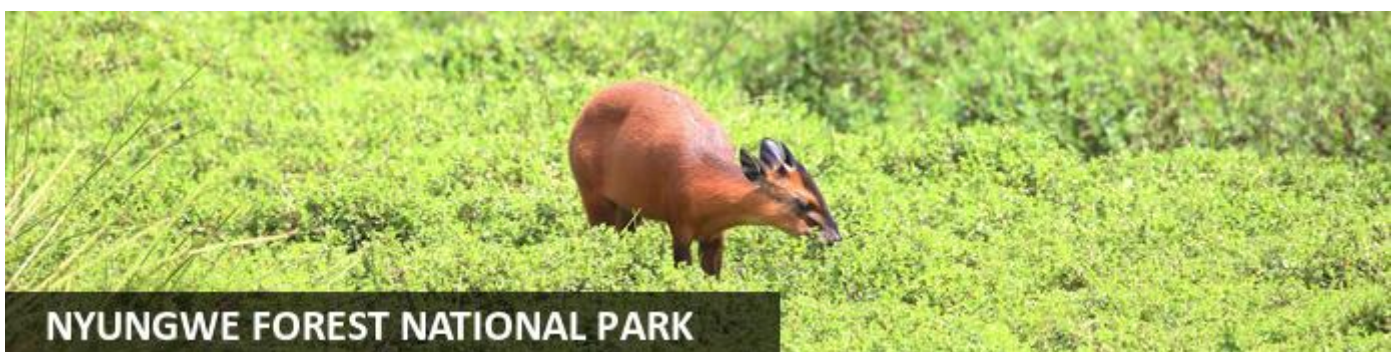




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## 7 DAYS VILLAGE LIFE & PRIMATE TOUR

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## 7 DAYS REMARKBALE RWANDA TOUR

Kigali - Volcanoes National Park - Nyungwe Forest National Park

7 Days / 6 Nights



### Introduction

Accommodation	Type	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Kigali Serena Hotel		Kigali	HB	1x Deluxe Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel		Volcanoes National Park	FB	1x Deluxe	<b>3 Nights</b>
One & Only Nyungwe House		Nyungwe Forest National Park	FB+	1x Twin Room	<b>2 Nights</b>
→ Mantis Kivu Marina Bay Hotel	alternate				

#### Key

HB: Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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
- Accommodation at the Kigali Serena Hotel Kigali on Half board basis

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- All activities as highlighted in the itinerary
- Genocide Memorial Visit & Meeting the Genocide Survivor.
- 3 Nights' accommodation at Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel on a Full basis.
- 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).
- 1 Gorilla permit per person (this includes briefing at RDB offices, guide, trek – US\$ 1500.-)
- Exclusive use of a private safari land cruiser 4x4 with WI-FI in receptive areas
- Services of a professional, experienced English-speaking driver-guide.
- Visit the Ellen DE Generous Campus
- A meeting with the gorilla doctor. (This includes a gorilla donation of US\$ 500.00)
- Umuganura feast tour
- Kaki & Muhsimbi experience
- Gisakura Cultural visit
- Visit the Banda & Gisakura Village in Nyungwe
- Visit tea plantation in Nyungwe.
- Bottled mineral water in the vehicle during the tour.
- Emergency Medical Evacuation Services.
- 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
- Drinks throughout the trip,
- Tips and gratuities,
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, mini bar, porter-age, travel insurance, etc.

## Day 1: Kigali Serena Hotel, Kigali

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### 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.

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### Day Itinerary

- TBA: Arrival flight time.
- TBA: VIP meet & Greet assistance.
- TBA: Rapid COVID test done at the Airport.
- TBA: Pick up from Kigali International Airport for a 25 minutes transfer to Kigali Serena Hotel.

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- TBA: Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Overnight: 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.



### ***Deluxe Room***

Varying slightly in size between 25 and 30 sq metres, these rooms offer either twin or king-sized beds and a luxury bathroom with both tub and shower.

Facilities include :

- 24-hour room service
- air-conditioning
- Wi-Fi and in-room modem hook-up
- direct-dial phone
- voice-mail
- in-room flat-screen satellite TV
- mini-bar
- private safe
- tea and coffee-making facilities
- hair dryer
- porter/concierge
- 24-hour on-call doctor
- Walk in shower and bathtub
- Working desk

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**Basis**

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

**Day 2: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel, 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.
- 0900: Visit the **Genocide memorial centre**.
- 1015: Meet the **Genocide survivor** for testimonies of what transpired.
- 1115: Transfer to Volcanoes. Travel time 2.5hrs.
- 1345: Arrival at Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel.
- 1350: Lunch for the day.
- 1500: A visit to KAIKI/KUSHI (Former poacher's role in conservation and livelihoods transformation)
- 1800: Dinner with the **Gorilla doctor for a gorilla conservation talk**.
- 2000: Overnight stay at Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel.

**Overnight: 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. At 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.



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## Activities

Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum

Meet the Genocide survivor

A visit to KAIKI/KUSHI

Meet Gorilla doctor for a gorilla conservation talk

### ***Kigali Genocide Memorial & Museum***

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, 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 - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 3: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel, 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: **Umuganura feast tour –With community Village interactions.**
- 1800: Dinner and overnight stay at Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel.

## Activities

Gorilla Trekking Volcanoes National Park

Umuganura feast tour

### ***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

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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.

### Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 4: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel, Volcanoes National Park

### Day Itinerary

- 0700: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0800: **Visit Gasura village** to learn more about the lifestyle of Rwandese in their community-
- 1300: Lunch at the Five Volcanoes.
- 1430: **Visit Kagano village.** Meet the ex-hunters community--By beyond Gorillas' experience.
- 100: Return to the lodge.
- 1800: Overnight and dinner at Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel.

### Activities

Visit Gasura village

Kagano Village

### Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 5: One & Only Nyungwe House, Nyungwe Forest National Park

### Nyungwe Forest National Park

Situated in south-western Rwanda, the Nyungwe Forest National Park is known for its exceptional biodiversity and its wide range of endemic species. The park is composed of lush tracts of rainforest set high up on fertile mountain slopes. It is one of Africa's most ancient forests and the home of Rwanda's sole remaining chimpanzee population, as well as 85 additional mammal species, 43 reptile species, nearly 300 bird species and over 1000 plant species. Visitors can enjoy spotting colobus monkeys and chimpanzees hiding in the trees, hiking on a well-maintained network of trails passing through lush equatorial rainforest and catching a glimpse of a beautiful array of colourful birdlife. Don't miss the thrilling Canopy Walk; it is one of its kind in Africa and offers impressive views of the forest.

### Day Itinerary

- 0600: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0630: Transfer to the park headquarters for gorilla trekking briefing.
- 0800: OPTIONAL golden monkey trek - on payment of US\$ 100.00 per person
- OR Visit the **Ellen DE Generous Campus**- planned

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- 1100: Estimated time of returning from the jungle.
- 1200: Transfer to Nyungwe Forest -Transfer time is 5hrs
- 1800: Estimated time of arrival at your lodge.
- 1900: Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

### Overnight: One & Only Nyungwe House

One&Only Nyungwe House is set amongst the rich tea plantations of Gisakura, In Southwest Rwanda, just south of Lake Kivu on the Burundi border. The property is set on the edge of the iconic Nyungwe National Park, which covers approximately 1020 square kilometers of rainforest, bamboo, and swamps. The accommodations at this lodge provide a sense of tranquility with a fireplace and picturesque private deck. All rooms include breakfast, lunch, and dinner while featuring tea and coffee facilities and an en-suite bathroom with an indoor shower, wilderness-view shower, and stand-alone bath.

The One&Only Spa provides relaxing treatments, while the One&Only Gym allows guests space and equipment for a refreshing workout. Additionally, guests can relax in the infinity pool while having a snack and drink and enjoy a meal by the trees with a picnic or at the elegant restaurant.



### Alternate: Mantis Kivu Marina Bay Hotel

Mantis Kivu Marina Bay is a deluxe hotel comprising of 79 rooms on Lake Kivu. Step into modern comfort with its contemporary design and plug-in hi tech room which makes for the perfect base whether staying for business or leisure.

The hotel comprises an upscale lobby, restaurant and bar, spa, gym, convention centre, lake view swimming pool, and parking area.

Cyangugu is a thriving lakeside city in the southwest of Rwanda and marks the beginning of the Nile Trail and a place to be active and social. Travellers can enjoy boat cruising, hiking, swimming, and mountain trekking.

Mantis Kivu Marina Bay Hotel is located a mere 1km from the Kamembe International Airport. A 20-minute flight takes travellers from Kigali International Airport to the Kamembe International Airport.

Kivu Marina Bay Hotel offers accessible rooms, please contact reception to discuss your requirements.

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### Optional

Volcanoes National Park Golden Monkey Trekking

Planned – Visit Ellen DE Generous Campus

#### *Volcanoes National Park Golden Monkey Trekking*

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

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

**Day 6: One & Only Nyungwe House, Nyungwe Forest National Park (Mon, 6 June)**

### Day Itinerary

- 0700: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0800: Transfer and visit the Banda **villages** for a local experience.
- 1330: Lunch at the Loge.
- 1400: Visit the **Gisakura tea plantation & factory.**
- 1700: Return to your lodge.
- 1800: Overnight and dinner at the lodge.

### Activities

Banda villages Nyungwe

Gisakura Tea Estate

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### ***Gisakura Tea Estate***

Set against the backdrop of the mountains in the Nyungwe National Park, the Gisakura Tea Estate invites tourists to explore the plantation. Informative tours are offered where visitors can learn about the processes and elements involved in the making of tea. The farmers are on hand to answer questions, share their knowledge, and demonstrate how the tea is harvested and processed to create the final product.

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### **Basis**

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

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## **Day 7: End of Itinerary**

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### **Day Itinerary**

- 0800: Begin the day with a morning breakfast.
- 0900: Prepare for a return transfer back to Kigali.
- 1200: Visit the **Ethnographic Museum**.
- 1300: Lunch enroute.
- 1600: Estimated time Return to Kigali at your convenience.
- TBA: Proposed time of arrival in Kigali and transfer to Kigali International Airport.
- TBA: Check-in for your outbound flight to your next destination.

### **Activities**

Ethnographic Museum Rwanda

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### ***Ethnographic Museum Rwanda***

Located in Huye, south of Kigali, Ethnographic Museum is one of the six museums that make up the Institute of National Museums of Rwanda. This Museum was built in 1987, and now houses one of Africa's finest ethnographic collections. Its seven galleries display historical, ethnographic, artistic and archaeological artefacts accompanied by visual aids, giving visitors a rich insight into the culture of Rwandans.

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### **Basis**

Breakfast and Lunch

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