



Mountain gorilla in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda | Photo: Charles J. Sharp · CC BY-SA 4.0 · cropped

Rwanda Primate Safari

Mountain gorillas, golden monkeys & Akagera

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS / YOUR OWN PRIVATE PARTY

Families · Couples · Solo travellers · Groups of friends

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL MONTHS

June to September

Choose your own dates. Private quotation on request.

A SAFARI MADE FOR YOU

The journey

Rwanda makes it possible to combine a classic savannah safari with two very different primate experiences in just eight days. Begin in Kigali, continue to Akagera's lakes and grasslands, then travel to the volcanic highlands for golden monkeys and mountain gorillas.

Four nights near Volcanoes National Park give you time for the treks, local scenery and a visit to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund's campus. The itinerary is planned as a private journey, with your accommodation, road transfers and daily pace arranged around your own party.

Tour highlights

- **Mountain gorillas**

Enjoy a ranger-led trek in Volcanoes National Park.

- **Akagera safari**

Combine game drives with a lake-based wildlife outing.

- **Conservation insight**

Visit the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund's Ellen DeGeneres Campus.

- **Golden monkeys**

Explore bamboo forest in search of these lively primates.

- **Volcanic highlands**

Spend four nights close to the forest and foothills.

- **A compact journey**

Link city, savannah and mountain forest in eight days.

Your people. Your pace.

Gorilla trekking is for travellers aged 15 and above. We tailor the other activities and lodge choice to the ages in your party, with a separate nature and culture programme for younger family members. Primate treks follow the park's designated groups.

PLAN YOUR PRIVATE SAFARI

When to go & where to stay

BEST TIME FOR THIS ROUTE

June to September

June to September is Rwanda’s main dry-season travel window, a particularly good fit for forest trekking and Akagera game drives in one trip. June and September make attractive choices for this eight-day journey; December to February offers another private-travel option.

SUGGESTED DATES A

12–19 June 2027

SUGGESTED DATES B

4–11 September 2027

These are sample private travel dates. We can arrange another start date in the recommended season.

Suggested lodges & hotels

Kigali / Akagera National Park / Volcanoes National Park / Kigali

DESTINATION	NIGHTS	SUGGESTED STAY
Kigali	1	Kigali Serena Hotel
Akagera National Park	2	Wilderness Magashi
Musanze / Volcanoes NP	4	Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel

We confirm the selected lodges, rooms, guiding and transport with your personal quotation. The final arrangements are tailored to your party and travel dates.

PRIVATE QUOTATION ON REQUEST



Kigali, Rwanda | Photo: Honeybarger · CC BY-SA 4.0 · cropped

DAY 01

A: 12 June 2027 | B: 4 September 2027

Welcome to Kigali

Arrive at Kigali International Airport and meet your private driver-guide for the transfer to Kigali Serena Hotel. Take time to settle in after your flight. If your arrival permits, enjoy a gentle introduction to the city, with a contemporary art or craft stop selected around your interests. Meet over dinner to discuss the safari and the forest experiences ahead, then enjoy a comfortable first night in Rwanda.

Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel

DAY 02

A: 13 June 2027 | B: 5 September 2027

Kigali to Akagera National Park

After breakfast, travel east through Rwanda's cultivated hills towards Akagera National Park. Continue into the park, where the scenery opens into lakes, woodland and savannah. Watch for wildlife on the way to Wilderness Magashi, your base for two nights. Settle into camp overlooking Lake Rwanyakazinga, enjoy lunch and join an afternoon activity arranged by the camp. Dinner brings your first full safari day to a relaxed close.

Overnight: Wilderness Magashi



Giraffes in Akagera National Park | Photo: Joseph Lionceau · CC BY-SA 4.0 · cropped

DAY 03

A: 14 June 2027 | B: 6 September 2027

Akagera by vehicle & boat

Spend the day discovering Akagera's variety of habitats with experienced safari guides. A game drive offers opportunities to look for elephants, giraffes, buffalo, rhino and predators in the open country and woodland. Later, a boat outing brings you closer to the lake's hippos, crocodiles and waterbirds. Return to camp between activities for meals and a restful break, enjoying the contrast between Rwanda's savannah landscape and the forest journey still to come.

Overnight: Wilderness Magashi

DAY 04

A: 15 June 2027 | B: 7 September 2027

Across Rwanda to the volcanic highlands

Leave Akagera after breakfast for the private drive towards Musanze, travelling via Kigali with a planned lunch stop. The route gives you a broad view of Rwanda's settled countryside, rolling hills and agricultural terraces. As the volcanoes come into view, continue to Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel for a four-night stay. Settle in, meet the local team and enjoy dinner before tomorrow's first forest outing.

Overnight: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel



Golden monkey in Volcanoes National Park | Photo: Charles J. Sharp · CC BY-SA 4.0 · cropped

DAY 05**A: 16 June 2027 | B: 8 September 2027**

Golden monkeys in the bamboo forest

Make an early start for the park headquarters and your golden monkey briefing. Walk with the park guides into the bamboo forest, following the group as it feeds and moves through the vegetation. The outing offers a lively contrast to tomorrow's gorilla experience, with time to appreciate the forest itself. Return to the hotel for lunch, then enjoy a relaxed afternoon or a short local walk arranged around your energy and interests.

Overnight: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel

DAY 06**A: 17 June 2027 | B: 9 September 2027**

A day with Rwanda's mountain gorillas

After breakfast, return to the park headquarters to meet your ranger team and fellow members of the designated trekking group. Follow the guides into the mountain forest, with the route shaped by the gorilla family's location that morning. Spend the permitted viewing time observing the family's behaviour and interactions. Return to the hotel afterwards, leaving the afternoon open for lunch, rest and time to reflect on this exceptional wildlife encounter.

Overnight: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel



The volcanic highlands around Musanze | Photo: Synkubito · CC0 · cropped

DAY 07

A: 18 June 2027 | B: 10 September 2027

Conservation, foothills & local life

Visit the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund's Ellen DeGeneres Campus for an introduction to the science and conservation work supporting mountain gorillas. Continue with a guided outing in the surrounding foothills, choosing a village walk or views towards the twin lakes according to your interests. Lunch and free time at the hotel keep the day relaxed after the treks. Enjoy your final dinner in the volcanic highlands.

Overnight: Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel

DAY 08

A: 19 June 2027 | B: 11 September 2027

Return to Kigali & depart

Enjoy breakfast before the private drive back to Kigali. Allow time for lunch and a final art, craft or café stop if your flight schedule permits. Your driver then transfers you to Kigali International Airport for departure. We plan the return around your international connection and can add a Kigali night if you would like more time in the city.

Departure: Private airport transfer

YOUR PRIVATE JOURNEY WITH MIDASIA ROUTES

Your safari arrangements

Included in your proposal

- 7 nights in the selected lodges, camps and hotels.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner from arrival to breakfast on departure.
- Airport transfers, planned touring transport and experienced English-speaking guides.
- Park fees and the scheduled activities described in your agreed programme.
- One gorilla trekking permit and one golden monkey permit per eligible traveller.
- Akagera park activities and the planned conservation-campus visit.

Additional personal costs

- International flights to and from the safari's start and end points.
- Visas and international travel / medical insurance.
- Personal shopping, laundry, spa treatments and premium drinks.
- Optional extensions and activities added to the agreed programme.
- Gratuities for guides, camp teams and any Midasia Routes Tour Leader.

Your quotation sets out the private guiding and vehicle arrangements, along with any camp-based activities and scheduled safari flights.

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