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The Royal Volcanoes & Primates

*“Mountain gorilla trekking at Bisate Lodge, a balloon over the Virunga Massif,
Golden Monkeys, and the Intore warrior dance”*

10

DAYS

Private

GUIDE

Luxury

STAYS

FROM

\$12,400

PER PERSON

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Overview

Your flagship Rwanda primate itinerary for elite travellers who want to see Rwanda's most iconic natural marvels from a position of absolute luxury. Centred entirely around the dramatic mist-shrouded peaks of Volcanoes National Park and the mountain gorillas within its bamboo forests. Guests stay at the award-winning Bisate Lodge — famous for its spherical thatched forest villas that mirror traditional royal Rwandan architecture. High-end highlights include a sunrise hot-air balloon over the Virunga volcanic peaks, a private champagne breakfast after gorilla tracking, Golden Monkey tracking through the bamboo, and a private helicopter flip to the scenic Twin Lakes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private helicopter over terraced green hills and volcanic peaks to the legendary Bisate Lodge on the edge of Volcanoes NP
- Mountain gorilla trekking in Volcanoes NP: spending a quiet hour face-to-face with a Silverback family in the misty bamboo forest
- White-linen gourmet breakfast in an open bamboo clearing after the gorilla trek — a perfect moment of reflection
- Hot-air balloon at dawn over the jagged Virunga Massif volcanic peaks with cloud forests catching the first morning light
- Golden Monkey private trek through the high bamboo canopy — vibrant golden coats leaping through the branches
- Twin Lakes private speed boat past terraced shorelines with the Virunga volcanic backdrop
- Ellen DeGeneres Campus Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund private crowd-free tour
- Nyanza King's Palace and private Intore warrior dance performance — leaping, vibrant, deeply moving

Mountain gorilla trekking at Bisate Lodge, a balloon over the Virunga Massif, Golden Monkeys, and the Intore warrior dance

The Itinerary

01

KIGALI

Day 1 | Arrival in Kigali — The Cleanest Capital

VIP tarmac handling at Kigali International Airport. Private transfer to The Retreat by Heaven overlooking Kigali's glittering hills. Early arrivals explore Kigali: clean tree-lined avenues, the Kimironko Market with vibrant colours and aromas, and the impressive Kigali Convention Centre. Welcome dinner overlooking the city lights.

- The Retreat by Heaven »
- Dinner

02

KIGALI

Day 2 | Kigali Memorial & Contemporary Art — Mount Kigali Rooftop Sundowner

Private historian leads a deeply moving tour of the Kigali Genocide Memorial — Rwanda's tragic history and its remarkable journey of reconciliation and renewal. Afternoon: curated tour of the Inema Arts Center showcasing striking contemporary Rwandan canvas art — vibrant works by local artists telling stories of healing and hope. Premium South African wines and African botanical cocktails on a private rooftop terrace on Mount Kigali as the city lights flicker alive.

- The Retreat by Heaven »
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 3 | Helicopter Fly-In to Bisate Lodge — Virunga Massif Arrival

Private scenic helicopter flight over terraced green hills directly to Volcanoes National Park — spectacular aerial views of Rwanda's patchwork of terraced farms and the dramatic volcanic peaks of the Virunga Massif rising ahead. Check-in at the legendary Bisate Lodge — ultra-luxury domed forest villas inspired by traditional Rwandan royal architecture with breathtaking volcano and misty forest views.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Dinner

04

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 4 | The Mountain Gorilla Trekking Masterclass — Bamboo Forest Breakfast

Rising before dawn for private guided Mountain Gorilla Trekking through misty bamboo forests with elite trackers. The life-changing moment: coming face-to-face with a magnificent Silverback gorilla family, spending a quiet hour just metres away observing their behaviour, interactions, and family dynamics. On return: a surprise white-linen gourmet breakfast with a live-cooking chef set up in an open bamboo forest clearing.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 5 | Balloon Over the Virunga Massif — Golden Monkey Trek

Rising before dawn for a hot-air balloon flight drifting silently over the jagged Virunga volcanic peaks — cloud forests catching the first morning light with volcanoes casting long shadows across the valleys. After landing: champagne toast and gourmet bush breakfast. Afternoon: private trek through the high bamboo canopies to view the playful endangered Golden Monkeys — vibrant golden coats leaping through branches.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 6 | The Twin Lakes — Speed Boat & Lakeside Picnic

Private helicopter flip or luxury 4x4 to the deep blue Twin Lakes — Burera and Ruhondo — surrounded by terraced hills and majestic volcanoes. Private luxury speed boat cruising past terraced shorelines and fishing villages built on steep hillsides. Birdlife, serenity, and breathtaking Virunga backdrop. Private picnic lunch on the water.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 7 | Ellen DeGeneres Campus — Dian Fossey Gorilla Conservation

Private crowd-free guided tour of the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund — state-of-the-art interactive exhibits and historical artefacts from early gorilla conservation.

Groundbreaking work of Dian Fossey and ongoing efforts to protect mountain gorillas. Community conservation programmes ensuring long-term gorilla survival. The inspiring story of how the gorilla population has significantly increased in recent decades.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 8 | Wilderness Mountain Dining — Bisate Villa Private Deck Bonfire

Relaxed afternoon massage at Bisate's premium wellness spa utilising organic African oils and local botanicals from the surrounding cloud forest. The day culminates in an elegant multi-course Rwandan-fusion bonfire dinner served around a roaring stone fire pit on your villa's private deck — misty volcanic peaks visible in the distance, the sounds of the nocturnal forest surrounding you.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Day 9 | King's Palace & Intore Warrior Dance — Nyanza Cultural Tour

Travel south to Nyanza to visit the historic King's Palace Museum: traditional domed palace architecture and the sacred long-horned Inyambo royal cattle accompanied by lyrical poetry sung to them. Dignified exchange with cattle keepers on the ancient lyrical poetry and the cultural significance of cattle in Rwandan society. Private performance of the powerful leaping Intore warrior dance — vibrant Rwandan cultural expression passed down through generations. Farewell dinner at Bisate.

- Bisate Lodge (Wilderness) »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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KIGALI

Day 10 | Return to Kigali & Complementary Spa Day

Relaxed luxury breakfast watching the mist lift off the volcanic slopes. Smooth chauffeur transfer back to Kigali. Complementary spa session at your city hotel. Private Kigali tour if missed on Day 1. International departure the following day.

- The Retreat by Heaven »
- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$13,500

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price per person based on two guests sharing. All helicopter transfers, gorilla permits, accommodation, meals, balloon, and activities included. International flights to Kigali not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$12,400
Wetter trails, lower gorilla permit demand		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$15,100
Prime dry season for gorilla trekking		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$13,500
Short rains, good trekking conditions return		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP meet and greet at Kigali International Airport
- » All private helicopter and chauffeur transfers as specified
- » Luxury lodge and hotel accommodation throughout
- » All meals as specified
- » All private guided tours and activities listed
- » All park fees and gorilla trekking permits where applicable
- » Hot-air balloon flight where specified
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide and historian throughout
- » Private helicopter Kigali » Bisate Lodge
- » Mountain gorilla trekking permit in Volcanoes NP
- » Bamboo forest gourmet breakfast after gorilla trek
- » Hot-air balloon over the Virunga Massif
- » Golden Monkey private bamboo canopy trek

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Rwanda
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping
- Premium alcohol beyond inclusions
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities

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