

T14- Planet of the Apes

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| Day 1 | Drive to the base of Virunga Mountains Overnight Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (Full Board) |
| Day 2 | Gorilla Tracking Overnight Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (Full Board) |
| Day 3 | Transfer Kigali Airport to Hotel Lemigo Hotel (Bed and breakfast) |
| Day 4 | Flight to Serengeti National Park Kiota Camp - (Game Package) |
| Day 5 & 6 | Game drives Serengeti National Park Kiota Camp - (Game Package) |
| Day 7 | Shared Charter - Flight Serengeti / Mahale Boat to Kungwe Beach Lodge (Game Package) |
| Day 8 | Full day Trek Kungwe Beach Lodge (Game Package) |
| Day 9 | Full day Trek Kungwe Beach Lodge (Game Package) |
| Day 10 | Shared Charter - Flight Mahale/Arusha Arusha Coffee Lodge (Half Board) |
| Day 11 | Transfer from Arusha to Kilimanjaro Airport |

Day 1

On arrival at the Kigali Airport (as long as before 20:00hrs, you will be met by our representative and given a short Safari briefing then you will drive north to Ruhengeri at the foothills of the Virunga Mountains.

Overnight Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (Full board)

to your Kigali hotel for Overnight.

Day 2

After an early Breakfast, proceed to Volcanoes National Park HQs where you will be allocated a Gorilla Tracking group. At 0900 hrs, set off into the forest in the footsteps of the Mountain Gorillas. 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 and from here the gorilla tracking begins. You are allowed an hour with the gorillas.

The trekking can take from 1 to 5 hours, but sometimes it might take long hours. The terrain is rough and at times muddy. Although the hike is physically demanding the beauty of the forest and surrounding scenery make the trekking

worthwhile. **Volcanoes National Park**, in Rwanda has become synonymous with mountain gorilla tracking safaris. No visit to the country would be complete without visiting these majestic primates. Volcanoes National Park is the Rwandan section of the great volcanic massif called the Virunga Mountains that straddles the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the DRC. The massif is home to around half of the world's precious mountain gorillas. Worth noting it was also the base for the ground-breaking work of primatologist Dian Fossey which started in the late 1960s and is evocatively portrayed in the book and film *Gorillas in the Mist*.

After your encounter, return back to your lodge.

Overnight at Gorilla View Lodge (Full Board)

Day 3

After breakfast, proceed to Kigali for a city tour which includes the Memorial and crafts centres. You will also have a chance to visit the Kandt Museum, tour old Kigali and most importantly, visit the genocide memorial site where you learn about Rwanda's pre-colonial history to 1994 genocide as well as other genocides in the world, a true testament to humankind's resilience. Lunch included at one of the city's many high end restaurants before being transferred to your hotel for the evening

Overnight Lemigo Hotel (Bed and Breakfast)

Day 4

After breakfast and check out, you will be transferred to the Airport for your morning flight to Serengeti where you will be hosted at the Kiota Camp. On arrival and check in, you will enjoy lunch before you climb back into your safari vehicle in search of any of the animals you have not yet been able to spot. **Serengeti National Park** is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park. Its name means 'endless plain' in the Masai language. It is from here that massive concentrations of wildebeest, zebras and other animals commence the annual Great Migration in search of pastures new, providing one of the greatest natural spectacles to be found anywhere in the world. You can watch golden-maned lions stalking the migrating herds, spot leopards at rest in trees at dusk and take a hot-air balloon tour at dawn as the sun's golden rays illuminate the land.

You will get back to camp before nightfall giving you the perfect opportunity to enjoy a piping hot shower as you watch the sun set over the park.

Overnight at Kiota Camp (Game Package)

Day 5 & 6

Spend two full days looking for game while enjoying the magic that this park has to offer. Early morning game drives are the best to catch the animals at their most active or just relax in the camp. Later, on your afternoon game drive, the chances to spot Africa's famous Big Five abound, thanks to the park's density of both predators and prey.

Overnight at Kiota Camp (Game Package)

Day 7

This day you will be transferred to the airstrip for a flight to southern Tanzania. On arrival at Mahale, you will be met by the Lodge representative. Kungwe Beach Lodge sits on a stretch of secluded golden beach, deep in the heart of the

African interior. With a dramatic mountain range rising up from behind and crystal clear waters of Lake Tanganyika in front of the lodge, this romantic getaway is the perfect blend of comfort and luxury. The primary activity in the park is chimpanzee trekking. On a gentle boat safari down the lake you may encounter crocodile, hippo and otter as well as an abundance of birdlife. Test your skills against the local methods of freshwater fishing. Kayaks are available for exploring the lake or you may chose to simply relax on the beach. **The Mahale Mountains** are home to some of Africa's last remaining wild chimpanzees; a population of roughly 800. The mountain's vegetation contains a wide array of habitat types ranging from overlapping rainforests, woodlands and bamboo forest to montane forest and grasslands supporting a unique mix of flora and fauna. Spend the remainder of the day in any way you choose.

In the evening, enjoy a sundowner around a crackling fire whilst the sun slowly dips down over the mountains of the Congo.

Overnight Kungwe Beach Lodge (Game Package)

Day 8 & 9

Kungwe Beach Lodge offers the most incredible setting to ensure that your stay here is both relaxing and adventurous. Each morning, wake up at your own pace. Rise early for a chance to watch the sun rise over the lake as you sip on your morning coffee or perhaps enjoy a lie in followed by a delicious breakfast with your toes in the sand. You may choose to engage in activities such as forest walks, swimming, water sports or visit the Park's famous chimpanzees.

Back at camp, sundowners are served at the bar followed by a candle-lit dinner under the stars with the warm sand beneath your feet.

Overnight Kungwe Beach Lodge (Game Package)

Day 10

After a hearty breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip for a flight to Arusha. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an Albatros representative who will transfer you to the Arusha Coffee Lodge.

Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you wait for dinner.

Overnight Arusha Coffee Lodge (Half Board)

Day 11

After breakfast and check out, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport for your outbound flight.