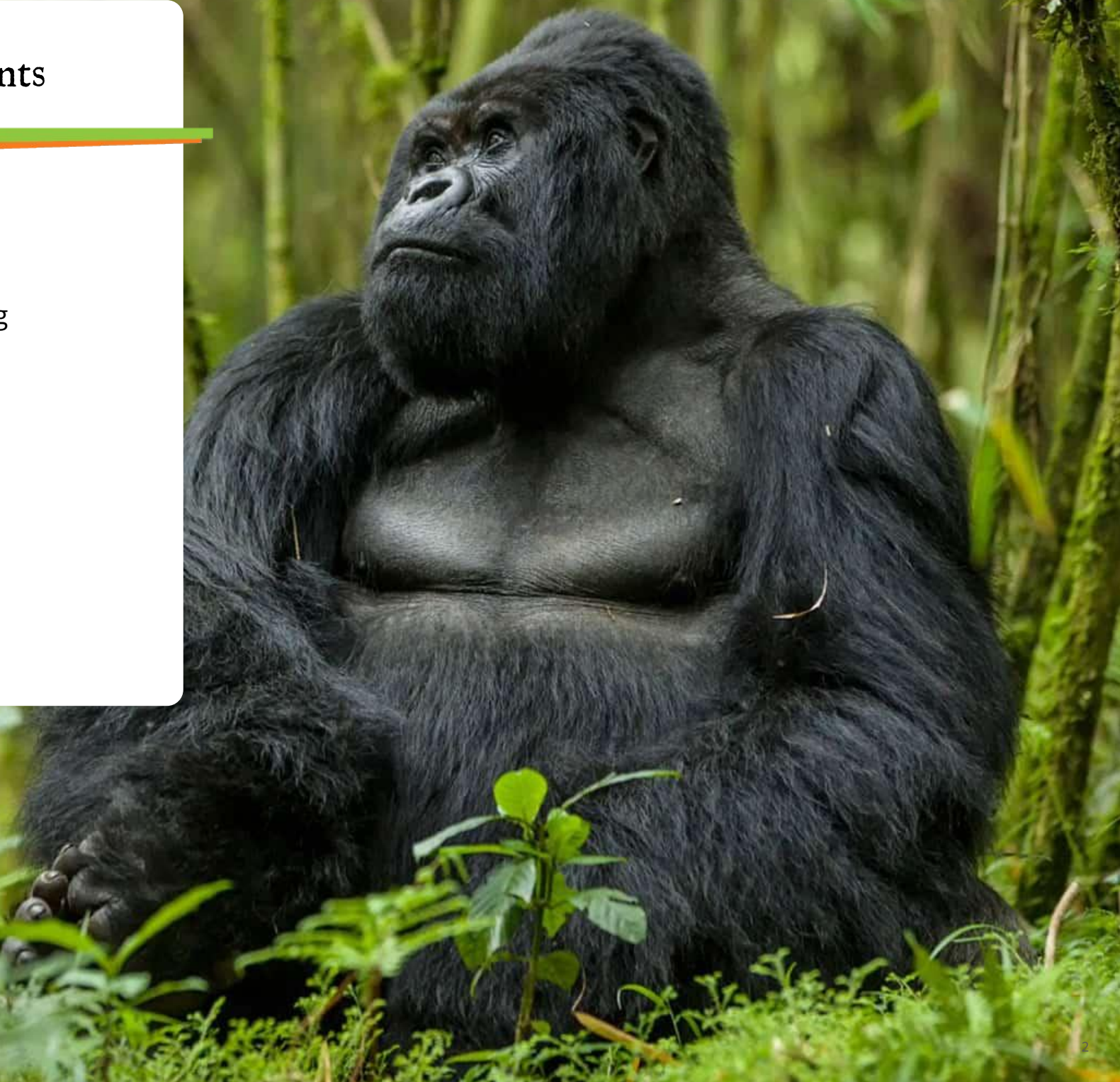




Rwanda: Mountain Gorilla Safari

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Tour Highlights

ENCOUNTER endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat — the largest living primates on the planet.

EXPLORE the clean, progressive city of Kigali. Visit the Genocide Memorial and a non-profit organization that offers vocational training to local women.

TRACK beautiful golden monkeys while we keep an eye out for elephants and buffalo.

LEARN how yarn is processed from sheep to product through traditional craftsmanship at an organization for local women.

JOIN in a Rwandan cooking class and eat the lunch we make with locals.

ENJOY a small group size limited to six guests per departure, ensuring a personalized safari experience.



We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize your tour's impact on the environment.

What's Included

- All National Park entrance fees, including one Gorilla trekking experience (\$1,500 USD permit included) and one Golden Monkey trekking experience with rangers and trackers
- Lodging for all four nights in comfortable hotels
- Local guides, porters, and a dedicated driver/guide throughout the tour
- Guided tour of Kigali and an audio tour of the the genocide memorial
- Visit to the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund
- Visit to a local yarn farm at the base of Sabyinyo Volcano
- All meals included on Days 2-4 (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Day 1 includes dinner and Day 5 includes breakfast and lunch.
- All tips are included for all local activities, including porters.

Tour Dates	Pricing
February 2 - 6, 2027	\$6,395 USD per person; \$600 USD single supplement added for solo travelers / single occupancy.
February 1 - 5, 2028	\$7,595 USD per person; \$629 USD single supplement added for solo travelers / single occupancy.



Limited to 6 guests per departure, ensuring a personalized safari experience.

Trip Leaders:

Feb 2027: [Jared Sternberg](#), Founder

The Trip Leaders work alongside our amazing Rwanda guide team. See more Trip Leader departures [here](#).

This adventure is often combined with our **Tanzania: Great Migration Safari**. For more details about that itinerary and pricing, click the button below.

[Brochure >](#)

We also offer a longer version of this itinerary, our 10-day **Rwanda: Gorillas, Chimps & National Parks Adventure**. For more details, click the button below.

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Tour Map





TOUR ITINERARY

Day One

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, a driver / guide will transfer you to Heaven Boutique Hotel. After check-in you're free to relax in the room, by the pool or in the restaurant. If you arrive early, your guide may propose exploring the nearby city center or visiting the somber, but informative Genocide Memorial. If there's not time for that, you will have the opportunity on the last day of your visit to Rwanda. In the evening, enjoy a meet and greet dinner with your fellow travelers to kickoff your adventures!

Dinner Included



Day Two

Following an early breakfast at the hotel, we will head to Nyamirambo Women's Centre, a non-profit that empowers local women with access to education and vocational training. Participate in a traditional Rwandan cooking class from a local, embark on a guided city walk of the nearby area while your meal is cooking, and return to enjoy the delicious lunch you've prepared. Afterwards, we depart for Ingagi Park View Lodge which rests in the foothills of the Virunga Mountains in Volcanoes National Park. We'll eat dinner at the lodge, likely going to bed early to get rested for a long day tomorrow.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included





Day Three

We eat an early breakfast and then head to Kinigi Park headquarters to meet our guides for the day. We'll set out for an easy/medium level hike to see the famous Golden Monkeys inside Volcanoes National Park. The monkeys are accustomed to human visitors and are usually very social and fun to watch. Though viewing is kept to about an hour, expect an up-close look at these wonderful monkeys in their natural habitat. Adult monkeys frolic in the trees, feeding on bamboo leaves and leaping from perch to perch. Females carry their youngest and don't appear bothered by our presence.

After leaving the forest, we'll sit down for lunch and then we'll visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund. Built in 2022 and made possible through the support of Ellen DeGeneres, this world-class research and education center honors the legacy of primatologist Dian Fossey and supports her work for mountain gorilla conservation. This meaningful experience includes learning about a gorilla's life cycle, meeting digital representations of famous gorillas Dian Fossey studied, visiting a reproduction of Dian's cabin, and discovering more about the gorilla populations in neighboring countries. We return to the lodge afterwards for a delicious dinner and restful overnight.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included



Day Four

Following an early breakfast, we proceed to the National Park headquarters to meet our guides for the day. After completing necessary paperwork to visit the gorillas, we embark on a once-in-a-lifetime experience of tracking mountain gorillas. The trekking may be fairly strenuous depending on where your assigned gorilla family is located, so being capable of walking on uneven ground in hot and humid conditions is a must. There will be porters available to carry your bags and assist you through the bush (included in your tour price).

Once we spot the gorillas, we are allowed to spend an hour watching our closest mammal cousin. This is perhaps one of the most breathtaking wildlife experiences on earth! You get so close to these awesome giant primates, often staring into their soulful eyes. Tracking the gorillas through the light mountain forest in Volcanoes National Park is a magical experience. These massive primates are extremely rare, with only about one thousand mountain gorillas living today. We get within feet of these gentle giants and are privileged to spend an hour amongst them.

Later that day, we visit Handspun Hope, an organization that provides economic opportunity and vocational training to local women. The organization creates handmade textile products and you'll spend the afternoon learning more about this traditional process of spinning and dyeing. After, we return to the lodge for dinner and one last overnight.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included



Day Five

After a late breakfast at the lodge, we head back to Kigali and prepare for your journey home. Drive back from the park and visit the Genocide Memorial, where Gondwana Ecotours makes a donation in support of remembrance and learning, as well as local markets before a late lunch. The Kigali airport can take a long time to get through, so you will need to leave a few hours early for the airport security screenings. You should plan for departure flights in the later afternoon, after 3 PM.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife viewing tour and a chance to get to know a truly unique and progressive culture in Eastern Africa.

Breakfast & Lunch Included

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Excellent!! The tour was literally once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our local wildlife guides were experienced and knew the animals and their behaviors well. The size of the group was small which made everything doable. Our accommodations were very pleasant and comfortable throughout this tour. All in all I would give this tour a six out of possible 5.”

- David L.





ACCOMMODATIONS

Heaven Boutique Hotel

Heaven Boutique Hotel is a wonderful 4-Star accommodation with 28 rooms located on two separate properties on a peaceful, residential road. The rooms feature local Rwandan décor, the hospitality is wonderful, and Heaven Restaurant serves delicious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Guests also have access to a solar-heated salt water swimming pool, outdoor yoga deck, and fitness center.

As is common with boutique hotels, room sizes and views are often different within the same property. Please note that we assign guest rooms on a first come, first serve basis. No exceptions.

Ingagi Park View Lodge

Nestled in the foothills of volcanic mountains near the main entrance of Volcanoes National Park, Ingagi Park View Lodge is adjacent to the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Research Center. This locally owned and operated lodge is surrounded by lush trees and stunning views of the nearby volcanoes. The onsite restaurant offers a mix of local and international dishes.

Occasionally, our preferred hotels may not be available. In such cases, we reserve the right to arrange alternative accommodations of comparable standards.



Our Guides

We work with a carefully selected crew of expert guides. Our guides are from Rwanda and are familiar with the region's geography, natural history, flora, fauna, culture, history, and customs. Our local guide team are personable, professional, courteous, friendly, and excited to show our guests their home country. All of our guides, rangers, and trackers are vetted, trained, and hold relevant certifications to guide in Rwanda and its respective National Parks.

We typically assign guides to specific departure dates a few months out and you'll receive more information about your specific guide or guides before you travel.



GENERAL INFORMATION

FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

Is This Trip For Me?

- Our Mountain Gorilla Safari requires moderate mobility and physical fitness. You should be able to walk on uneven terrain without established trails for three to four miles unassisted while navigating inclines and chances of slippery terrain. Additionally, you should be able to comfortably enter and exit vans and buses without assistance. A porter service is available to carry bags and help navigate difficult terrain.

Please note that the minimum age for all of our tours is 12. Some activities may also have specific age restrictions. However, we may be able to make exceptions in certain cases. For more information or to inquire about younger participants, please email our Guest Services department at info@gondwanaecotours.com.

When should I arrive in Rwanda?

- You should plan to arrive at the Kigali International Airport (KGL) during the day or before the evening on Day 1. This trip is often bundled together with our [Tanzania Great Migration Safari](#). Guests will have to travel from Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) and the journey usually requires a layover in either Nairobi or Dar Es Salaam to reach Kigali International Airport (KGL).

What do I do once I arrive?

- Share your flight itinerary and we will arrange for a company representative to pick you up at the airport outside baggage claim with a sign. Make sure you travel with a passport valid for six months from the date of entry and your visa will be issued for a small fee upon arrival in Rwanda.

What if I want to come and explore before Day 1?

- Complimentary transportation to your hotel will be provided by Gondwana Ecotours if you arrive early. If you would like help arranging a hotel we are happy to help.

What should I do in preparation for my departure?

- You can depart at the Kigali International Airport (KGL) in the afternoon or later on the last day of the tour. Transfer to the airport is included.

FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

What if I want to stay longer?

- For those of you who will be staying longer in Rwanda, feel free to ask us for help or suggestions! We also offer a 10-day itinerary that includes Lake Kivu and Nyungwe Forest National Park.

Can you cater to my dietary restrictions?

- We cater to common dietary restrictions and can accommodate most common diets with advanced notice. After registering for a tour, we provide a Registration Form to collect your dietary information, which we share with our vendors to make necessary accommodations. If you have specific questions about an uncommon dietary restriction, please email our Guest Services department at info@gondwanaecotours.com, and we will explore possible options to match your needs.

Do you offer private tours?

- Yes, our itineraries can be arranged as private tours for small groups from 6-18 people, depending on the season and itinerary. You and your group can travel together on a more personalized trip while still benefiting from the same guides, accommodations, and activities included in our regular departures. To receive more details on dates, pricing, and special requests, please email info@gondwanaecotours.com.

How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$1,750 USD per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)). The deposit is used to secure your gorilla trekking permit and is non-refundable. The remaining balance is due 120 days before the tour departs. Read our complete [Booking Agreement here >](#). After signing up, we will send you a confirmation message and valuable information to prepare you for the trip. We will also send you two easy forms to submit with your registration information and flight details.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

Our promise is to deliver custom crafted and authentically local travel experiences that send you home with lifelong memories of your unique adventure. We strive to put our values into practice with every Ecotour that we create.

AUTHENTIC Our adventures are filled with nature and culture that will amaze, enlighten and deeply connect you with the region.

LOCAL GUIDES Enjoy the unbeatable experience of local guides who love to share their country, culture and customs.

FIVE-STAR REVIEWS We take pride in our commitment to quality, service, and unforgettable adventures, all of which have earned us glowing reviews from guests. We're honored by the [kind words they share](#) on about their positive experiences.

SUPPORT Our guest services team is available for any assistance you need before your trip. We provide a detailed pre-trip guide and packing list so you know what to expect and what to pack.

SUSTAINABLE To minimize our trip's impact on the environment we pay to carbon neutralize the entire tour and activities, as well as carbon offsetting guest flights to and from Rwanda.

LOW IMPACT Our ecotours leave a small impact on the environment because of the small group size of 6 and the activities.

UNIQUE LODGING Feel the heart of the destination by staying at some memorable hotels. We book at locally owned and eco-friendly hotels whenever possible.



We hope you'll join us on an upcoming Mountain Gorilla Safari!

A \$1,750 USD per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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