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Explore a Path of Adventure and Sustainability - Luxury

Embark on an unforgettable 11-day journey through the land of a thousand hills, Rwanda. Immerse yourself in the country's stunning natural beauty, vibrant culture, and rich history. From the scenic Nyungwe Forest to the majestic Lake Kivu, and from the enchanting Volcanoes Forest to the diverse wildlife of Akagera Park, this safari promises an adventure like no other. Discover the warm hospitality of the Rwandan people at the Nyamirambo Women Center, explore the historic Butera Palace, and get closer to nature at Buhanga Eco Park. Join us on this thrilling safari and create memories that will last a lifetime.



Sustainability:

- Environmentally friendly accommodations and transportation
- Responsible travel practices that support local communities and conservation efforts
- Park fees and permits that contribute to conservation initiatives
- Carbon offsetting through a reforestation project to mitigate tour impact
- Support for local conservation projects and community development initiatives
- Sustainable tourism practices that prioritize environmental stewardship and social responsibility

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Sustainability Commitment:

All our travelers will be issued a Sustainable Travel Certificate certified by Sustainable Travel International (STI). Our contributors, volunteers, and partners will also receive a certificate certified by STI. We're committed to:

- Conservation and community partnerships

- Carbon offset levy

- 24/7 Emergency Support, including real-time monitoring and Garmin Satellite SOS devices

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Day 1 Arrival in Rwanda

When you arrive in Kigali, our tour guide will greet you and drive you to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Overnight: The Retreat

Basics: -, -, Dinner

Day 2 Kigali Cultural Tour

After an early breakfast, head to Nyamirambo Women's Center for a walking tour that includes a local snack, a brief Kinyarwanda language lesson, and an introduction to the Center and its activities. Our guide will take you to a women's hairdressing salon where you can get a complimentary braid if you want, visit shops where you will touch and feel the materials you'll be seeing on the streets of Kigali and other places you will visit on your tour.

The tour includes a traditional lunch made and served at the home of Aminatha, NWC's best cook. From market to meal, you will, of course, participate in purchasing these items at the local market before returning home and going through each stage of the cooking process with Aminatha. When prepared, it will be served to all participants. Later, visit Kimironko Market to purchase kitenge fabric, which is associated with African culture and may be worn in a variety of ways.

Overnight: The Retreat

Day Activities: Nyamirambo Women Center Visit.

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How Nyamirambo Women Center is Making a Difference.

In the vibrant neighborhood of Nyamirambo in Kigali, Rwanda, a beacon of hope shines brightly in the form of the Nyamirambo Women Center (NWC). This remarkable organization is dedicated to supporting and empowering local women through a variety of programs and initiatives that have a positive impact on the entire community.

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Morning transfer to Nyungwe. Visit Nyanza Palace

After breakfast, proceed to Nyungwe National Park, located in Rwanda's southern corner and has a vast virgin tropical rain forest with a high, dense canopy that harbors about 310 different bird species, hundreds of butterflies and orchids, and over 75 different species of mammals, including 13 primates (about a quarter of all African primates) such as chimps. Before visiting the Nyungwe, you will stop by the Nyanza Palace in Butera to learn about Rwanda's history



Overnight: One & Only Nyungwe House

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One and Only Nyungwe House located in the middle of Rwanda's gorgeous Nyungwe Forest, is more than just a luxury getaway; it is a shining example of sustainability and community support.

Day Activities: The Nyanza Palace Tour

The stately Nyanza Palace, nestled within Rwanda's gorgeous surroundings, is a historical gem that not only protects the country's rich cultural legacy but also plays an important role in assisting the local communities. Let's look at how the Nyanza Palace acts as a symbol of heritage and empowerment for the Rwandan people.

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Morning Chimpanzee tracking and canopy walk

After breakfast, you will go to Nyungwe National Park for an unforgettable chimp tracking excursion and an afternoon canopy walk. The park contains a huge virgin tropical rainforest with a high, dense canopy that is home to about Chimpanzees in Nyungwe Forest live in large groups and wander around every day, seeking food from 310 different bird species, hundreds of butterflies and orchids, and over 75 different species of mammals, including 13 primates (roughly a quarter of all Africa's primates) and chimps, as well as hunting smaller creatures. Chimpanzee tracking can last from an hour to three hours, depending on where the chimps are. You will have a maximum of one hour to engage, photograph, and observe the animals. After lunch, you will go on an exciting canopy walk.

Overnight: One & Only Nyungwe House

Day Activities: Chimpanzee tracking and Canopy walk

Chimpanzee Following and Canopy Visits

Settled within the heart of Rwanda lies the breathtaking Nyungwe Timberland, a sanctuary for natural life and a hotspot for ecotourism. One of the most attractions of this lavish rainforest is the opportunity to track chimpanzees in their normal territory and investigate the treetops on canopy visits. The park doesn't only offer special involvement for our guests, but also play a significant part in maintaining the environment and supporting nearby communities.

Chimpanzee Following:

Nyungwe Woodland is domestic to a flourishing populace of chimpanzees, making it a prime area for following these shrewdly and charismatic primates. By taking part in guided chimpanzee following visits,

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guests not as it were get a chance to watch these interesting creatures up near but moreover contribute to their preservation.

Income produced from chimpanzee following grants is regularly reinvested into preservation endeavors, such as anti-poaching watches, living space rebuilding, and community instruction programs. By supporting these activities, guests are straightforwardly contributing to the assurance of Nyungwe Woodland and its differing environment.

Canopy Tours:

In expansion to chimpanzee following, Nyungwe Timberland offers guests the opportunity to investigate the treetops on exciting canopy visits. These tours allow guests to zip line through the timberland canopy, advertising a interesting point of view on the lavish vegetation and differing natural life below.



Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Mode of Transport: Road transfer (3km: 5mins)

Day 5: Drive to Kibuye. Relaxation at the Hotel

Kibuye is one of Rwanda's most picturesque regions and the country's closest approach to a beach resort. On Lake Kivu's long shore, there are some wonderful stretches of sand bordered by diverse tropical flora.

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The road from Kibuye skirts the shores of Lake Kivu. Upon arrival, check in, eat lunch, and then relax in preparation for the next day's activities.

Overnight: Lake Kivu Serena Hotel

Sustainability and Community Support at Lake Kivu Serena

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel is not just a stunning getaway destination but also a shining example of sustainability and community support. From its eco-friendly practices to its initiatives that uplift local communities, this luxury hotel is a symbol of responsible tourism in the heart of Africa.

Day Activities: Relaxation at the Hotel

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Full Day Islands trip Incl. Coffee & Community experience



Relax and appreciate the beauty of the Rwandan mountains from Lake Kivu's hillside. We'll be hiking around Napoleon Island and looking for fruit bats and velvet monkeys on Kibuye, a nearby island. This excursion allows you to interact with communities after you arrive on the island, with people of the village greeting you with their unique songs, music, and dancing styles. Depending on your availability, join the rural community and explore some of the island's small farms.
You will get the opportunity to learn about coffee growing processes from farmers and participate in activities such as mulching, pruning, harvesting coffee beans, sorting, peeling, and roasting, among others,

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with an expert agronomist available to answer all questions during the trip. The tour will end with a brief cruise along the Lake Kivu coast.

Overnight: Lake Kivu Serena Hotel

Day Activities: Full day Island tour

How this activity on Lake Kivu Supports Local Communities.

This island is situated amidst the breathtaking beauty of Lake Kivu in Rwanda, this tour stands out not only for its thrill experience but also for its profound impact on the local community. With a commitment to community development, this eco-conscious activity has been geared towards a brighter future for the people living around the lake in the following ways.

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Morning transfer to Volcanoes National Park. Visit Buhanga Eco Park

After breakfast, you will depart for Volcanoes National Park, taking in the breathtaking views of hills and foggy valleys along the way. Volcanoes National Park, located in the far northwest of Rwanda, protects the steep slopes of this spectacular mountain range, which is home to the endangered mountain gorilla. However, before arriving at your destination, you will make a detour at Buhanga Eco Park. This was a holy woodland where Rwandese Kings held initiation ceremonies; today, it serves as a memorial to earlier tribes that performed such rituals. There is a chance to go on a trail walk in the park and witness where these rites occurred. Withdraw and transfer to your lodging.

Overnight: Virunga Lodge

Supporting Sustainability and Local Communities at Virunga Lodge

Virunga Lodge is a shining example of sustainable tourism and community support. This eco-friendly resort not only offers its visitors a luxury and one-of-a-kind experience, but it also actively promotes environmental conservation and community empowerment.

Day Activities: Buhanga Eco Park tour

Preserving Rwanda's Culture and Supporting Local Communities

In the heart of Rwanda lies a hidden gem that not only preserves the rich culture of the country but also uplifts the local communities - the Buhanga Eco Park. This eco-friendly park is a sanctuary where nature, culture, and community come together in perfect harmony.

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Morning Gorilla Trekking. Gorilla Guardian Village Visit

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Following an early morning breakfast, you will transfer to the park headquarters with your packed lunch in order to be briefed on the gorilla code of behavior. This will be followed by a hunt for gorillas in the bush, which might take 2–6 hours, depending on how the gorillas move in the jungle. Meet and stay with the gorillas for only an hour. Ascend to Gorilla Guardian Village for an amazing cultural performance among other activities.



Overnight: Virunga Lodge

Day Activities: Gorilla trekking & Cultural Experience

Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park: A Sustainable Adventure for Environmental.

Conservation and Community Wellbeing: Visitors looking for a unique and impactful travel experience we bring them to Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda for the ultimate gorilla trekking. Not only is this adventure an unforgettable way to connect with these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, but it also plays a significant role in environmental conservation and community wellbeing.

Gorilla Guardian Village in Rwanda: Transforming Lives for the Better

Visitors to the Gorilla Guardian Village contribute to the local community by supporting the economy through tourism.

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Preserving Rwanda`s Natural Heritage: By supporting the Gorilla Guardian Village, visitors not only have the opportunity to witness the beauty of Rwanda's wildlife up close but also contribute to the long-term conservation of the mountain gorillas and their habitat.

The revenue generated from tourism activities is reinvested back into community projects, ensuring a sustainable future for both people and wildlife.

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Mode of Transport: Road transfer (39km: 1hr:15min)

Day 9: Drive to Akagera national park

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Akagera National Park to witness animals. This is the only park in Rwanda where you may have a game drive and see savannah-based wild animals. Upon arrival and clearance, you will enter the park and take a game drive to your lodge. You may see a variety of creatures along the trip, including antelopes, buffalo, and monkeys.

Overnight: Wilderness Magashi Camp

Exploring the Sustainable Beauty of Wilderness Magashi Camp

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The magnificent Wilderness Magashi Camp is nestled in the lush foliage of Rwanda's Akagera National Park, a true gift for nature lovers and adventurers. However, what distinguishes this camp from others is its persistent commitment to sustainability and community support as explained below.

Day Activities: -

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Morning game drive and boat ride on Lake Ihema

Early in the morning, you will go on a game drive through Akagera National Park. The big open area is perfect for game viewing. It is possible to see buffalo, elephants, antelope, zebra, giraffes, baboons, monkeys, and an astonishing 490 bird species. A ranger guide will lead you through the park, increasing your chances of seeing a variety of wildlife. You may also see members of the lion pride in Akagera. A boat tour on Lake Ihema is also a highlight of any visit to Akagera, with big hippos, Nile crocodiles, and many waterbirds on the lake's island.



Overnight: Wilderness Magashi Camp

Day Activities: Game drive and Boat Ride

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Akagera National Park's Community and Sustainable Approach

This lovely park serves as both a wildlife sanctuary and a stimulus for community development. Let's look at how Akagera Park's sustainable methods have achieved a harmonious balance between conservation efforts and community empowerment.

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Airport transfer and departure

After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and depart for Kigali on your international aircraft to your next destination. You will appreciate the countryside sights along the journey. You may stop for landscape photography or to mingle with local communities along the way.

Overnight: -

Activities: -

Basics: Breakfast, Lunch, -

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Pricing and Tour Details

Total Price: $16,356.62 per person (based on 6 pax)

- **Price:** Based on double occupancy (2 people sharing a room)
- **Discounts:** Available for larger groups or long-term bookings
- **Group Size:** Maximum of 20 passengers per booking
- **Customization:** Tour can be tailored to suit your interests and preferences

Inclusions

The above prices include the following services

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- One non-resident Gorilla permit per person in Volcanoes national park and one non-resident chimpanzee tracking permit in Nyungwe Forest.
- Park fees for non-residents.
- Community and conservation fees
- All activities mentioned as stated unless clearly labeled as optional.
- All accommodation properties mentioned in the itinerary.
- Roundtrip transfers in respect to the above itinerary.
- A professional and experienced English/Germany/Spanish/French-speaking driver/tour guide.
- All transportation mentioned in a 4x4 safari Land cruiser with pop-up roof including fuel
- All Taxes/VAT and all authority fees during the tour
- Refreshments while on the way.

Exclusions

- Visa fees and International flights from/to the client's home country.
- Additional accommodation before and after the end of the tour. Accommodation upgrades are also not included.
- Tips, souvenirs, personal purchases, travel insurance and visa fees.
- Other soft drinks or premium soft drinks and extra meals not mentioned in the itinerary.