



# RWANDA



## INTRODUCTION:

The **Republic of Rwanda** is a unitary republic of central and eastern Africa. It borders Uganda to the north; Tanzania to the east; Burundi to the south; and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west. Rwanda is landlocked but is noted for its lakes, particularly Lake Kivu, which occupies the floor of the Rift Valley along most of the country's western border. Although close to the equator, the country has a temperate climate due to its high elevation, with the highest point being Mount Karisimbi. The terrain consists of mountains and gently rolling hills, with plains and swamps in the east. Abundant wildlife, including rare mountain gorillas, has led to a fast-growing tourism sector. The largest cities in Rwanda are Kigali, Gitarama, and Butare. Unlike many African countries, Rwanda is home to only one significant ethnic and linguistic group, the Banyarwanda. The country is well known for its native styles of dance, particularly the Intore dance, and for its drummers. Kinyarwanda, English and French are the official languages.

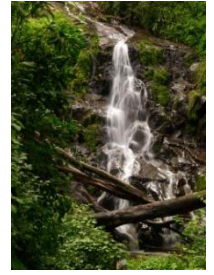
## INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

<i>Destinations:</i>	<i>Kigali, Nyungwe Forest National Park &amp; Parc National des Volcans</i>
<i>Dates:</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012</i>
<i>Duration:</i>	<i>8 Days / 7 Nights</i>
<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>En suite accommodation at the following based on a twin/double room shared: Kigali Serena Hotel, Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge &amp; Mountain Gorilla Nest.</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Meals as listed in itinerary</i>
<i>Transfers:</i>	<i>All road transfers while on tour</i>
<i>Transport:</i>	<i>4WD safari vehicles with pop-top roofs</i>
<i>Permit &amp; Park Fees:</i>	<i>Permit for chimp tracking in Nyungwe Forest, two gorilla permits &amp; entrance fees and ranger fees for National Parks.</i>
<i>Guide &amp; Driver:</i>	<i>Split seconds photographic guide &amp; experienced English speaking driver/guide in Rwanda</i>
<i>Permits:</i>	<i>2 x gorilla permits per person</i>
<i>Extras:</i>	<i>Bottled mineral water throughout your safari</i>

## EXCLUDED FROM PACKAGE:

- *All International and/or Domestic flights*
- *Gratuities*
- *Optional activities*





- *Travel insurance*
- *Laundry*
- *Beverages*
- *Visa (± USD 50, available upon arrival)*
- *Golden Monkey permit (± USD 50)*
- *Items of a personal nature*
- *Pre- and post tour transfers*
- *Pre- and post tour accommodation*

## **TOUR PROGRAMME**

### Day 1: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012

#### Kigali Airport – Kigali Serena Hotel

Arrival at Kigali Airport where you will be welcomed by a representative and transferred to your accommodation.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Kigali Serena Hotel</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>No meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Afternoon at leisure</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A.</i>

### Day 2: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012

#### Kigali Serena Hotel – Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge (5-6hrs drive)

After breakfast we transfer calmly to Nyungwe Forest with lunch en route. This protected area is a birders paradise and known for its 13 species of primates.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Scenic drive through Nyungwe Forest National Park</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A.</i>

### Day 3: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012

#### Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge

A full day in the tropical rainforest of Nyungwe Forest National Park. In the morning we will go for an exciting primate walk in search of the habituated chimpanzees. In the afternoon we will continue with a forest walk and look out for other primate species as well, such as the red-tailed monkeys, black-and-white colobus monkeys and many others.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Nyungwe Rainforest Lodge</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Guided walks</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A.</i>

### Day 4: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012

#### Nyungwe Rainforest lodge – Parc National des Volcans (6hrs drive)



From Nyungwe we drive back to the north and continue to the most beautiful National Park of the country: Volcanoes National Park. It is the area with rich montaine ecosystems, from bamboo forest to open grassland and swamps.

*Accommodation:* Mountain Gorillas Nest  
*Meals:* Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
*Included activities:* Scenic drive in Parc National des Volcans  
*Optional activities:* N.A.

Day 5: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Parc National des Volcans

Today you will go for a hike in slopes of the Virunga Mountains, in search of the gentle giants of Rwanda! Especially hikers will love the tracking in the beautiful ecosystem of the park. It is difficult to foresee how many hours you will hike, but it will definitely be worthwhile as you observe them closely while they eat, play and rest. A unique and unforgettable experience!

*Accommodation:* Mountain Gorilla Nest  
*Meals:* Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
*Included activities:* Gorilla excursion: Go in search of the gentle giants upon the slopes of Virunga Mountains.  
*Optional activities:* N.A.

Day 6: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Parc National des Volcans

After a calm breakfast we will go for an exploration of the crater lakes that are situated just outside the National Park. The twin lakes Burera and Ruhondo can be accessed by car. You will make a guided community walk to learn more about the African lifestyle first hand. Meet the local fishermen and watch how they make their living while enjoying the fabulous views and scenery of the lakes with the volcanoes in the background. Then take a trip on the lake in a traditional canoe to get a closer view of the wetland and rich birdlife, including pelicans, crowned cranes, malachite kingfishers, etc. Return to Kinigi for a visit to Kinigi Cultural Centre in the afternoon. Here a traditional dance group will performance different types of dances, wearing colourful attire.

*Accommodation:* Mountain Gorillas Nest  
*Meals:* Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
*Included activities:* Explore the crater lakes; guided community walk; canoe excursion; Kinigi Cultural Centre – dance group  
*Optional activities:* N.A.

Day 7: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Gorilla Tracking

Today you will have a second opportunity to go for gorilla tracking and visit another gorilla family.

*Accommodation:* Mountain Gorilla Nest  
*Meals:* Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



*Included activities:* Gorilla excursion: Go in search of the gentle giants upon the slopes of Virunga Mountains.  
*Optional activities:* N.A.

Day 8: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Mountain Gorilla Nest – Kigali (4hrs drive)

Enriched with an experience of a lifetime and unforgettable memories you will say goodbye to the Land of the Thousand Hills. In time you will be transferred back to Kigali and to the airport for your international flight.

*Accommodation:* N.A.  
*Meals:* Breakfast  
*Included activities:* Scenic drive back to Kigali  
*Optional activities:* N.A.

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**Quoted price: 2012**

*Days 1 – 8*

**6 pax:**

*GBP 4,985.00 per person sharing*

*GBP 950.00 single supplement*

**Notes:**

- a) The costing for the Tour Programme is based on a minimum of six (6) paying guests.
- b) This is only a quotation and is valid for 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
- c) ~~No reservations have been made and all accommodation, flights and transport are subject to availability.~~
- d) Should any of the accommodation mentioned not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable venue, which might affect the final quoted price.
- e) Quoted price is also subject to availability, fuel/gas price and possibly exchange rate fluctuations.
- f) 15% non-refundable deposit is required on confirmation of safari.
- g) Full payment is required sixty (60) days prior to arrival.

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