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## Rwanda - Volcanoes Pre Ext. (5.2)

### YOUR ITINERARY

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#### Day 1 **Arrive to Kigali, Rwanda**

*Today you will meet your guide and transfer to your hotel in downtown Kigali, Rwanda.*

✦ **Transfer Upon Arrival in Kigali**

A Volcanoes Safaris representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

**Accommodations:** Kigali Serena Hotel

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#### Day 2 **Rwanda**

*After breakfast, your guide will drive you to the base of the Sabinyo Mountains, to the town of Kinigi, about 3 hours away from Kigali.*

✦ **Kigali Tour**

Take a tour of Kigali with your guide.

✦ **Visit Rwanda Genocide Memorial**

While in the city of Kigali, visit the Rwandan Genocide Memorial, where you can peruse the interior exhibits as well as the beautiful memorial gardens.

✦ **Lunch in Kigali**

En route through Kigali, you will stop for lunch in the city.

✦ **Transfer to the Virunga Volcanoes**

After lunch, you will head on a three hour journey across Rwanda's rolling green hills and farmland up to the Virunga Volcanoes where, on clear days, you can see up to five volcanic peaks. Settle into your rooms at the lodge where you can relax for the afternoon.

**Accommodations:** Volcanoes Virunga Lodge

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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#### Day 3 **Rwanda**

*The Parc des Volcans protects the steep slopes of the Virunga mountains - home of the rare mountain gorilla - and a rich mosaic of montane ecosystems nearby.*

❖ **Briefing on Gorilla Tracking Etiquette**

Before you set foot on the trail, your guide will brief you on what to expect and how to behave in the presence of the gorillas. As they are an extremely rare species living in a fragile environment, it is extraordinarily important for you to observe some simple rules. Please note that anyone suffering from cold or flu symptoms, or any other infectious conditions will not be permitted on the trek.

❖ **Gorilla Trek**

With your guide leading the way, explore the lush, dense forest in search of gorillas. Trekking conditions may be strenuous, so please be prepared with the proper equipment provided in your packing list. Once you find the gorillas, you will spend a maximum of one hour in their presence, during which any thoughts of strenuous hiking will be forgotten!

**Accommodations:** Volcanoes Virunga Lodge

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Day 4 **Rwanda**

*Rwanda offers challenging trekking for any reasonably fit traveler. Lush jungle trails can be steep, but the experience of seeing gorillas in the wild will be well worth the effort.*

❖ **Second Gorilla Trek**

Take another excursion into the forest with your guide to look for gorillas. Trekking times may vary from as little as one hour to as long as six hours, if the gorillas are roaming a particularly remote corner of the mountains. It is highly probable that you will see gorillas on one or more trekking days, but due to the wild and unpredictable nature of such an endeavor, gorilla sightings cannot be guaranteed.

❖ **Lunch at the Lodge**

Enjoy lunch at the lodge. You will also have a chance to shower and repack before your departure this afternoon.

❖ **Transfer back to Kigali**

Your guide will drive you back to the city of Kigali at the end of your Rwandan adventure.

❖ **Dinner on Your Own**

**Accommodations:** Kigali Serena Hotel

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch

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Day 5 **Kigali, Rwanda, to Arusha, Tanzania**

*Fly from Kigali to the Arusha, Tanzania.*

❖ **Transfer to the Kigali Airport for Your Flight**

❖ **12:00pm Coastal Air Flight from Kigali to Arusha**

Fly from Rwanda to northern Tanzania today.

❖ **Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to Your Lodge**

You will be warmly greeted upon arrival by your guide. From the airport, it is just a short distance to your comfortable lodge.

❖ **Afternoon on Your Own**

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**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Boxed Lunch

For international flights purchased through Thomson Safaris, please check the carrier's website for baggage restrictions including any possible fees.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

## Kigali Serena Hotel

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Kigali Serena Hotel is ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards. The hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art.

## Volcanoes Virunga Lodge

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Located just one hour from the Parc National des Volcans, Volcanoes Virunga Lodge is perfectly situated for gorilla tracking in Rwanda. The lodge is perched on a hillside overlooking lakes Ruhondo and Bulera, and each of the 8 eco-friendly bandas, or cottages, offer wonderful views.

## TRIP DETAILS

### Included In Rwanda

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- All Park Fees
- Accommodations Based on Double Occupancy
- Airport Transfers as Noted in Itinerary
- Meals as Noted in Itinerary
- Transfers as Noted in Itinerary
- Land Transportation in Comfortable, Customized 4x4 Vehicles
- Bottled Water and Coolers in Volcanoes Safaris Vehicles
- 2 Gorilla Tracking Permits per Person
- Internal Flights as Noted in Itinerary
- Services of Virunga Volcanoes National Park Guides
- Kigali City Tour and Visit to the Genocide Museum
- Services of Volcanoes Safaris Staff
- Volcanoes Virunga Lodge: Beer, House Wine, Spirits, Soda, and Laundry Service
- Volcanoes Virunga Lodge: One 30 Minute Massage per Person

### Not Included In Rwanda

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- \*Laundry, Phone, Internet, and Items of a Personal Nature Unless Otherwise Noted
- \*Volcanoes Virunga Lodge: Champagne, Fine Wine, and Top Shelf Spirits
- \*Tips for Hotel Staff, Guides, and Drivers
- \*Baggage Handling
- \*Fees for Passport, Visas, Immunizations, and Insurance
- \*Cost of Hospitalization or Evacuation

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