

Rwanda Gorillas

2025

Photo Safari



Overview

This thrilling photography expedition offers a unique opportunity to capture breathtaking images of these incredible creatures up close. Our expert guides will lead you through dense forests, guiding you to gorilla families, allowing you to witness their intimate moments and document their intriguing behaviours. With limited group sizes, you'll have ample time to frame the perfect shots and create stunning visual narratives.

This unforgettable experience combines thrilling trekking with the art of photography, offering you a chance to connect with nature, expand your portfolio, and create lifelong memories. Join us on this remarkable journey into the heart of Rwanda, where extraordinary encounters await.



What You Can Expect

Exceptional Wildlife Encounters:

Located in the heart of the magnificent Volcanoes National Park, home to the rare mountain gorillas, this safari takes you deep into the Virunga Mountains, an awe-inspiring range of towering volcanoes covered in lush green rainforests. Prepare to be captivated by the beauty of this pristine wilderness as you trek through cultivated foothills, offering breathtaking panoramic views in every direction.

The highlight of this safari is the extraordinary opportunity to track and encounter the captivating mountain gorillas. Led by experienced guides, you'll embark on a thrilling trek, navigating through dense vegetation and steep muddy slopes in search of these gentle giants.

Beyond gorilla trekking, this safari offers a cultural and historical perspective of Rwanda. Explore the vibrant city of Kigali, visit the Genocide Memorial Centre, and enjoy stops at Soko for a delicious lunch and the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Fossey Fund.

Join us on this remarkable journey that combines thrilling wildlife encounters, breathtaking landscapes, and rich cultural experiences. Our Tusk Photo Gorilla Trekking Safari in Rwanda promises an adventure of a lifetime, creating cherished memories and deepening your appreciation for the wonders of nature.

Professional Guidance and Learning:

Tusk Photo prides itself on providing more than just a tour; it's an opportunity for growth and learning. Our seasoned photographic hosts, not only well-versed in the intricacies of animal behaviour but also deeply passionate about photography, will lead you through the landscape, offering insights, tips, and techniques to elevate your craft. Whether you're a novice or an experienced photographer, expect to refine your skills in the art of capturing the wild.



Where You Will Stay

Ingagi Park View Lodge – Located on the foothills of the volcanic mountains, a short distance to the main entrance of the Volcanoes National Park where mountain gorilla trekking starts, offering spectacular views of a chain of 15,000ft volcanoes stretching through Rwanda.

INGAGI Park View Lodge is a relaxing escape from the rigors of the outside world. Whether you're visiting for a family vacation, leisure, adventures such as the Mountain hikes or an unforgettable life time experience of Mountain Gorilla Trekking, our spacious Ingagi lodge offers a Dream African experience. Enjoy the spectacular views of the Mountain Gorilla home in beautiful natural surroundings.



Dates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	Spaces	Nights
4 - 8 May 2025	\$ 5900	6	4
7 - 11 November 2025	\$ 5900	6	4

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at \$5900 per person sharing. Single supplement is \$500. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend



Itinerary

DAY 1

- Arrival at Kigali Airport transfer to the Hotel for the first night.

DAY 2

- Visit to the Genocide Memorial Centre to learn about Rwanda's history and pay respect to the victims
- Lunch at Sooko
- Travel to Volcanoes National Park
- Visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Fossey Fund and explore the Cindy Broder Conservation Gallery
- Check in at Ingagi Parkview Lodge

DAY 3 & 4

- Early morning departure to Volcanoes National Park headquarters for mountain gorilla trekking
- Briefing and drive to the starting point closest to the gorilla family
- Encounter with the majestic silverback gorillas and observe their behaviour for up to one hour
- Return to the base and transfer back to the lodge

DAY 5

- Early morning departure for your final gorilla trek
- Afternoon transfer to Kigali
- Farewell dinner
- Transfer to the airport for departure

What You Get

INCLUDED:

- Airport transfers from Kigali Airport to the hotel
- Genocide museum visit
- Lunch at the Sooko
- 3 nights at Ingagi Parkview Lodge
- Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast
- A visit to the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Fund
- 3 x Gorilla trekking permit per person in the Volcanoes National Park
- Farewell dinner in Kigali
- Private 4x4 Safari vehicle
- Bottled water in the vehicle
- Services of your professional and knowledgeable Rwanda English-speaking driver guide
- Tusk Photo Host
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EXCLUDED:

- Visas fees
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)
- Telephone calls
- Meals and drinks not specified
- Gratuities and expenses of a personal nature
- Porter – US\$15 (if you need assistance on your hike)
- Laundry services

Flights and Transport

- Check-in is one hour prior for domestic departures and two hours prior for international departures.
- Please make sure to check on your relevant passport visa requirements for Rwanda.
- Many scheduled regional flights may involve multiple stops before reaching final destination.



Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest. Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any local African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Telephoto lens 300 / 400
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) 24-70 / 14-24
- Notebook or additional storage device

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 5 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything please contact us for more details

Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.

- South African citizens DO require visas to enter Rwanda.
- It is advisable to declare any cameras, lenses, laptops and other valuable items when leaving your country. We normally recommend keeping a detailed list of all items including serial numbers and descriptions. This makes the customs process that much quicker as all that is generally required is for the customs official to stamp the document.

MONEY AND CURRENCY

- The currencies accepted in Rwanda are, Rwandan franc and US Dollars (USD) USD will need to be exchanged in some instances at local rates.
- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Credit card payments can be processed at the camps.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted.

HEALTH

- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact your local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunisations required for travel to Kenya.
- Yellow fever certificate may be required.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

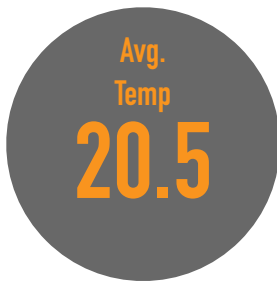
220v battery power (charged by the generator / solar) is used for lighting in guest tents 24hrs a day.

220v plugs available in each tent for the charging of batteries only. Hence bring spare battery, charging unit and adaptors. Universal Power Plug Adaptor



CLIMATE

Rwanda has a rainy season from October to May, with a break from December to February. October and November have "short rains" with temperatures around 27°C (81°F) in the afternoons. March, April, and May bring long rains, with April being the wettest month and cool mornings at around 13°C (55°F).



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colours. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colours.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly mornings
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes. (waterproof is advisable)
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturiser, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- Ranger / Guide USD 20 per person per day
- Camp staff USD 10 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

The phone code for Kenya is +250. Telecommunications are relatively good in Rwanda and mobile phones will work in many areas of the country although you will need to ensure that international roaming is enabled by your mobile provider. Reasonable Wifi is available at all camps.

Tusk Photo Safaris PTA Office
Tel: +27 12 761 3737 (Office Hours)

Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritise your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.

We Are Excited To Host You on Your Dream Photographic Safari!

