

Full Itinerary

INTO THE WILD - RWANDA GORILLAS EXTENSION



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TRAVELLED TEAM OF
EXPERTS

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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00
GMT



JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 3

DESTINATION:

Into the Wild - Rwanda Gorillas Extension

DURATION:

5 days / 4 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your departure from Kigali Airport
[KGL] on Day 5

PICKUP LOCATION:

OVERVIEW

22 - 27 Jan, 2026

15 - 20 Sep, 2026

27 Sep - 02 Oct, 2026

Combine the magical safari experience of Kenya, with the unforgettable moments of trekking with the mountain gorillas in Rwanda on this fantastic African journey.

Rwanda offers a rare and unforgettable opportunity to get up close with the magnificent mountain gorillas. In the Parc National des Volcans, you'll trek through lush forests to encounter these gentle giants in their natural habitat. Standing face-to-face with a mighty silverback and observing a gorilla family at close quarters is a life-changing experience that will stay with you forever.

Your Rwandan journey doesn't end there. You'll also embark on a trek to find the playful golden monkeys, exploring the stunning terraced hillsides that are a hallmark of Rwanda's breathtaking landscape. This adventure offers a perfect blend of incredible wildlife encounters and awe-inspiring scenery, making it a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Welcome to Kigali

DAY 2 - Discover Kigali & Travel to Volcanoes National Park

DAY 3 - Walking with the Gorillas

DAY 4 - Glorious Golden Monkeys

DAY 5 - Goodbye, Africa!

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO KIGALI

On arrival you will be transferred to the hotel where you will meet your Big Journey Company representative.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Kigali Serena Hotel

DAY 2 - DISCOVER KIGALI & TRAVEL TO VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

In the morning, you will embark on a city tour of Kigali, which includes a visit to the Genocide Memorial, a moving experience that reflects Rwanda's history and resilience.

Afterward, enjoy a lunch in the city. In the afternoon, you'll take a scenic drive to Volcanoes National Park, where you'll check into the charming Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, your home for the next three nights.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Gorilla Mountain View Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

DAY 3 - WALKING WITH THE GORILLAS

Today will be the most amazing day – a chance to meet the gorillas. Many of our previous guests have enthused about how this experience has touched their soul and made them think differently about the conservation and survival of the mountain gorilla.

A very early morning transfer will be necessary to the Park Office for trekking formalities. Treks vary in duration depending on which gorilla group you are assigned to, and on where those animals have chosen to range.

After locating your assigned gorilla group, you will spend approximately one hour in their company before heading back down the volcano slopes. Lunch is back at the lodge with the afternoon to relax and reflect on this truly special experience.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Gorilla Mountain View Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

DAY 4 - GLORIOUS GOLDEN MONKEYS

This morning we will set out into Volcanoes National Park to encounter another endangered species, the Golden Monkeys. This rare species lives at the base of the volcanoes and habituation has helped them to accept their daily visit by researchers and tourists.

Trekking golden monkeys and gorillas is a similar experience – in a small group you can spend one hour with the monkeys once you find them. They are very active creatures, and jump from tree to tree which is really interesting to watch, if a little difficult to photograph!

This evening we will have a farewell dinner.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Gorilla Mountain View Lodge, Volcanoes National Park

DAY 5 - GOODBYE, AFRICA!

This morning you'll enjoy a scenic drive back to Kigali, taking in the breathtaking Rwandan countryside along the way. Later, you will be transferred to Kigali International Airport (KGL) for your departure flight, leaving with cherished memories of your extraordinary journey. Say goodbye to Africa ... until next time!

Included meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One way flight Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta Airport [NBO] - Kigali Airport [KGL]
- Meet & Greet at Kigali Airports on arrival
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Transfers as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Transport in 4x4 vehicle
- Park Entrance Fees into specified Parks and Reserves
- Golden monkey trekking permits
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- 2 x ½ litre Mineral Water Bottles per person, per day in Safari vehicle
- National English speaking tour guide
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local tour guide (subject to minimum group size being reached.)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ATOL Protection
- International flights from Kigali Airport [KIG], Rwanda - Please contact us for a flight quotation
- Gorilla Permit: USD \$1,500/~£1,215 per person per visit 2025 pricing subject to confirmation – payable at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required when booking for the permit
- All entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Visas, travel and medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note, flights from Rwanda are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company would be happy to provide a quotation for your flights - please contact us for further details
- Gorilla Permit: USD \$1,500/~£1,215 per person per visit 2025, 2026 pricing subject to confirmation – payable at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required when booking for the permit
- Vaccinations are recommended for Kenya & Rwanda. Please consult your doctor for advice.
- British and US Passport holders require a Visa to visit Kenya and Rwanda.
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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