

MOUNTAIN GORILLAS & GREAT WILDEBEEST MIGRATION SAFARIS: 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

SUMMARY:

Travel dates: Any time of the year - your travel dates are fully customizable, as per your preference

Duration of Trip: 14 days / 13 nights

Accommodation format: Double-Occupancy (i.e. 2 people sharing a Room or Luxury Tent)

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Primates Safaris (Mountain Gorillas & Golden Monkeys)

- **Kigali (Rwanda):** With its lush hillsides, flowering trees, winding boulevards and bustling streets, Kigali is one of the most attractive cities in Africa, and easily one of the cleanest and safest. Despite suffering the genocide's unspeakable horrors in 1994, Kigali has been the center of Rwanda's nation-building efforts and has seen large amounts of investments. Few people leave Kigali without being impressed by this charismatic city of survivors.
- **Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Uganda):** The combination of its broad altitude span (1160m to 2607m) and its antiquity has produced an incredible diversity of flora and fauna, resulting in over 120 mammal species and over 350 bird species calling Bwindi home. The stars of the show, however, are the approximately 400 mountain gorillas living here. This is one of the best places in the world to see mountain gorillas up close. Having a look at these critically endangered creatures up close is an unforgettable experience.

Great Wildebeest Migration & Big 5 Safaris in Tanzania

- Arusha: The gateway to Tanzania's Northern wildlife parks, Arusha is also an eclectic town that melds African and European influences. Often called the "Switzerland of Africa", Arusha has beautiful museums and art galleries, as well as places to shop for local artwork (paintings, sculptures, masks) as well as jewelry (TANZANITE, etc.)
- Ngorongoro / Karatu: Often called "The Garden of Eden" because of the variety and density of wildlife, the Ngorongoro Crater is one of the most breathtaking places in the world. It has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for good reason. Karatu is a beautiful town located in the Ngorongoro Highlands.
- Serengeti National Park: In the Maasai language, "Serengeti" means "Endless Plains". And that is exactly what this most famous of African parks is...a very large savannah/grassland area that is teeming with all the iconic African wildlife species living in an unadulterated, natural habitat. The location of several National Geographic shows and specials, Serengeti is also home to The Great Wildebeest & Zebra Migration!











DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

- Day 1: You will depart from your home airport in the U.S. Africa is waiting to give you its unique, warm welcome. Karibuni sana, marafiki zetu!
- Day 2: You will be en route to Kigali, Rwanda.
- Day 3: You will arrive in Kigali International Airport. Upon arrival and after clearing immigration & customs, you will meet our representative in the Arrivals Area. He will you to your hotel, located a few minutes from the airport.
- Day 4: After breakfast at your hotel in Kigali, you will go through a short orientation before starting the journey by road to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (in UGANDA). The drive will take you through the area known as the Kigezi Highlands, with its terraced hillside and winding roads en route to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. You will arrive at the lodge on time for lunch. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your safari lodge.
- Day 5: After an early breakfast at the lodge, you will depart to the starting point for briefing about your gorilla trekking adventure after which you will be led by experienced gorilla trackers on the slopes of the volcanoes. You will start from the site where the gorillas were encountered the day before. Although the hike can be physically challenging, the anticipation of the exciting experience ahead is amazing. Of course, the highlight is when you encounter these gentle apes. You will follow the mountain gorillas as they roam freely. You will be allowed 1 hour with the gorillas before finally heading down back to your lodge. If your trek is relatively short (i.e. the gorillas are close to the hike starting point), you may have a guided walk around the lodge and the surrounding communities in the evening. Dinner and overnight stay will be at the lodge.
- Day 6: After breakfast at the lodge, you will check out and be transferred to Kigali. En route from Bwindi to Kigali, you can also choose to do another primate safari – i.e. tracking the endangered Golden Monkeys of Mgahinga Gorilla Park (for extra cost, but highly recommended). More info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_monkey
- Day 7: After breakfast at your hotel in Kigali, you will be transferred to Kigali International
 Airport for your flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport. NOTE: The flight from Kigali to
 Kilimanjaro is NOT included in the package and will be for extra cost. Upon arrival in Kilimanjaro
 International Airport, our driver / wildlife guide will meet you and escort you to your 4X4 Land
 Cruiser safari vehicle. You will be transferred by road to your hotel in Arusha.
- Day 8: After breakfast at your hotel in Arusha, you will be driven to Karatu/Ngorongoro Highlands for lunch. Afternoon will be at leisure an opportunity to do a hike in the Highlands or to simply relax at the lodge.
- Day 9: After an early light breakfast, you will depart for safari game drives in Ngorongoro Crater (with picnic lunch boxes). In the late afternoon, you will return to the lodge in Karatu. Dinner and overnight will be at the lodge. Meals included: All meals.











- Day 10: After breakfast, you will be driven to Serengeti National Park (with wildlife viewing en route) for lunch at your new camp. In the afternoon, you will enjoy safari game drives in the world-famous Serengeti. Dinner and overnight stay will be at a luxury tented camp or lodge located near the Great Wildebeest Migrating herds.
- Days 11 & 12: You will have two full days of safari game drives in Serengeti National Park. You can also choose to do a hot air balloon safari in the Serengeti, which will give you an opportunity to see the wildlife and the Great Wildebeest & Zebra Migration from the air (for extra cost, but highly recommended). Meals and overnight stay will be at the camp/lodge. Meals included: All meals.
- Day 13: After a morning safari, followed by breakfast at the camp/lodge, you will be driven back to Arusha (with safari game drive en route). Drop off at Kilimanjaro Airport at an appropriate time for flight back home.
- Day 14: You will arrive in the U.S. after a trip of a lifetime with beautiful photographs, amazing video clips, and of course unforgettable memories!

END OF OUR SERVICES

PRICE

Price per adult* (when sharing accommodations with another adult):

- Classic Luxury Option: starting at \$4,985 per person
- Superior Luxury Option: starting at \$5,985 per person
- Ultra Luxury Option: starting at \$7,485 per person

The Trip Cost quoted above includes:

- Airport meet & greet services
- Ground transportation with an English-speaking driver/guide or naturalist guide safari minivan in the Rwanda/Uganda sector and 4X4 Land Cruiser in the Tanzania sector.
- Accommodation and meals as stipulated in the itinerary
- Safari game drives or sightseeing as stipulated in the itinerary
- Park or reserve entry fees where applicable

This Trip Cost quoted above excludes:

- Round-trip flights between the U.S. and Africa
- Any domestic or regional flight(s) within Africa that are NOT identified as "Included" (e.g. the flight from Kigali to Kilimanjaro)









^{*}The final price for your package will vary depending on how many people are in your travel group and also the specific dates of your trip.



- Visa fees
- Government-imposed taxes
- Tips & gratuities (a tipping guide will be provided)
- Inoculations and personal/medical/travel insurance
- Meals and beverages not included in the itinerary
- Optional activities and excursions
- Items of personal nature such as laundry services, shopping expenses, telephone charges, etc.

DISCLAIMERS & GENERAL TERMS

Disclaimers:

- This itinerary is subject to Terms and Conditions. A copy of the Terms and Conditions will be sent for your review. Please note the General Terms & Conditions itemized below.
- This Itinerary is subject to availability of quoted services at time of booking.
- Costs are based on rates made available by our suppliers and therefore subject to change.
- Costs are subject to change due to currency fluctuations or any other statutory increases beyond our control.
- It might be necessary, due to circumstances beyond our control, where we might need to change the program. Closing times at sightseeing points, changed flight times, road blocks, detours or act of God can also delay the program. We reserve the right to make changes due to circumstance of this nature.

General Terms & Conditions:

- Park Entry Fees: The quoted prices above are inclusive of current park entry fees; however should there be any new statutory taxes introduced and/or increase of any current levies or fees by Government/statutory bodies, these will be passed on to you.
- Luggage restrictions: Soft-sided luggage (i.e. duffel bags) is preferable to hard luggage for storage on safari vehicles. Items of dimensions greater than 24"x 17"x 7" are difficult to store in vehicles and on aircraft, and should be avoided. (Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the tour and baggage insurance for members is strongly advised).
- Seasonal variations: Some bookings might straddle two seasons, making the above seasonal quotations on accommodations NOT APPLICABLE. In such cases, please contact us for TAILOR-MADE QUOTATIONS for dates that cut across seasons.
- **Ngorongoro Crater:** Currently, Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) is allowing full day crater tours; but they might restrict tours to just half day in the future.







