



# UPSA

The Ultimate Bespoke Safari Experience

# Day 1

Welcome to Kigali and The Start of your Adventure

Arrive in Kigali and you will be warmly welcomed by representative outside the customs and immigration hall. A transfer will take you to your city accommodation, The Retreat, where you can enjoy an insightful tour briefing. An assisted check-in assures a smooth experience, followed by dinner and an overnight stay with breakfast.



# Day 2

Kigali City Tour and Transfer to Volcanoes National Park

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, you will check-out. Then begins an illuminating city tour with highlights including the Kigali Genocide Memorial.

Genocide Memorial Centre: The Genocide Memorial is must-see. Rwanda's painful past has haunted the country for years, yet their impressive recovery story has turned them into an inspiration. The Genocide Memorial acts as a humbling reminder to those present and honors those who have been lost. Audio visual equipment will be provided in Dutch, English, and other languages.

Transfer to Volcanoes NP (approximately 3 hours). Arrival proceed to check in at One&Only Gorilla's Nest. The evening is at leisure to enjoy hotel facilities.  
Dinner and overnight stay.

# Day 3

## Volcanoes National Park - Golden Monkey Trek and Cultural Experience

An early breakfast sets you up for a full day of discovery. You'll journey to the park headquarters for the Golden Monkey trek briefing at 7am, before being taken to the head of the trail, ready for your guided walk at 8am.

The amazing trekking process usually takes around 4 hours, and once you come to the habituated monkey families, you'll spend a fascinating hour with them as they go about their daily life.

Trekking to see the Golden Monkeys is an absolute highlight of Volcanoes National Park. The Golden Monkey (*Cercopithecus Mitis Kandti*) is a local subspecies of the widespread Sykes Monkey, also known as the 'Blue Monkey' and is endemic to the high-altitude forests. The monkeys are playful and inquisitive and often spend their time leaping from bamboo branches or frolicking on the forest floor. There are two habituated groups of Golden Monkey, one group comprises around 80 - 100 members, with its home at the foot of Mount Sabyinyo.

On the conclusion of your trek, you'll return to the hotel for a well-earned lunch and rest. In the afternoon at 2.30pm a visit to the inspiring Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village.

Iby'Iwacu is changing the traditional perception of tourism by sharing various aspects of their rural culture and livelihoods, creating income-generating activities for people that have reformed from living on poaching for generations.

Returning to the hotel in the evening, freshen up have dinner and overnight stay.



# Day 4

## Volcanoes National Park – Gorilla Trek

Early breakfast precedes the day, before heading to the park headquarters for the gorilla trek briefing at 7am. You will then transfer you to the starting point of your guided walk, ready to begin this amazing adventure at 8am.

Gorilla trekking in Rwanda is often described as “life changing” and with good reason. With only an estimated 880 Gorillas left in the world, to see these gentle creatures in their natural habitat are a truly unique moment. Hikes in the mountains can last anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours+ depending on the family allocated to your group and their location. The journey back can take just as long, but you are often carried along by the euphoria you feel after seeing the gorillas,

The largest gorilla group ever studied is in Rwanda and was led by Cantsbee. He was the oldest known mountain gorilla in the world. A gorilla family is led by a Silverback and include several younger males, adult and juvenile females, and infants. In addition to providing protection to group members, Silverbacks maintain order and decide all activities within their troop. They schedule feeding trips, resting time, and travel. They also father the majority of young in the group.

For gorilla trekking, you will be in rainforest, so it will more than likely than not, rain. Warm clothing is required as well as walking/hiking boots, a hat and lightweight parka/raincoat. Garden gloves, to avoid stinging nettles, and gaiters, are recommended.

After a most memorable experience encountering these creatures, you will return to the hotel for lunch.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.



# Day 5

## Departure

This morning have breakfast, check out is at 12pm. Settle any extras and drive back to Kigali. If time allows you can do some final shopping around Kigali and then transfer to Kigali International Airport in time for check in for your outbound flight.



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