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## Rwanda ~ Gorillas and wildlife ~ 5 star Deluxe

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*Kigali - Akagera National Park - Volcanoes National Park*

**7 Days / 6 Nights**

**2 Persons**

**USD 13,739.00 per person twin sharing**

**2020**



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## Introduction

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Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Kigali Serena Hotel	Kigali	10 Mar	11 Mar		1x Prime Room/s	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#"><u>Magashi</u></a>	Akagera National Park	11 Mar	14 Mar		1x Tented Room/s	<b>3 Nights</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bisate Lodge</u></a>	Volcanoes National Park	14 Mar	16 Mar		1x Forest Villa/s	<b>2 Nights</b>

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## **Day 1: Kigali Serena Hotel, Kigali (Tue, 10 March)**

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### **Kigali**

Rwanda's capital and biggest city stretches across undulating lush hills surrounded by towering mountains, the largest of which is Mount Kigali, rising 1850 metres above sea level. Kigali is the country's financial, commercial and cultural hub, served by an international airport and featuring a wide range of accommodation options, restaurants and points of interest, including the Kigali Genocide Centre, an atmospheric market and numerous craft shops. With its interesting architecture, busy streets, meandering boulevards, and green hillsides, Kigali is said to be one of the most attractive cities in Africa and is definitely worth a visit.

### **Day Itinerary**

Kigali Airport to Kigali Hotels Per person, per one-way

On arrival at Kigali, you will be met by an Akagera Aviation representative, who will hand over your travel documents.

Service is provided on arrival AND departure.

### **Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel**

Ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel centres on the Executive Lounge and Bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating. The capital's natural business hub, the hotel also boasts its own extensive conference centre, 500-seater auditorium and lavish ballroom.

The hotel features 148 rooms. Guests can choose from a selection of 60 Standard Rooms, 37 Superior Rooms, 19 Deluxe Rooms, 18 Junior Suites, 7 Prime Rooms, 6 Executive Suites and a luxury Presidential Suite. In-room facilities include 24 hour room service, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, tea/coffee making facilities, mini fridge, hair dryer, private safe and a flat screen satellite TV.



### **Included**

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 2: Magashi, Akagera National Park (Wed, 11 March)

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### Akagera National Park

Bordering Tanzania in eastern Rwanda, Akagera National Park is central Africa's largest protected wetland and the last refuge for savannah-adapted species in the country. Stretching across a vast expanse of low-lying mountains and savannah plains, the park takes in the rolling highlands woodlands, swamp-fringed lakes, and wetlands of the Kagera River along the way. Crocodiles and hippos wallow in the park's watery basins, predators prowl through its acacia groves, and elephant, zebra, giraffe, buffalo and other animals roam across its grassy plains. Bursting with a rich biodiversity, the park features a variety of rare species, as well as a plentitude of mammals and hundreds of bird species.

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### Day Itinerary

Depart from Kigali Serena Hotel

Scheduled shuttle transfer from Kigali to Magashi

Guests must ensure they are at Kigali Serena Hotel at 7:00am.

As an alternative to the shuttle, a scheduled helicopter flight is available daily.

Arrive at Magashi

### Overnight: Magashi

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Magashi Camp is situated in the productive and phenomenally diverse north-eastern corner of Akagera National Park, overlooking scenic Lake Rwanyakazinga. Akagera comprises some of the most scenic savannah in East Africa – open plains, woodlands, lakes, swamp, and grassy low mountains – and is home to one of Africa's highest hippo densities, large crocodiles as well as the rare sitatunga and more than 520 bird species. Teeming with plains game, Akagera also boasts a healthy population of lion which were introduced by African Parks in 2015 after a 20-year absence; black rhino were reintroduced in 2017. Magashi – the only exclusive-use area in Akagera – also harbours a good density of leopard.

Six spacious and airy tented guest rooms offer uninterrupted views over Lake Rwanyakazinga while Magashi's main area comprises a luxurious lounge and dining area, bar and pool, as well as an expansive viewing deck with convivial fire pit. The architecture and interiors pay homage to traditional Rwandan culture.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Our core Purpose in Akagera is to help conserve Rwanda's last protected savannah ecosystem, and species like black rhino and the rare and elusive shoebill; furthermore, our presence here will contribute towards enabling it to become economically self-sufficient for the first time.



## Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
11 Mar	Thousand Hills Africa	Kigali	Magashi		Scheduled Transfer

## Included

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

From 01 March 2020

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, conservation levies, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

## Day 3: Magashi, Akagera National Park (Thu, 12 March)

## Included

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

From 01 March 2020

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, conservation levies, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

## Day 4: Magashi, Akagera National Park (Fri, 13 March)

## Included

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

From 01 March 2020

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), transfer from the entrance gate of Akagera National Park to the lodge, all lodge activities (guided game drives, boat cruises, walking safaris), park fees, conservation levies, laundry, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.



## Day 5: Bisate Lodge, Volcanoes National Park (Sat, 14 March)

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### Volcanoes National Park

Bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo in Rwanda, the Volcanoes National Park is best known as a sanctuary for the region's rare mountain gorillas. Visitors flock here to experience a face to face encounter with these intriguing creatures. The park is set high on the jungle-covered slopes of the volcanic Virunga Mountains. Highly regulated treks through the reserve allow visitors to spend an hour at a time with these incredible primates in their natural habitat. While the gorilla's are without a doubt the main drawcard, visitors can also look forward to exploring a network of scenic hiking trails, visiting the tomb of the world-famous Dian Fossey and the Karisoke Research Centre, and enjoying a beautiful day hike to the crater lake on Mount Bisoke.

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### Day Itinerary

Depart from Magashi

Scheduled shuttle transfer from Magashi to Kigali

For same day departures from Kigali International Airport, guests should not schedule their international flight earlier than 7:00pm.

As an alternative to the shuttle, a scheduled helicopter flight is available daily.

Arrive at Bisate

### Overnight: Bisate Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Bisate Lodge is located in the natural amphitheatre of an eroded volcanic cone and has dramatic views of the peaks of the volcanoes Bisoke and Karisimbi rearing up through the Afro-alpine forests of nearby Volcanoes National Park. Six luxurious en-suite villas maximise comfort and views while retaining environmental principles and reflecting the culture of rural Rwanda. Each guest contributes to Bisate's biodiversity conservation and local community projects – making a far-reaching impact on an iconic Critically Endangered species: the mountain gorilla.

Aside from tracking one of the several habituated gorilla groups, activities include visiting nearby natural attractions, hiking to Dian Fossey's grave, and observing the Park's group of endangered endemic golden monkeys. Walks on Bisate's property offer birding and participation in the reforestation programme.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Bisate is within easy driving distance of Volcanoes National Park Headquarters, from where gorilla treks depart daily.



## Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
14 Mar	Thousand Hills Africa	Magashi	Kigali		Scheduled Transfer

## Included

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), lodge activities on property (guided nature / birding walks in forest on property, guided nursery visit and indigenous tree planting, guided walk and vegetable picking at organic fields, guided walk to pyrethrum fields, guided visit to the community beehive project, self-guided running trail) lodge activities off property accessed by walking (guided visits to Bisate reforestation site, guided visits to nursery school in Bisate village, guided walks of the surrounding communities to meet with our neighbors), enjoy sundowner drinks on the lodge balcony or the private balcony of your villa, laundry, Gym in a bag concept per guest, wireless internet connection in villa only, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

Check in: 14h00

Check out: 10h30

## Day 6: Bisate Lodge, Volcanoes National Park (Sun, 15 March)

## Included

All meals, all local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne), lodge activities on property (guided nature / birding walks in forest on property, guided nursery visit and indigenous tree planting, guided walk and vegetable picking at organic fields, guided walk to pyrethrum fields, guided visit to the community beehive project, self-guided running trail) lodge activities off property accessed by walking (guided visits to Bisate reforestation site, guided visits to nursery school in Bisate village, guided walks of the surrounding communities to meet with our neighbors), enjoy sundowner drinks on the lodge balcony or the private balcony of your villa, laundry, Gym in a bag concept per guest, wireless internet connection in villa only, local Government taxes. In the event of a change in local taxes or the introduction of additional taxes, these rates will be adjusted accordingly.

Check in: 14h00

Check out: 10h30

## Day 7: End of Itinerary (Mon, 16 March)

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### Day Itinerary

Depart from Bisate