



EVERLASTING TANZANIA

TRAVELS

SAFARI EXTENSION: GORRILA TRACKING IN RWANDA'S PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS

Gorilla tracking in Rwanda is often described as life changing and for a good reason. With only an estimated 880 Gorillas left in the world, to see these gentle creatures in their natural habitat is a truly unique moment.

Gorillas make their homes in and amongst the bamboo-covered slopes of the Virunga Mountains in the Volcanoes National Park in northern Rwanda. Trek to see them and you'll be introduced by your expert trackers and guides to one of the fully-habituated families of mountain gorillas. You can enter their domain to observe them, often from just a few feet away, whilst the gorillas go about their daily routine.

Virunga National Park straddles the Rwandan and Ugandan border. It was created in 1925, boasts the highest biological diversity in Africa, and was made famous by gorilla expert Dian Fossey. The landscape ranges from volcanoes and Afro-alpine mountains to savanna and lowland rain forest. The park is also home to the world's only golden monkey population.

Ranging in altitude from 2400m to 4,507 the Volcanoes National Park is dominated by the setting of volcanoes after which it is named. This chain of steep, all free standing mountains linked by fertile saddles which were formed by solidified lava flows, is one of the most stirring and memorable sights in East Africa. The tallest mountain in the chain, and the most westerly part of the national park, is Karisimbi on the border with the DRC. Moving eastward, the other main peaks within the national park are Visoke on the DRC border; Sabinyo at the juncture of Rwanda, Uganda and the DRC, and Gahinga and Muhabura on the Uganda border.

The Volcanoes National Park is best known to the outside world as the place where for almost 20yrs the American primatologist Dian Fossey undertook her pioneering studies of mountain gorilla behavior. It is largely thanks to Fossey's single-mindedness that poaching was curtailed while there were still some gorillas to save.

DAY 1: TRANSFER TO KIGALI

You will be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport to catch a flight to Kigali Rwanda, the country's capital, where we'll have a pre-arranged transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Dinner and overnight at Serena Kigali, situated in one of the most charming location in Kigali. This stylish & contemporary hotel is located near the airport and makes the ideal stopover on your gorilla trek.

DAYS 2-3: PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS

After leisurely breakfast, you will be picked by our meet and greet staff and you will be privately transferred to Parc National des Volcans. En route you can visit Rwanda Genocide Museum, visit local markets, or do sightseeing.

After arriving in the lodge late morning/early afternoon, you will spend 2 nights at Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge. This is certainly the best gorilla lodge in the area; the lodge affords wonderful views of the volcanoes and the surrounding countryside. Guest cottages and the main lodge building have been beautifully constructed and appointed and the lodge is the perfect base from which to explore this unique and fascinating corner of Africa.

Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is located close to the headquarters of the Parc National des Volcans where you will embark on a hike to see the magnificent Mountain Gorilla – perhaps one of the most dramatic, thrilling and poignant wildlife experiences possible.

The magnificent Mountain Gorillas are the main attraction, but there are plenty of other opportunities. Other excursion include Twin Lakes, escorted bird watching, volcano hikes, Trek to infamous Dianne Fossey Research Camp, village walks, local markets, and Golden Monkey tracking.

2 overnights at Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge.

DAY 4: TRANSFER

Depending with your flight schedule, you will be transferred back to Kigali for your flight back home.

Price per person 4,000 USD

Single Supplement: 900 USD

Included on the price: flight from Kilimanjaro to Kigali, all ground transfers, all specified excursions, 1 gorilla permit, flying doctor fee, full board accommodations at Serena Kigali and Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, all drinks at Sabyinyo except for premium brands, Laundry Service.

Excluded on the price: Travel and Medical Insurance, International flights from home to Tanzania and from Kigali back home, items of a personal nature, and gratuities to lodge and camp staff, additional excursions, drinks and laundry except where specified.