

**Rwanda - A Thousand Hills and Lakes  
10 days – 9 nights  
Kigali, Akagera Park, Nyanza, Nyungwe Forest, Lake Kivu, Volcanoes National Park  
Wildlife, Photography, Discovery, Adventure**

**This program may be operated for individual or for small groups  
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

*This tour in Rwanda brings you to discover the most remarkable places of East Africa. Discover Akagera Park, home to endemic wild animals, and pass through warm and welcoming villages discover chimpanzees and large groups of colobus monkeys in the lush vegetation of the Nyungwe Forest, admire Lake Kivu's jagged shores and its hundreds of islands, meet the mountain gorillas, a unique and privileged moment!*

### **Day 1: Kigali**

"Ikaze" means "Welcome" in the Kinyarwanda language. You will be warmly greeted by your local guide upon arrival at Kigali International Airport and transferred to your hotel in the city. Rest of the day free to rest and relax before dinner at the hotel. [D]

### **Day 2: Kigali, Akagera Park**

Departure to Akagera National Park arriving in time to check-in and have lunch at the lodge. Encounter with the shy oribi or even the topi on the way to the rocky hills on the horizon, beyond the undulating grassy hills, where the Akagera river makes its way through a series of lakes, in immense papyrus swamps. Elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, zebras and Defassa cobs populate the region. A boat trip on Lake Ihema will allow you to observe the unique biodiversity of this place. Dinner and accommodation in the park. [B/L/D]

### **Day 3: Akagera Park**

Today, enjoy a day of safari in the park. There are countless possibilities for discovering flora and fauna: mammals and birds of all kinds make perfect subjects for wonderful photos that, forever, will reinforce your memories of this place. All meals are included and overnight at the lodge. [B/L/D]

### **Day 4: Akagera Park, Nyanza, Nyungwe Forest**

Early departure to the Nyungwe Forest, passing through Kigali to reach Huye. Stop at Nyanza to visit the former royal estate before continuing to Huye. Have lunch on the lawn of a restaurant in the city. Then, visit the Ethnographic Museum of Rwanda, attend traditional Rwandan dances and visit the Murambi Genocide Museum. Continue to Nyungwe Forest for dinner and spend the night at a lodge on the edge of the forest. [B/L/D]

### **Day 5: Nyungwe Forest**

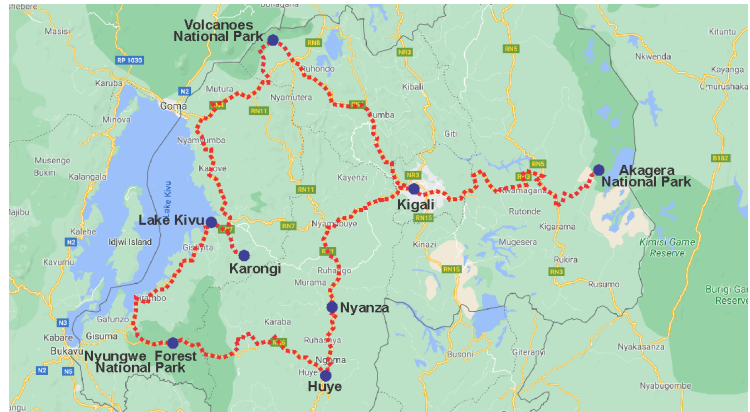
Go in search of chimpanzees and colobus monkeys. Keep your eyes open, these animals are pranksters. Nyungwe Forest covers an area of 252,000 acres and is the playground for thirteen species of primates, including chimpanzees, L'Hoest's monkeys, Owl-faced monkeys and Angolan colobus. A collection of strange names but dazzling animals! Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

### **Day 6: Nyungwe Forest, Lake Kivu**

For this stage of the tour in Rwanda, you will follow the colobus monkey trail and take East Africa's only canopy walk (unless you're afraid of heights in which case you may walk around). Nyungwe Forest in Rwanda is home to 25% of all the primates in Africa and 275 species of birds! Then, continue along the east shore of Lake Kivu towards Karongi. The views over the lake and its jagged shore are fantastic. The atmosphere there is extremely peaceful. Lunch at the Cormorant lodge on the shore of Lake Kivu, a great viewpoint to watch the departure and return of fishermen on tri-pirogues. Later in the afternoon continue to the lodge in Kiruye for dinner and accommodation. [B/L/D]

**Day 7: Lake Kivu, Volcanoes National Park**

After a hearty breakfast, you will cross magnificent landscapes of hills and villages making several stops along the way to meet the locals. You will visit a coffee field and witness the key stages of coffee roasting and discover why your coffee can taste so different from roaster to roaster. Then, continue to Rubavu to enjoy lunch by the beach. In the afternoon, take the road to Musanze which leads to the foot of the majestic volcanoes where the views are spectacular. Finally, arrive at your guest house, near the Volcanoes National Park, for dinner and accommodation. [B/L/D]

**Day 8: Volcanoes National Park (Mountain Gorilla trek)**

Today's is the realization of your long-awaited day exploring the gorillas' track through the unique vegetation on the side of volcanoes. You'll have to brave the often wet and sometimes muddy mountain but, believe us, the effort is worth it! Finding yourself in front of these giants is a unique and unforgettable moment that will stay in your memories for the rest of your life! Spend a few hours on the trek, capture gorillas in your camera, learn about their habits and behavior and return to the hotel for rest before dinner watching the best photos of the day. [B/L/D]

**Day 9: Volcanoes National Park, Kigali**

Take a last track among the steep hills to discover the landscapes of deep Rwanda, arriving at a viewpoint along the winding shores of Lake Muhazi to view the twin lakes Burera and Ruhondo. In this "Rwanda's little paradise", you will have a nice glimpse of the country. At each stage, you will be able to take advantage of the beauty and the sweetness of life on these lake shores. Continue to Kigali stopping en-route for lunch. [B/L]

**Day 10: Kigali, USA**

After breakfast, explore Kigali starting with its Kimironko fruit and loincloth market and discover the Kiyovu craft and souvenir market taking the time to exchange and discuss with the locals. At the appointed time you'll be. Transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Your Tour includes:**

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 9 nights' accommodation:
  - Kigali 2 nights
  - Akagera Nat'l Park 2 nights
  - Nyungwe Forest 2 nights
  - Lake Kivu 1 night
  - Volcanoes Nat'l Park 2 nights
- Meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - 8 lunches
  - 8 dinners
- Akagera Park safari
- Boat trip on Lake Ihema
- Nyanza visit to former royal estate
- Rwanda traditional dances
- Nyungwe chimpanzees and colobus monkeys
- Colobus monkey trail
- Visit a coffee field
- Spectacular Volcanoes
- Mountain Gorilla trek
- Twin lakes Burera and Ruhondo
- Kigali typical markets
- Experienced English-speaking guide/driver
- Transportation by 4x4 vehicle
- Compulsory insurance for emergency evacuation by helicopter in Rwanda
- Entrance fees to the parks:
  - Chimpanzee permit
  - Colobus permit
  - Akagera Park
- Mineral water in the car and during trekking
- All local taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- Airfares
- Airport taxes and fees
- Gorilla trek supplement
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of personal nature
- Optional tours
- Any services not included in tour

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Kigali	Cozy Safari Hotel	5
Akagera Nat'l Park	Akagera Game Lodge	4
Nyungwe Forest	Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel	4
Kibuye	Kivu Safari Lodge	4.5
Volcanoes Nat'l Park	Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Price:**

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

**• Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

**• Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

**• Other options**

- The program was designed with private services however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

**• Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** RW01KGL21FA

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad

journey.

- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and long-time relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

**Important Notices:**

**Health:** Yellow fever inoculations are compulsory and malaria prophylactics are recommended. For gorilla/chimp trekking it is imperative that you are healthy and free of any disease or virus – officials do have the right to refuse entry if you are found to have or show any signs of communicable illnesses.

**Visas:** Most nationalities require a visa to enter Rwanda. The newly established EAC Visa allows entry into Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya for one fee of \$100. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months or 12 months in the case of UK nationals.