

# Gorillas Through The Mist

**DURATION: 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS**

**KIGALI TO KIGALI**

Travel to the mist-covered mountains of Volcanoes National Park, home to the endangered mountain gorillas. Paired with cultural insight in Kigali and breathtaking scenery throughout, this compact adventure offers a profound glimpse into Rwanda's natural beauty and resilient spirit.

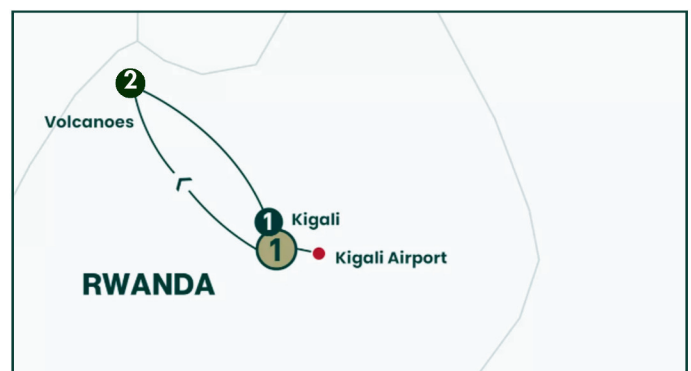


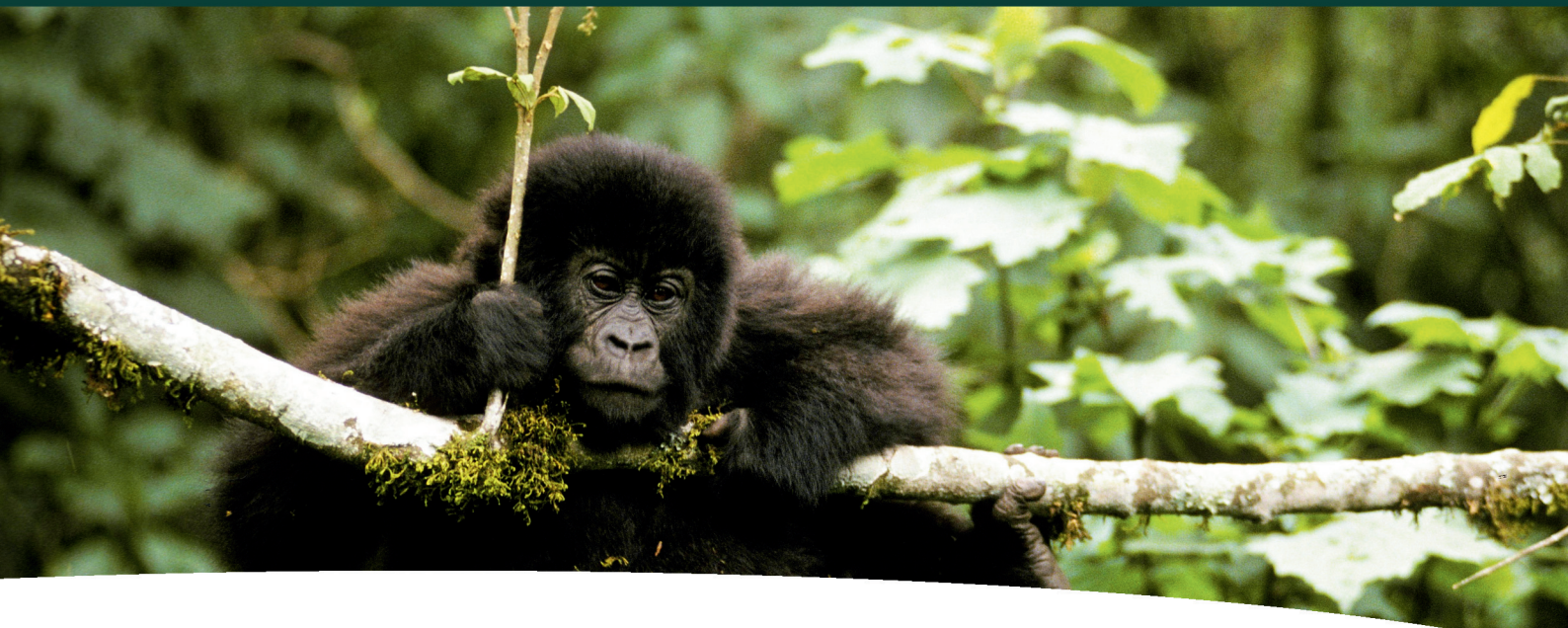
**MEET YOUR HOST**

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## Highlights

- Life-Changing Mountain Gorilla Encounter
- Golden Monkey Tracking in the Virunga Mountains
- Kigali City & Cultural Discovery
- Scenic Landscapes of the “Land of a Thousand Hills”
- Optional Visits to Rural Communities & Twin Lakes
- Stay on the Edge of Volcanoes National Park
- Combine wildlife, culture, and conservation in one journey.





## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 | Kigali

Arrive into Kigali International Airport on your scheduled flight. Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by your local representative who will assist with luggage and transfer you through Rwanda's vibrant capital to your hotel.

Kigali is widely regarded as one of Africa's cleanest and most progressive cities, set across rolling green hills with a thriving café culture and strong sense of community. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey or enjoy the hotel's facilities.

**Accommodation:** Four Points by Sheraton

### DAY 2 | Kigali – Volcanoes National Park

After breakfast, join your guide for a Kigali City Tour, offering an insightful introduction to Rwanda's history, culture and remarkable transformation. A highlight of the morning is a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial Museum (audio guide excluded).

This powerful and moving memorial provides important context to Rwanda's past and honours the victims of the 1994 genocide while also showcasing the country's journey toward unity and reconciliation.

Following the tour, enjoy lunch at a well-known Kigali city restaurant before departing the capital for the scenic drive north to the Virunga Conservation Area, a journey of approximately 2.5 hours through Rwanda's spectacular "Land of a Thousand Hills."

If time permits upon arrival, optional experiences may include visiting Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund (donation paid locally), local markets, villages and community initiatives (additional cost), providing an authentic glimpse into rural Rwandan life. Arrive at your lodge located near Volcanoes National Park, gateway to one of the world's most extraordinary wildlife experiences.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Gorilla Mountain View Lodge

### DAY 3 | Mountain Gorilla Trekking Experience

Today brings the unforgettable highlight of your Rwandan journey, trekking to encounter the endangered mountain gorillas.

After an early breakfast, transfer to the Volcanoes National Park headquarters for a detailed briefing by experienced park rangers. During this orientation you will learn about gorilla behaviour, conservation efforts, and guidelines for trekking responsibly within the forest.

Following the briefing, drive by 4WD to the designated trailhead. From here a short walk of approximately 10–20 minutes across cultivated farmland leads to the forest edge, where your trekking adventure begins.

The duration of the trek varies depending on the location of the gorilla family and can range from one to several hours, moving through bamboo forests, vines and dense vegetation. Once the gorillas are located, visitors are allowed one precious hour in their presence.



Observing these gentle giants in their natural habitat is widely regarded as one of the most profound wildlife encounters on Earth.

Watching the family interact, mothers caring for infants, juveniles playing and the imposing silverback overseeing the group, is an experience that remains etched in memory forever.

After the trek, return to your lodge for lunch and time to relax. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to recover from your trek and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Accommodation:** Gorilla Mountain View Lodge

## IMPORTANT

- Only bring soft sided bags on safaris
- The importation and use of plastic bags is prohibited
- Travel in Rwanda is in short wheelbase 4x4 vehicles

## GORILLA TREKKING

- Wearing a mask while gorilla trekking is mandatory (in vehicles, parks, trekking & while viewing Gorillas)
- At Volcanoes National Park HQ you will be briefed on safety and health measures to ensure your wellbeing and that of the Endangered mountain gorillas
- Temperatures will be tested prior to the trek to ensure you are in the recommended temperature range

## DAY 4 | Golden Monkey Trek & Return to Kigali

This morning return to Volcanoes National Park for another remarkable wildlife experience – tracking the lively and endangered Golden Monkeys.

Following a ranger briefing, enter the forest with experienced trackers to locate these charismatic primates known for their striking golden-orange fur and playful nature. Unlike gorilla trekking, golden monkey tracking typically involves shorter and less strenuous hikes, allowing for excellent viewing opportunities as the monkeys leap through bamboo forests and forage on the forest floor. After the excursion, return to your lodge for lunch before departing for the scenic drive back to Kigali.

If time permits, guests may choose to visit the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo, two breathtaking volcanic lakes surrounded by terraced hills and fishing communities (payable locally).

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Four Points by Sheraton Kigali

## DAY 5 | Departure from Kigali

After breakfast, transfer to Kigali International Airport for your onward flight (details to be confirmed – arranged by Adventure World).

As you depart Rwanda, take with you memories of extraordinary wildlife encounters, breathtaking landscapes and the warm hospitality of the Rwandan people.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast



## TRAVEL DETAILS

### INCLUSIONS

- Airport meet & greet
- All transfers
- Gorilla trekking permit (1 per person)
- Golden monkey trekking permit (1 per person)
- Accommodation + meals as listed
- All current park fees & taxes
- Guided touring and trekking support
- Driver, guide, and porter gratuities\*

### NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Tips and personal expenses
- Entry donation to Dian Fossey Campus
- Optional tours (markets, lakes, etc.)

### KEY EXPERIENCES

- Mountain gorilla trekking (main highlight)
- Golden monkey tracking
- Kigali city & genocide memorial (optional/add-on)
- Optional cultural/community visits

### PRICING

From \$5,499 per person twin share\*

\*+ An additional \$500pp for gratuities are due with final payment

Requires a minimum of 6 people

Non-refundable deposit \$2,000 - within 7 days

### TRANSFER, FLIGHT & ACCOMMODATION

- Please reconfirm your transfer and pick up time at least 24 hours prior to your departure time
- Flight recommendation: Rwandair Express - Kigali to Johannesburg
- Post accommodation recommendation: City Lodge O.R Tambo Airport

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