

RWANDA PRIMATES 9 days

Itinerary:



Day 1 : Arrive Kigali - Nyungwe (D)

Upon arrival in Kigali you set off for a scenic drive to Nyungwe National park. One of the oldest rain forests in Africa, Nyungwe is rich in biodiversity and spectacularly beautiful. The mountainous region is teeming with wildlife, including chimpanzees as well as 12 other species of primate, like the L'Hoest's monkey endemic to the Albertine Rift.

Lodging: Emeraude Kivu Resort

Day 2 : Nyungwe - Chimpanzee tracking & canopy walk (B / L / D)

After breakfast today begin with Chimpanzee tracking in this stunning forest. Botanists will marvel at the 1,068 plant species and 140 orchids. The birdwatching is among the best in Africa and there are 75 known mammals in Nyungwe, such as the cerval cat, mongoose, Congo clawless otter and leopard to name but a few. In the afternoon walk along the Canopy Walk suspension bridge with offers breathtaking views of the forest.

Lodging: Emeraude Kivu Resort

Day 3 : Nyungwe - Colobus Monkey tracking (B / L / D)

This morning after breakfast you go for a nature walk in the forest where you hike up to the waterfalls as you learn more about the bio diversity of the park. With plenty of rainfall, Nyungwe is the major catchment area in Rwanda, and supplies water to 70% of the country. After lunch embark for a Colobus monkey tracking. Their beautiful black fur strongly contrasts with the long white mantle, whiskers, bushy tail, and beard around the face.

Lodging: Emeraude Kivu Resort

Day 4 : Nyungwe - Gisenyi (B / L / D)

After breakfast transfer to Gisenyi on the northern shores of Lake Kivu, one of the Africa's Great Lakes. It lies on the border between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda, and is in the Albertine Rift, the western branch of the East African Rift. Enjoy a boat trip along this beautiful lake before you return to the lodge with some time to relax.

Lodging: Kivu Serena Hotel

Day 5 : Gisenyi - Volcanoes National Park (B / L / D)

In the early morning after breakfast you start a spectacular drive to the Volcanoes National Park with stops and lunch along the way. You have a wonderful walk along the Twin Lakes of Bulera and Ruhondo before dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Lodging: Gorilla Five Volcano Boutique Hotel

Day 6 : Volcanoes National Park - Gorilla tracking (B / L / D)

Today after breakfast in the early morning, with packed lunch, you head to the park headquarters for briefing before embarking on the gorilla tracking adventure. You are in the presence of the gorillas for an hour and later return to the park headquarters. In the evening a cultural walk to Iby'wachu for a cultural visit awaits. Here you can learn more about the Banyarwanda culture.

Lodging: Gorilla Five Volcano Boutique Hotel

Day 7 : Volcanoes National Park - Akagera National Park (B / L / D)

After breakfast go for a golden monkey tracking. Golden monkeys are also rare and endangered primates that can only be found in the Virunga massif. Later this day make your way to Akagera National Park for dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Lodging: Ruzizi Tented Lodge

Day 8 : Akagera National Park - Game drive (B / L / D)

This morning you have a game drive at the Akagera National Park. Here you can see a number of wildlife species including elephants, giraffes, antelopes, lions as well as a number of birds. In the afternoon enjoy a boat cruise along Lake Ihema home to many hippos and other aquatic wildlife species.

Lodging: Ruzizi Tented Lodge

Day 9 : Akagera National Park - Kigali departure (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your international departure flight.

