4-Day Rwanda and Uganda Golden Monkey and Gorilla Trekking Safari

Rwanda | Uganda



DURATION	COUNTRIES	STARTING FROM
4 days, 3 nights	**Rwanda, Uganda**	**USD 1,950 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

This 4-day safari tracks golden monkeys in Rwanda and mountain gorillas in Uganda.

You transfer to Volcanoes National Park on day 1 and track golden monkeys through the bamboo forest of the Virunga Volcanoes on day 2, then transfer to Bwindi. Day 3 is gorilla trekking in Bwindi followed by a transfer to Lake Bunyonyi, and day 4 is spent on Lake Bunyonyi activities before your onward transfer.

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Day 1

Transfer to Volcanoes National Park

You will be met by our driver guide at the Kigali Airport and proceed with the guided tour to the fast-growing neighborhoods of Kigali that are changing the face of the city. There is an opportunity to visit the Presidential Museum which is the residence of two of the former Presidents of Rwanda. Here you will have an opportunity to learn a bit about the political history of Rwanda. We will drive through the older commercial and residential areas with a major stop at Kigali Genocide Memorial Site commemorating the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. Stop for lunch then drive to Musanze. If time allows, you will visit two twin Lakes Burera and Ruhondo. Their deep blue waters ringed by steep hills and tall waterfalls with the outlines of the nearby Virunga Volcanoes provide a spectacular backdrop. Your overnight will be at the booked hotel.

Main Destination: Volcanoes National Park (Gorillas)

Accommodation: Isange Paradise Resort

Mid-range lodge located just outside Volcanoes NP

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 2

Golden Monkey Tracking and Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Wake up for an early breakfast and transfer to the park head offices in Kinigi by 7:00 am. Join other golden monkey's trekkers and meet the ranger guide for a few minutes to talk about the activity and the park. At 8:00 am, you'll transfer to the trailhead just outside the park. Enjoy great views of the mountain scenery as you start your trek into the park to find the golden monkeys. The golden monkeys live near the edge of the park in the bamboo forests where the ground is relatively flat and easy to trek. Find the monkeys and follow them as they feed, noticing how they skillfully pick the young bamboo leaves from the tip of the bamboo tree. They may also move out of the park into the potato fields. How they love the potatoes!

After an amazing one hour with the golden monkeys, you will return to the trailhead and drive back to the lodge for lunch. Thereafter, head to the border where after clearing we will proceed to Bwindi.

Main Destination: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Gorillas)

Accommodation: Rushaga Gorilla Lodge

Mid-range lodge located just outside Rushaga

Meals & Drinks: All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 3

Gorilla Trekking and Transfer to Lake Bunyonyi

After early morning breakfast, walk to the park headquarters for a briefing on the dos and don’ts during gorilla tracking. Thereafter, you will proceed to the gorilla trail. Gorilla tracking normally lasts between 2 to 8 hours or even a day to encounter the gorillas. However, you'll be allowed to stay in the presence of these awesome apes for at least an hour. It is advisable that you carry packed lunch, which will be provided, as one cannot determine how long it may take to encounter the mountain gorillas. Later, transfer to Lake Bunyonyi. The drive is through a beautiful part of the country often referred to as ‘the Switzerland of Africa’ because of its unique cool weather despite being near the Equator. This lake is said to be one of the most beautiful places in western Uganda. It is the second deepest lake in Africa [900 meters deep] and also one of the few places in the country where it is considered safe to swim as it is bilharzia free. Dinner and overnight will be at your lodge.

Main Destination:

Lake Bunyonyi (Uganda)

Accommodation:

Lake Bunyonyi Eco Resort

Mid-range resort located in or near Lake Bunyonyi

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

Day 4

Lake Bunyonyi Activities and Transfer to Kigali

After breakfast, you will take a boat ride on this lake to tour different islands. Then we will head to another border, this time the Katuna border to cross to Rwanda. Upon reaching, we will do a Kigali city tour starting off with the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre visit. We will check different city landmarks and craft markets. Thereafter, be transferred to Kigali Airport to catch your departure flight back home.

Main Destination:

Kigali (Rwanda)

Accommodation:

No accommodation (End of tour)

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included

Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

End of tour

Additional accommodation can be arranged for an extra cost.

You'll be dropped off at the airport.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Park fees(For non-residents)
- Gorilla and Golden Monkey permits (One per person, non-resident)
- All activities(Unless labeled as optional)
- All accommodation(Unless listed as upgrade)
- A professional driver/guide
- All transportation(Unless labeled as optional)
- All Taxes/VAT
- Roundtrip airport transfer
- Meals(As specified in the day-by-day section)
- Drinking water(On all days)

Cost excludes

- International flights(From/to home)
- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour
- Tips(Tipping guideline US$10.00 pp per day)
- Personal items(Souvenirs, travel insurance, visa fees, etc.)
- Government imposed increase of taxes and/or park fees

GOOD TO KNOW

- Packing for Safari? Keep it simple!
- Bring comfortable, lightweight clothes in natural colors like khaki, olive, sand, and earth tones. Pack layers too: mornings can be surprisingly chilly, while the middle of the day gets hot. You don't need a fresh outfit for every day, since most lodges and camps can arrange laundry service.
- Don't forget your sun protection: a good hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Comfortable shoes are enough for most safaris. Heavy hiking boots are only needed if you're doing a walking safari, primate tracking, or mountain climbing.
- A good pair of binoculars is a must. A camera is great, but binoculars will transform the way you experience wildlife, especially birds and animals that are far away.
- For luggage, we recommend a soft-sided bag over a hard suitcase. It fits much more easily into safari vehicles and small aircraft, where space is tight and weight is often limited to 15 kg.
- Most importantly, don't overpack. Travel light and enjoy the adventure!

Ready to book this safari?

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