

GORILLA TREKKING RWANDA 3 DAYS

Thank you for choosing Viva Africa Tours. As per your request, we have provided a schedule for your gorilla trekking. Please go through the following itinerary, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone.

Our Gorilla trekking Rwanda experience is unparalleled. A steep trail through a quiet farming area leads to the enchanting rainforest that beckons one into its pulsing heart. The splendour of the dawn's glow pierces through the lush, emerald sward. The Volcano National Park in Rwanda features the greatest amount of gorilla packs. Human contact is ordinary to them and all apprehension or anxiety will melt upon encountering an affectionate group. Your guide will constantly communicate the trackers to assist in locating the groups. Trackers have a connection with the gorillas and analyse their behavioural patterns. The hierarchy within the packs is extremely fascinating. A small range of dense vegetation generally serves as a playground for the exuberant young whilst the females focus intently on their beauty care regimes. The wise silverback lounges on the grass as he observes the activities of his pack and he is the only member who does not assist with the grooming process.

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE KIGALI AND TRAVEL TO RUHENGERI

You will be met by your driver/guide at the Kigali International airport and stop for lunch in the city before being transferred to the twin lakes of Bulera & Ruhondo- These are beautiful lakes located at the base of volcano Muhabura and close to the border with Uganda. They are surrounded by steep hills and large waterfalls with a backdrop of the Virunga volcanic mountains. These twin lakes are great spots to be visited and used to be referred to as neglected gems but things have changed and Bulera and Ruhondo are a place not worth missing out on. Their deep blue waters ringed by steep hills and tall waterfalls with the outlines of the nearby Virunga Volcanoes provide a spectacular backdrop. Get to the view point then drive to Ruhengeri area the second largest town in Rwanda, with its stunning backdrop of five volcanic mountains – The Virungas- Arriving for dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Driving distance: 2 hours

Activities: Twin Lakes Visit

Overnight: Home Inn/ Mountain Gorilla View Lodge/ Virunga Lodge

Meal Plan: Full board – Lunch, Dinner, bed & breakfast



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DAY 2: GORILLA TREKKING

After an early breakfast, you will proceed to the National Park headquarters – Kinigi to meet your guides for the day. After completing our park formalities, we are embark on a once in a life time experience of tracking mountain gorillas. Once you spot them you are allowed to spend an hour watching your closest long lost cousin. This is perhaps one of the most breath-taking wildlife experiences on earth!!! You get so close to these awesome giant primates. You stare at each other blankly not knowing who to break the long silence first. Tracking the gorillas through the light mountain forest on the slopes of the Virunga is a magical experience. These massive primates are extremely rare, with less than 700 living today. You will get within meters of the family, and be privileged to spend an hour amongst them. The trekking may be fairly strenuous; up to six hours or longer at a relatively high altitude. We encourage for your own enjoyment to make sure that you are perfectly fit and healthy. It is important to bring good hiking boots, long trousers, gloves for protection against stinging nettles, some snacks & sweets (for you, not the gorillas) as well as sufficient water as the rain forest gets hot and humid during the day. You will spend one hour with the gorillas, but it is an hour you will never forget. Return to your hotel for lunch and later dinner and overnight.

Driving distance: 15 minutes

Activities: 1 Gorilla Trek

Overnight: Home Inn/ Mountain Gorilla View Lodge / Virunga Lodge

Meal Plan: Full board – Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

DAY 3: CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING + DEPART

After breakfast you will bid your host good bye and depart for Kigali. Take a complementary city tour to visit interesting spots which may include; the craft market, Gisozi genocide memorial site & Kigali museum. Also engage in last minute shopping in one of the friendliest African capitals, before returning to the airport for your onward international flight back home.

Driving distance: 2 Hours

Activities: City Tour

Overnight: 0

Meal Plan: 0



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Included

- Transfers as mentioned
- 2 nights accommodation
- Meals as mentioned
- Gorilla permit
- Kigali City Tour

Not Included

- Personal items
- Gratuities / tip for guide
- Travel insurance
- Visa and passport fees
- Soda and alcoholic beverages
- Extra activities



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