

# RWANDA TOURS

## **MORE THAN GORILLAS (4 NIGHTS/5 DAYS)**

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL

On arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be met by Red Rocks driver/guide and be transferred to your hotel in Kigali arriving for overnight on bed and breakfast.

Overnight: Iris Guest House

Meal Plan: Bed & breakfast

### DAY 2: DEPART FOR RUHENGERI

After breakfast your day starts with a complementary tour of the city. Named in 1907 by Dr. Richard Kandt, the first colonial resident governor of Rwanda; Kigali city is surrounded by lush hills of green and is referred to as the land of a thousand hills. Get to visit interesting spots which may include; the craft market, Gisozi genocide memorial site & Kigali museum. Depart for a 2 hours" drive to Ruhengeri area the second largest town in Rwanda, with its stunning backdrop of five volcanic mountains – The Virungas. Arrive at Red rocks Intercultural Exchange centre for lunch then join the local brew makers to understand the chemistry about the process of brewing a local beer from bananas fruits. If you find the activity interesting enough you can join the women in squeezing the juice out of the bananas and drink a glass of juice (Optional). Understand how long juice takes to turn into alcohol after adding in sorghum floor. Enjoy the big glass of our local brew. Among other activities they also do basket weaving and with your visit this local community will be proud of this activity and families supported financially. Later drive to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Red Rocks Campsite

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

### DAY 3: GOLDEN MONKEY TRACKING + IBY'WACU VILLAGE VISIT

This day is set out for Golden Monkey tracking in the Volcanoes National Park. Entering dense stands of bamboo interspersed with open glades; you will make your way deep into golden monkey territory. Guides lead visitors

to the habitat of groups of „habituated“ golden monkeys – monkeys that have become accustomed to human presence. Though viewing is kept to a maximum of one hour, travelers can get an up-close look at the golden monkey in its natural habitat. Adult monkeys frolic in plain view, feeding on bamboo leaves and leaping from perch to perch. Females carry their young, completely comfortable among onlookers. Later visit Iby“iwacu Cultural Village a Non-Profit umbrella organization that aims at improving the lives of reformed poachers and communities around Rwanda“s Volcanoes National Park through provision of conservation incentives, supporting community enterprise development and livelihood based projects. Return to your hotel to freshen up and have lunch then later dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Red Rocks Campsite

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

#### DAY 4: 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. (We“ve had people as old as 70years old do gorilla tracking so this should not be a problem; all you need is to ask your driver guide to request a shorter group for you if you cannot trek far)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.

Overnight: Red Rocks Campsite

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

#### DAY 5: DEPART

After breakfast you will depart for a 2 hours" drive to Kigali. Engage in last minute shopping in one of the friendliest African capitals, before returning to the airport for your onward international flight back home.

#### **NET PRICE PER PERSON**

**1 Person – US \$ 1990**

**2 Persons – US \$ 1222**

**3 Persons – US \$ 1030**

**4 Persons – US \$ 934**

**5 Persons – US \$ 880**

**6 Persons – US \$ 840**

**Single Room Supplement – US \$ 320**

#### **Cost Includes**

Transport in a 4WD safari vehicle exclusive to you

English speaking driver guide

All guide fees

Accommodation as stipulated on the itinerary

#### **Cost Excludes**

One Gorilla tracking permit per person (**US \$ 1500**)

One golden Monkey tracking (**US \$ 100**)

International flights & Visas

Travel Insurances

Driver guide or local escort tips

Drinks and dining rooms tips, porter age, personal travel and baggage

Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Activities not mentioned in the program

