from day 1 to the last day
- 1 Night Accommodation at Kigali Marriott Hotel or Kigali Serena on Half board basis
- All activities as highlighted in the itinerary
- Genocide Memorial Visit
- 2 Nights at One & Only Gorillas Nest 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

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change without notice).

- 1 Gorilla permit per person (this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek US\$ 1500.-)
- 1 Golden Monkey permit per person (this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek US\$ 100.-)
- Exclusive use of a private safari land cruiser 4x4 with WI-FI in receptive areas
- •Services of a professional, experienced English speaking driver guide.
- Village/ Cultural Visit in Volcanoes.
- •Bottled mineral water in the vehicle during the tour.
- Our assistance.

#### **Excluded**

- International and domestic airline tickets unless where indicated,
- All extra activities, visits, entrances and extra meals/drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Entry visa fees,
- Optional extras whilst in Kigali
- Premium drinks throughout the trip,
- Tips and gratuities,
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, mini bar, porter-age, travel insurance, etc.

# Day 1: Kigali Marriott Hotel, Kigali

#### Kigali

Rwanda's capital and biggest city stretches across lush undulating hills surrounded by towering mountains, the largest of which is Mount Kigali, rising 1850 metres above sea level. Kigali is the country's financial, commercial and cultural hub, served by an international airport and featuring a wide range of accommodation options. It also offers a collection of restaurants and points of interest, including the Kigali Genocide Centre, an atmospheric market and numerous craft shops. With its interesting architecture, busy streets, meandering boulevards, and green hillsides, Kigali is said to be one of the most attractive cities in Africa and is definitely worth a visit.

#### Day Itinerary

- TBA: Arrival time flight time into Kigali
- TBA: VIP meets & greet through immigration procedures.
- TBA: COVID test is done at the Airport on payment of US\$ 60.00 per person.
- TBA: Pick up from Kigali International Airport for a 25 minutes transfer to Kigali Hotel.
- TBA Arrival at Marriott hotel for Check-in.
- TBA: Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel

# **Overnight: Kigali Marriott Hotel**

Experience the highest standard of comfort and convenience at Kigali Marriott Hotel. This premier luxury business hotel in Kigali is conveniently located along KN3 Avenue in downtown Kigali, close to the financial district, embassies, government ministries and Kigali City Hall. Timeless elegance surrounds you on arrival to a modern and spacious lobby and grand stairs. Experience spacious guest rooms decorated in warm pastel colors and fitted with the latest in technology. Visit Cucina Restaurant for tasty, innovative Italian fare and Lobby Bar for cocktails and city vistas. Complete your stay with a day of pampering at Saray Spa, the largest spa in the city, with its 5-star treatments and

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outdoor pool. Featuring the largest meeting space in the city, the hotel in Kigali is ideal for hosting productive conventions, elegant weddings and retreats of all sizes. Whether here for business or leisure, their Kigali luxury hotel offers all the amenities you'll need for an unforgettable retreat in Kigali, Rwanda.





# Alternate: Kigali Serena Hotel

Ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel centres on the Executive Lounge and bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating. The capital's natural business hub, the hotel also boasts its own extensive conference centre, 500-seater auditorium and lavish ballroom.

The hotel features 148 rooms. Guests can choose from a selection of 60 Standard Rooms, 37 Superior Rooms, 19 Deluxe Rooms, 18 Junior Suites, 7 Prime Rooms, 6 Executive Suites and a luxury Presidential Suite. In-room facilities include 24 hour room service, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, tea/coffee making facilities, mini fridge, hair dryer, private safe and a flat screen satellite TV.





#### Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

# Day 2: One & Only Gorilla's Nest, Volcanoes National Park

#### **Volcanoes National Park**

Bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo in Rwanda, and set high on the jungle-covered slopes of the volcanic Virunga Mountains, the Volcanoes National Park is best known as a sanctuary for the region's rare mountain gorillas. Visitors flock here to experience face to face encounters with these intriguing creatures. Regulated treks through the reserve allow visitors to spend an hour at a time with these incredible primates in their natural habitat. While the gorillas are without a doubt the main draw card, visitors can also look forward to exploring a network of scenic hiking trails, with the beautiful day hike to the Crater Lake on Mount Bisoke being a particular highlight. Make sure to visit the fascinating Karisoke Research Centre and the tomb of the world-famous Dian Fossey.

#### Day Itinerary

- 0800: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0830: Have your COVID results from the hotel.
- 0915: Meet with your guides
- 1000: Visit the Genocide memorial centre.
- 1130: Transfer to Volcanoes. Travel time 2.5hrs.
- 1330: Arrival at One & Only Gorillas Nest Lodge/Five Volcanoes Hotel.
- 1350: Lunch for the day and spend the rest of the afternoon on relaxation.
- 1500: The rest of the afternoon is for relaxation around the lodge.
- 1800: Dinner and overnight stay at your Lodge.

# Overnight: One & Only Gorilla's Nest

One & Only Gorilla's Nest is situated right in the foothills of the Volcanoes National Park, creating the opportunity for a once in a lifetime rare personal encounter with a majestic mountain gorilla. Hidden amongst the trees this hotel is unique, surrounded by flourishing wildlife. The cabins and suites are more than cosy, each with an elegant and luxurious interior is fitted with a minibar, a flat-screen TV and complimentary Wi-Fi. Guests may enjoy a complimentary breakfast each morning, there is also an on-site restaurant serving only the best cuisine. There are activities available at the establishment such as guided gorilla treks and wellness workshops.





#### Forest King Lodge

Experience an undisturbed connection with the vast forest beyond, lounging in your luxurious king-sized bedroom, sound tracked by the soothing crackle of local wood in the fireplace. Watch the floor-to-ceiling glass disappear and let the scents and sounds of nature flow in. Follow them out to your secluded open-air viewing deck, enjoy an invigorating all fresco shower or spend precious time relaxing in your standalone bath with undisturbed private views.



## **Alternate: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel**

Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel in Musanze (Ruhengeri) located on the road going to Kinigi is a convenient starting point to go for different activities that the Volcanoes National Park is offering. Each of the rooms features hairdryers, flat-screen TVs, private bathrooms and mini-bars. The hotel guests will find a restaurant, a pool, and a beautiful garden. 24-hour front desk service is also available as well as massage service.





# **Activities**

Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum

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Located just outside of Kigali City Centre in the Gasabo district, Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum was created by a joint partnership of the Kigali City Council and the UK-based Aegis Trust. The centre is an extremely moving,

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challenging, educational and ultimately inspiring as well as a great place to understand the cause, tragedy and successful rebuilding post-genocide.

The memorial hosts a tour which is transparent and educational but very sombre and humbling when guests realise that over 250,000 deceased are buried on the site of the memorial.

#### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

# Day 3: One & Only Gorilla's Nest, Volcanoes National Park

### **Day Itinerary**

- 0600: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0630: Transfer to the park headquarters for gorilla trekking briefing.
- 0800: Start the gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park.
- 1200: Estimated time of returning from the jungle.
- 1230: Transfer back to the Lodge.
- 1300: Lunch at the Lodge.
- 1500: Visit IBY' Iwacu cultural village.
- 1800: Dinner and overnight stay at your Lodge.

### **Activities**

Gorilla Trekking Volcanoes National Park

Gorilla Guardians

# **Gorilla Trekking Volcanoes National Park**

Gorilla Trekking in the Volcanoes National Park offers visitors the unique opportunity of discovering the 10 families of gorillas that live within the national park. Visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee before the trek starts and will be separated into groups of 8 depending on their physical abilities. Each group is guided by a guide and two scouts who are well trained in emergency situations. The amount of time set aside per trek is different depending on where the gorilla family is situated. Some trips may take as little as half an hour and some taking the better part of the day.

#### **Gorilla Guardians**

Situated in the rural Rwandan village of Kiningi, Gorilla Guardians is a non-profit organisation that offers accommodation and a tour of the traditional village set alongside Volcanoes National Park. Guests are accommodated in local grass-thatched mudhouses. Visitors can enjoy gorilla trekking in the national park and explore the community with a guided community walk. Other highlights include becoming a king for a day, visit local schools, learn about banana brewing and discover the techniques and methods in which ex-poachers would hunt mountain gorillas.

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#### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

# Day 4: Volcanoes National Park – Kigali End of Itinerary

# **Day Itinerary**

- 0600: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0630: Transfer to the park headquarters for the golden monkey trekking briefing.
- 0800: Start Golden monkey trek.
- 1130: Estimated time of returning from the jungle.
- 1200: Transfer back to the lodge for lunch.
- 1400: Drive back to Kigali for your departing flight
- 1630: Arrival at the Airport.
- 1700: End of service.

## **Activities**

Volcanoes National Park Golden Monkey Trekking

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Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda offers Golden monkeys trekking. This unique experience allows guests in groups of up to eight to look for and discover golden monkeys within their natural habitat.

The monkeys are incredibly active and enjoy showing off for tourists and researchers that they encounter daily. The monkeys can be found closer to the base of the volcano and enjoy eating the bamboo vegetation in the area.

#### **Basis**

Half Board - Breakfast and Lunch