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## A 3 Night Gorilla Trekking Journey Through Rwanda



- Day 1 Arrive in Kigali, Rwanda
- Day 2 From Kigali to Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda
- Day 3 Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda
- Day 4 Depart Rwanda

# Day 1

## The Retreat, Kigali, Rwanda



Today you will arrive into Kigali, the lively capital city of Rwanda. Please note your arrival flight into Rwanda is not included in your program cost.

Kigali is Rwanda's capital City and stretches across undulating lush hills surrounded by towering mountains, the largest of which is Mount Kigali, rising over 6000 feet 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, restaurants and points of interest, including the Kigali Genocide Center, a bustling market and numerous craft shops. With its interesting architecture, energetic streets, meandering boulevards, and green hillsides, Kigali is often referred to as one of most attractive cities in Africa.

At the airport you will be met by your local guide and transferred the short distance to your hotel for the night, the Retreat. Town & Country and The New York Times both recently called The Retreat one of the top new hotels in the world. Fusion Restaurant and its Swahili-inspired bar, located at The Retreat, offer delicious farm-to-table international cuisine, while Heaven Restaurant (reached through the Retreat's "Stairway to Heaven") offers an innovative modern African menu.

Today you have at leisure to relax and soak in your peaceful surroundings.

**Meals Included: None**

## Day 2

### Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda



This morning you will meet your driver and guide in your hotel lobby and depart on a moving tour of this remarkable city. One of the most impactful stops as part of this morning's tour will be a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial. No visit to Kigali is complete without a visit to this important landmark. Your knowledgeable local guide will tell you all about the history of this turbulent country that ultimately culminated in a genocide that took the lives of over 250,000 of the local Tutsi people. While perhaps not a pleasant conversation it is important to understand these events in order to truly understand Rwanda and its wonderful people.

Following a break for lunch, you will leave Kigali behind and make your way into the lush tropical countryside. The beautiful Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge lies hidden among the foothills of the spectacular Virungas (a chain of volcanoes that lie in what is thought to be the heart of the legendary land of King Solomon's mines). While tomorrow you will embark on your Gorilla trek you have the remainder of today to enjoy one of the other activities offered by the lodge. Surrounded by the tropical forests of Rwanda there are numerous fantastic hiking trails including one which takes you to see the elusive golden monkeys that are endemic to this region.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 3

### Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda



This morning you will rise just as the sun is peeking over the horizon and together with your driver you will make your way to the nearby ranger station. Here you will meet with the other travelers who are embarking on today's journey, and with everyone assembled the local rangers will assign everyone into small groups of between 6 and 8. You will be assigned to a group of travelers with a similar fitness and ability level to your own and together you will set off into the jungle in search of these incredible creatures.

Along with a small team of porters who are on hand to assist with carrying any heavy items you may have (think photographic equipment) you will scramble your way along the dense jungle paths as you move deeper into the tropical jungle. After anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour and a half, depending on where the nearest troop is currently residing, you will stumble across what you have been searching for. Weighing up to 500 pounds these gentle giants will look at you with a slight hint of curiosity but will for the most part simply ignore you as they go about their day. You will have around an hour to sit quietly and observe the troop as they interact with one another and the young rambunctiously play all around you.

Following this magical experience, you will then make your way back down the mountainside. Arriving back at the ranger station you will enjoy a short transfer back to your lodge where you then have the remainder of your day at leisure.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 4

### Depart Rwanda



Today you will enjoy a leisurely breakfast before bidding farewell to your lush tropical surroundings and enjoy a road transfer back to Kigali. Here you will meet your onward flight home. Please note the cost of your international flight home is not included in your program cost.

**Meals Included: Breakfast**



# Accommodation

## The Retreat, Kigali, Rwanda

The Retreat by Heaven, an 11 room 5 Star luxury boutique hotel is Kigali's first entirely eco-friendly solar-powered resort featuring locally crafted sustainable teak wood furniture, expansive custom-built rooms with peaked ceilings, front and rear private patios and bathrooms with indoor and outdoor rain showers. Home to two of Kigali's top restaurants, Fusion and Heaven Restaurant, this boutique hotel is the perfect location from which to rest up before your Gorilla trekking adventure begins



## **Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda (2 Nights)**

The beautiful Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge lies hidden amongst the foothills of the spectacular Volcanoes National Park. Surrounded by the tropical forests of Rwanda, guests can unwind in their choice of stone cottage or suites, each with a large sitting room, fireplace, stylish ensuite bathroom, and private veranda. The stone buildings feature traditional terracotta tile roofs and polished wooden floors. Incredible menus can be savored in the cozy dining room or al fresco on the outside deck, with its breath-taking views of the Virunga volcanoes. Nearby adventures include hikes into the National Park in search of the majestic mountain gorilla and the enchanting golden monkey, cultural excursions, bird watching, mountain biking or a host of other exciting activities.



## Included In Your Journey

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals, drinks and laundry as specified
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips

## Not Included in Your Journey

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary
- International and Regional flights
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines and cigars.
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

## Estimated Cost of the Program

Estimated cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

**Classic Program:** Includes more basic accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$4,535 per person.**

**Luxury Program:** Includes the accommodation mentioned in the Program above (or equivalent): **\$4,905 per person.**

**Premium Program:** Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$7,535 per person.**

Please note due to the bespoke nature of our itineraries, combined with profound seasonal variations in accommodation costs and availability, the above pricing estimates should be used only as a guide. An exact cost can be provided once exact dates and logistics have been discussed.

# Booking Conditions

## Payments

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 60 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

## Insurance

Travel Insurance is always recommended to protect your investment.

## Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

## Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.

## Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.



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