



BESPOKE TOURS THAT AWAKEN CURIOSITY AND WONDER

Destination Rwanda provides unforgettable journeys centered around distinctive wildlife experiences, awe inspiring natural beauty, and rich cultural traditions that culminate in the trip of a lifetime.

Our expert local guides, attention to detail, and unparalleled service make us the tour agency of choice.



Gorilla Treks

Experience one of life's greatest thrills as you walk among mountain gorillas and observe them in their natural habitat.



Safaris

Spot Africa's Big 5 on safari in Akagera National Park.



Cultural Experiences

Rwanda has a rich culture that you can participate in with village visits, craft and cooking demos, and performances.





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- The background of the entire page is a vibrant landscape photograph of terraced hills in Rwanda. The hills are covered in lush green vegetation and are terraced into rows, likely for agriculture. In the distance, more hills and mountains are visible under a bright blue sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. A small cluster of buildings with red roofs is visible on one of the hills in the middle ground.
- Awarded Best Wildlife Tour Operator 2023 - Rwanda 2023 African Excellence Awards
 - 5 Star Trip Advisor Rating
 - Community Impact - 10% of Profits are invested in local organizations
 - Locally operated with high international standards
 - Driver Guides Fluent in English, French, and German
 - Fully Insured - including Akagera evacuation insurance
 - Registered with the Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda Tour and Travel Association, Adventure Tour and Travel Association, IATA, and International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association



PACKAGE STRUCTURE

Destination Rwanda offers tours at the international 3 and 4 star standard level. Regardless of the package, all guests receive:

- Personalized service to ensure their needs and preferences are met.
- A knowledgeable driver guide fluent in the tour's chosen language (typically English, French, or German, but other languages are available as well)
- A safe vehicle that is appropriate for the road conditions and number of passengers on the tour

Our 3 Star Experiences Include:

- Accommodation in comfortable, clean rooms with private bathrooms, air conditioning and/or heating, and TV. Additional amenities such as a pool, spa, and gift shop may be onsite as well. Accommodation examples include the Sheraton Kigali, Akagera Game Lodge, and Mountain Gorilla View Lodge in Kinigi.
- Meals include a mix of local and international cuisine prepared using high quality ingredients. Meals are typically served in restaurants or at the accommodation.

4 Star Experiences Include:

- Guests are met at the plane upon arrival and escorted to the private lounge where they can relax while the customs, visa, and luggage retrieval is taken care of for them.
- Accommodation in luxurious and sophisticated lodges and hotels. Accommodation examples include the Marriott in Kigali, Magashi Camp in Akagera, and Virunga Inn Resort and Spa in Kinigi.
- Meals are upscale dining experiences expertly prepared using high quality ingredients with unique flavor combinations.

Optional Itinerary Upgrades:

- Chef's tables or private dining rooms for special occasions
- Royal Balloon hot air balloon ride in Akagera National Park
- Additional hikes in the National Parks, such as the Dian Fossey Trek in Volcanoes National Park
- Upgraded 5 star accommodation at Volcanoes and Nyungwe National Parks
- Full-time butler or personal assistant
- Helicopter transportation between Akagera, Nyungwe, and Volcanoes National Parks



DAY 1

Volcanoes National Park

Volcanoes National Park is home to approximately one-third of the world's remaining mountain gorilla population. It's one of the best places on Earth to see these incredible primates up close in their natural habitat. Gorilla trekking experiences here are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe and study these highly endangered animals. Volcanoes National Park stands as a shining example of successful conservation efforts. The population of mountain gorillas in the park has been steadily increasing, thanks to strict protection measures and responsible tourism practices.

The park sits in the Virunga Mountain range and is a haven for various other wildlife, including buffaloes, elephants, a variety of primates, and numerous bird species. The forested environment also houses an array of unique flora.

- In the morning, depart Kigali for Volcanoes National Park (approximately 3 hours drive from Kigali).
- Check-in to your lodge near the park.
- In the afternoon, visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund for an interactive experience learning about the gorillas and their environment. The campus is a state-of-the-art research and learning facility newly opened in 2022. Conservation and education are at the heart of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund's first permanent home in Rwanda. Inside you can even read Dian Fossey's original hand written research notes and letters.
- Relax at your lodge in the evening.

Meals:

Lunch near Volcanoes National Park

Dinner at the lodge



DAY 2

Mountain Gorilla Trek

This day will be dedicated to the incredible experience of gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park. The gorilla trekking experience involves hiking through lush forests to observe habituated gorilla families. It's a thrilling and immersive experience that provides a deeper understanding of these remarkable creatures.

- Early breakfast and transfer to the park headquarters for briefing and group assignment.
- Spend the day trekking through the lush forest to observe and interact with mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. Several gorilla families are typically 1-2 hours walking from the trailhead. You will be guided by a park ranger and have the assistance of porters.
- In the afternoon, you will visit the Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village to learn about Rwandan traditions and view a traditional dance performance by Intore dancers. This "Dance of Heroes" is certain to delight with their brightly colored clothes and flowing white hairpieces.

Meals:

Breakfast at the lodge

Packed lunch for gorilla trek

Dinner at the lodge



DAY 3

Golden Monkeys

Volcanoes National Park is home to a playful primate: the endangered golden monkey. Visiting the Golden Monkeys gives you a chance to acclimate to the altitude and get a sense of the environment shared with the gorillas.

- In the morning you will hike to the endangered Golden Monkeys in Volcanoes National Park. This is an easy to moderate trek and you will have approximately an hour with the Golden Monkeys where you can observe them swinging from bamboo, scrambling along the forest floor, and calling to each other.
- In the afternoon you will return to Kigali

Meals:

Breakfast at the lodge

Packed lunch



PRICING

Price for 1 person: 3 star itinerary S3600, 4 star itinerary S9300

Price for 2 people sharing a room: 3 star itinerary S3500, 4 star itinerary S9100 per person

Price for 6 or more people: 3 star itinerary S3300, 4 star itinerary S8900 per person sharing

Included in this quotation:

- Volcanoes National Park permits for Gorilla Trek and Golden Monkeys Trek
- Entrance fees include Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund and Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village
- 2 nights accommodation
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) excluding alcohol
- Knowledgeable driver guide; including all meals and accommodation for the guide
- Groups with 6 or more people will have a driver and a guide. There will be 1 guide for every 6 people, eg 10 people will have 2 guides
- All taxes (18% VAT)

Excluded:

- Flights and any applicable visas
- Travel insurance (required)
- Gratuities
- Free time activities



PAYMENT AND TERMS

Payment can be made by bank transfer or by credit card with a 3.5% convenience fee.

Payment Terms:

- 50% of the tour price or permit fees, whichever is higher, is due upon booking.
- Final balance is due 60 days prior to tour start.
- Payment is due in full for all bookings 60 days prior to tour start.

Booking with us means you have read and agree to our terms and conditions. All travelers are responsible for providing their own emergency medical, evacuation, and repatriation insurance.

Rebookings and Refunds:

We understand plans can change. You can rebook your tour up to 45 days prior to tour start, giving you added flexibility and peace of mind. You will be responsible for the difference in any changes in permit and accommodation fees.

There is no refund on the 50% deposit, but we will work with you to rebook your tour and permits for a future date. If you cancel or delay your trip for any reason, your deposit remains valid for 2 years. You can even pass it on to a friend.

We can't guarantee future availability of permit bookings (e.g. for the gorillas) but we will do our best to reserve your desired date based on park permit availability or arrange for other permits.

At Your Service:

Road, weather, and unexpected conditions may impact the exact itinerary for your trip. If this happens, we will do our very best to make alternate suggestions for your itinerary so that we can give you a fantastic experience.

If you have questions about a trip we're here to help. Give us a call or send us an email.