

DISTINCTIVE
AFRICA



EXPLORE
RWANDA



Day 01 LONDON

Depart London Heathrow flying with Ethiopian Airlines.



ET701 Economy Dep: London Heathrow 20:15 Arr: Addis Ababa 06:50 (+1 day)



Day 02 ADDIS ABABA – KIGALI



ET816 Economy Dep: Addis Ababa 11:10 Arr: Kigali 12:40

Arrive into Kigali International Airport via Addis Ababa. Clear customs and immigration formalities.

Entry requirements for Rwanda:

You must have a visa to enter Rwanda as a visitor. As a citizen of a Commonwealth country, you can get a free 30-day visa on arrival.

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel de Mille Collines

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

Located in the central business district, the hotel offers breath-taking views over the hills of Kigali. It has 112 tastefully furnished rooms with a mix of traditional and contemporary handicrafts and art.





Day 03 KIGALI – VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

For your itinerary you will get a 4WD vehicle which is for your exclusive use only. This has the advantage that your itinerary will be far more flexible in terms of times of departure and times can be agreed between you and the driver-guide on a daily basis. One of the most important aspects of your holiday with us is our driver-guides. You will spend a lot of time with them and rest assured that all our driver-guides are hand-picked and are very friendly, cheerful, experienced and knowledgeable about the culture, parks and wildlife of Rwanda. We can forward you copies of questionnaires filled by our previous clients should you wish.



After your breakfast, meet your private driver-guide with private 4WD vehicle and begin your city tour which includes the Gisozi Genocide Memorial Centre. The Kigali Memorial exists is a permanent memorial to those who fell victim to the genocide in 1994. It deals with a topic of international importance, with far-reaching significance, and is designed to engage and challenge an international visitor base. Here you will be able to visit the three permanent exhibitions, the largest of which documents the genocide and pay tribute to the victims of the genocide.

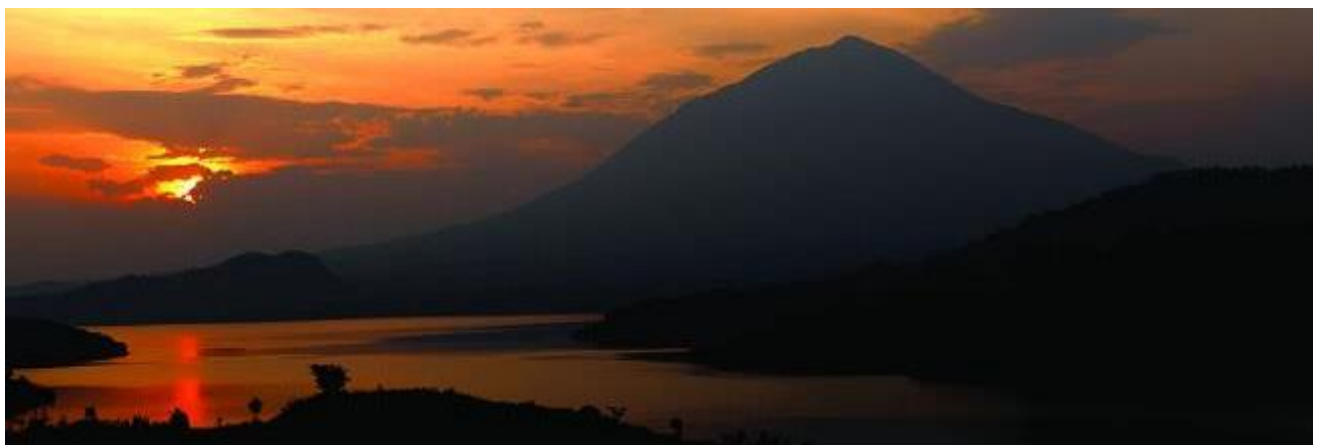
Afterwards, enjoy lunch at the Africa Bite Restaurant (included).

In the afternoon, depart for Ruhengeri (around 2 hours) and your lodge. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

1 x Standard Room on a Full Board basis for 3-nights

The 30 individual stone and thatch cottages have been built on 4 acres of land on the slopes of Mt Sabyinyo and each have en-suite facilities, a small lounge with a fire place and a private veranda. The cottages are of a good size and are well positioned to give them privacy from one another. There is a separate restaurant and bar area where meals served to the guest.





Day 04 VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK



Gorilla trekking including permit and personal porter

After an early breakfast at 06:30, you will head to RDB offices for briefing on your gorilla trekking that starts at 07:00.

Volcanoes National Park protects the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range which is home of the rare Mountain Gorilla and the rich mosaic of montane ecosystems which embrace evergreen and bamboo forest, open grassland, swamp and heath. You may spot a wide variety of birdlife but the high point will be spending an hour with the remarkably peaceful gorillas despite their size and appearance as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting and raising their young.

You will be allowed an hour with these wonderful creatures. After the trek, you will return to the lodge for lunch and the rest of the day will be at leisure.

Gorilla permit & porter:

This quote includes your gorilla permit. This is inclusive of park entry fees. Viewing time is limited to one hour. There is a maximum of 8 visitors per group. We include a porter each. Porters help carry bags and cameras as well as helping you with your footing along your hike.

Gorilla guidelines:

To minimize possible transmission of human diseases, visitors are asked to maintain a distance of 7m (about 22 feet) from the gorillas. If you are sick with a cold, flu or other contagious illness, please do not visit the gorillas. Spitting in the park is strictly prohibited. Should you need to cough, cover your mouth and turn away from the gorillas. When with the gorillas, keep your voice low. Try not to make rapid movements that may frighten the gorillas. If a gorilla should charge or vocalize at you, do not be alarmed, stand still, look away from the gorilla and follow your guide's directions. Do not litter. Tracking can be done by persons of age 16 and above.

Recommended clothing & kit list:

We recommend long trousers and shirts when in the forest to avoid nettle stings. Steady walking shoes or hiking boots are essential. Raingear is useful. Also, we recommend bringing a water bottle and a small snack although eating and drinking near the gorillas is forbidden. Of course, don't forget your camera! Photographs are permitted although you may not use flash.

Fitness:

Mountain Gorillas live at high altitude (2500 – 4000m) and this may cause difficulties for some visitors. You should walk slowly and drink plenty of water. 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 at seeing the gorillas!

**Day 05** VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK**Golden Monkey trekking including permit and personal porter**

Today, you have an early breakfast and transfer to the park headquarters for Golden Monkey trekking briefing.

The tracking usually takes about 4 hours. Once you come to the habituated families, you will spend the allowed one hour with them as they go about their daily life.

Trekking to see the Golden Monkeys is another 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 and has its home at the foot of Mt Sabyinyo.

After the trek, return to the lodge for lunch and rest of the at leisure.



Day 06 VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK – KIGALI – ADDIS ABABA

After breakfast, drive back to Kigali. You will have time for lunch (included) and some last-minute shopping if required. Continue to the airport to meet your return flights with Ethiopian Airlines via Addis Ababa.



ET816	Economy	Dep: Kigali 16:20	Arr: Addis Ababa 19:46
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Day 07 LONDON



ET700	Economy	Dep: Addis Ababa 01:50	Arr: London Heathrow 06:35
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Arrive back into London Heathrow.

HOLIDAY COST

From £5,490.00 per person

A deposit of around 20% is usually required to secure a booking

Includes

- Flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Accommodation as listed.
- Transfers and transport as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Permits, government taxes and park fees.

Excludes

- Local departure taxes, park fee increases and VAT increases where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- A deposit of around 20% is usually required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
- You can review our full booking conditions at: www.distinctiveafrica.co.uk.

Passenger Information

- Please provide full passport details on confirmation of booking.

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