

Discover Rwanda ...

Rwanda the land of a thousand, lush green hills and countless lakes, draws visitors from all over the world, primarily to see its legendary and endangered mountain gorillas. But without sounding clichéd, it has so much more to offer.

A stunning bird-list, several species of primates, volcanoes, game reserves, resorts and islands on the expansive Lake Kivu - and friendly people. And excellent coffee and tea on the road in most regions. The country is nobly leading the way in environmental protection through a ban on plastic bags, making it one of the cleanest countries in Africa.

With easy access to different east African countries - and direct flights to Europe and South Africa - Rwanda is an ideal location for travel within the region for conference and leisure tourists. And visas are dead-easy; upon arrival, nationals of all countries receive their visa at Kigali International Airport and all land borders.



Kigali
Akagera National Park
Nyungwe National Park
Lake Kivu
Volcanoes National Park

14 days / 13 nights



Day 1: Upon arrival at Kigali international airport, you are welcomed by our representative with a meet & greet service. You wait in the VIP lounge while we collect your baggage from the carousel - at which you are transferred to your hotel. Overnight: The Retreat by Heaven / The Governor's Residence (Full Board).

Day 2-3: You visit the Genocide Memorial site, a reminder of a dark time in Rwanda's history in 1994. Have lunch at a really good local restaurant. In the afternoon, you are transferred to Akagera National Park, which boasts a variety of ecosystems, including savanna woodland, wetlands and lakes. This means the topography and variety of wild and birdlife is excellent. The next morning, you have a game drive in the park. This beautiful "big 5" park of lakes, wetlands and escarpment is a biodiversity gem, an interesting contrast to the more mountainous central and western parts of Rwanda. Later that afternoon, you will enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ihema, where hippos, fish eagles, a number of special bird species and crocodiles make their presence felt. Overnight: Ruzizi Tented Lodge (Full Board).



Day 4-5: You will be transferred to the northern part of Akagera for more game viewing. This is where the game viewing gets serious, with a healthy population of elephant, buffalo, lion, zebra, giraffe and a variety of antelope including Impala, Common Duiker, Defassa Waterbuck, Bushbuck, Oribi, Tsessebe, Cape Eland and the rare Sable. Overnight: Wilderness Magashi / Karengwe Bush Camp (Full Board)

Day 6-7: You are driven back to Kigali. In the evening, you will have dinner at the unique Meza Malonga Restaurant. Founder and head chef Dieuveil Malonga collects ingredients from different African countries for his Afro-fusion cuisine. Listed amongst the World's 50 Best Restaurants for 2022, dinner at Meza Malonga is not just a meal, but a tour of the African continent.

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/the-worlds-50-best-restaurants-awards-announces-2022-champions-of-change-301531740.html>



The city tour of Kigali the next morning includes a walking tour, optional visits to one of the Kigali markets and quality handicraft shops. Kigali's friendliness and cleanliness has attracted world headlines, on top of its reputation as one of Africa's safest cities. Overnight: The Retreat by Heaven / The Governor's Residence (Full Board)

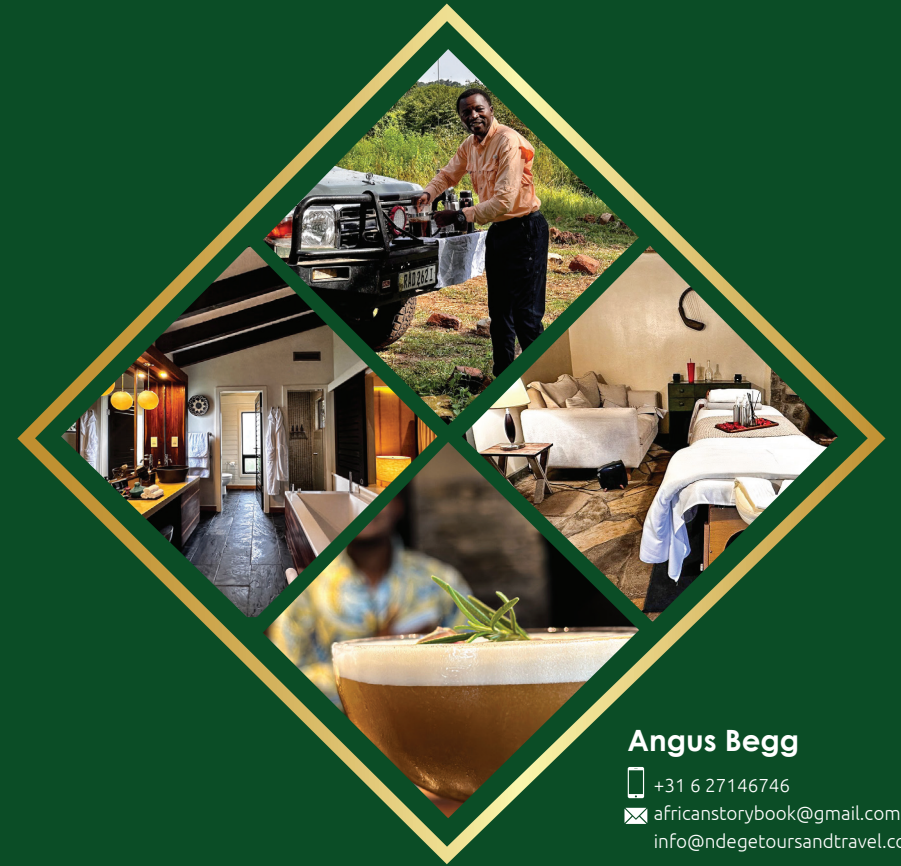
Day 8-9: Have an early morning flight to Kamembe and be transferred to Nyungwe National Park, home to arguably Africa's largest Afro-montane rainforest, with its remarkable biodiversity. The forest and canopy walk are calling. The next day, among the park activities to choose from are primate trekking and hiking. Overnight: One & Only Nyungwe House/ Mantis Kivu Marina (Full Board)



Day 10-11: You drive to Karongi, a beautiful retreat on the shores of Lake Kivu with majestic vistas and a tranquil atmosphere. Have lunch at Cleo Lake Kivu hotel - with the chef's signature tilapia on the menu. In the morning of the following day, have a walk in the nearby village in Kinunu and learn about the local coffee production. Overnight: Cleo Lake Kivu Hotel / Rushel Kivu Resort (Full Board).

Day 12-13: With lunch and coffee en route, you are driven to Volcanoes National Park. The next morning, the different activities in the park open up before you, among them trekking to find the gorillas and / or golden monkeys, and for those seeking something a little different, there is magnificent hiking to be had. Also highly recommended is enjoying the rooms and grounds in the beautiful lodges we have chosen for you. Overnight: Singita Kwitonda Lodge / Virunga Lodge / Sambora Kinigi (Full Board)

Day 14: Visit the excellent Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey museum to learn more about Rwanda's efforts in mountain gorilla conservation, and the work of that eminent primatologist. In the afternoon, you will enjoy the scenic, short drive back to Kigali and proceed to the airport for your evening departure.



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