



# Gorilla Trekking in Rwanda

## Sample itinerary



### Responsible Travel

Gorilla trekking provides valuable benefits to both local communities and the conservation of gorilla populations. Economically, it generates significant tourism revenue, which supports local economies through park fees, accommodations, and related services. It also creates jobs for locals as guides, porters, and staff in the hospitality sector, helping to alleviate poverty in rural areas. In addition, the influx of tourism often leads to infrastructure improvements such as better roads, schools, and healthcare facilities, which benefit the broader community.

For gorilla populations, trekking plays a crucial role in conservation efforts. The fees collected from trekking permits are used to fund essential wildlife protection programs, including habitat preservation and anti-poaching initiatives. Furthermore, local communities, whose livelihoods depend on sustainable tourism, have a strong incentive to protect gorillas and their environment. These combined efforts have contributed to the growth of Mountain Gorilla populations, helping to reverse their previously declining numbers.

In this way, gorilla trekking not only supports community development but also plays a key role in conserving endangered species. [Read More](#)

# Itinerary overview

## Day 1

Arrive in Kigali

Met at the airport and transferred to The Retreat by Heaven

Overnight at The Retreat

## Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning city tour of Kigali and the Genocide Museum

Transfer to the Lodge

Dinner and overnight at the Lodge

## Day 3

Early breakfast

Transfer to the Park Headquarters

Gorilla trek

**Gorilla Tracking Day:** As the first light of dawn breaks through the curtain of mist clinging to the summits, meet the park authorities. Tracking the gorillas through the unique vegetation can take several hours of challenging walking, in wet and muddy conditions. To see these gorilla in the wild makes any hardship on the trek worthwhile.

Afternoon at leisure

Overnight at the Lodge

## Day 4

Early breakfast

Transfer to the Park Headquarters

Optional Golden Monkey trek

Afternoon at leisure

Overnight at the Lodge

## Day 5

Transfer to Kigali Airport

End if itinerary

## The Retreat

The Retreat is a luxury boutique hotel created by American owners, designed by Italian architects, brought to life by an extraordinary team of Rwandan hospitality leaders.

Nestled in the heart of Kigali, the luxury boutique hotel and spa grants seamless access to this dynamic city. As one of Kigali's top 5 star hotels, The Retreat blends tranquility, Rwandan charm, and vibrant urban energy.

From elegantly designed rooms to private pool villas, every space is a testament to our commitment to sophistication and comfort. The city's leading luxury oasis boasting 20 rooms, this 5 Star luxury boutique hotel is Kigali's first entirely eco-friendly solar-powered resort featuring locally crafted sustainable teak wood furniture, expansive custom-built rooms with peaked ceilings, front and rear private patios, outdoor rain showers and private saltwater plunge pools.

Welcome to Fusion Restaurant, where every plate tells a story of cultural fusion and culinary excellence. Perched beside The Retreat's glorious saltwater pool, rock gardens and native plantings, this is the most elegant spot in Kigali to explore new flavours and experience first-class hospitality.



## Virunga Lodge - upmarket

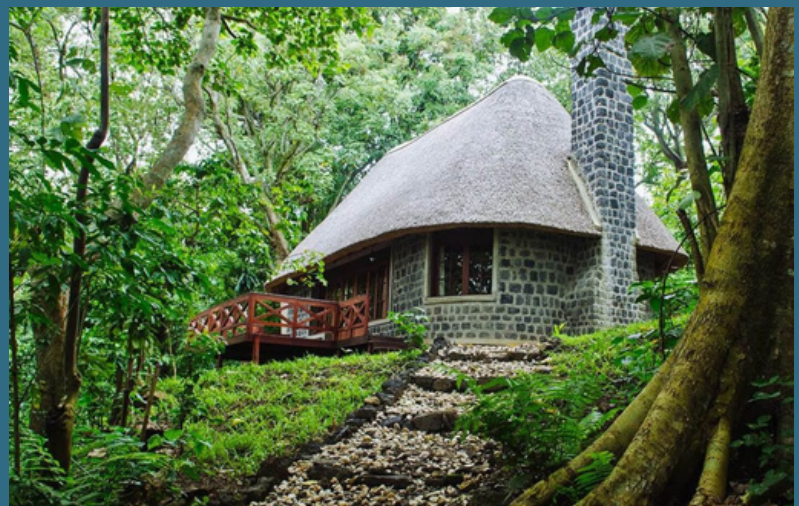
Virunga Lodge is set on the crown of a high hill overlooking the five Virunga Volcanoes and has almost 360-degree views of the surrounding area. A patchwork of farmland and the beautiful volcanic Lakes Ruhondo and Burera lie below, ringed by the volcanoes and far hills. Volcanoes Virunga Lodge is built in the local style from wood and stone and has a tranquil atmosphere. In the evenings, you can relax around a log fire and tell stories about the day's adventures in the jungle, tracking gorillas or golden monkeys.

Each of the ten elegant bandas has a private terrace overlooking the dramatic landscape. The four deluxe bandas offer a private suite. The elegant hand built guest bandas face either the Virunga Volcanoes or beautiful twin lakes (Four deluxe and six standard rooms).

Exceptional hospitality and locally-inspired food. Personal butler service for all guests. Enjoy complimentary spa treatments and massages.

There is Wifi throughout the lodge and all-inclusive premium wines, whiskies and cocktails.





## Costings:

USD POA

Add: USD 1 500.00 pp for one Gorilla Trek Permit

## Included:

One nights accommodation at The Retreat in a Deluxe King room with breakfast

Three nights accommodation at your chosen, with:

- All meals

Gorilla & Golden Monkey trekking & airport transfers

Permit service fee

Community fee

Medical evacuation

## Excluded:

International flights

Dinner & drinks in Kigali

Kigali entrance fees

Extra lunch on last day

Travel medical insurance – compulsory

Gratuities and portering tips

Visas / passport fees if applicable

Yellow fever certificates may be required for this itinerary. Check with your local travel medical clinic