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# Mountain & Lowland Gorillas

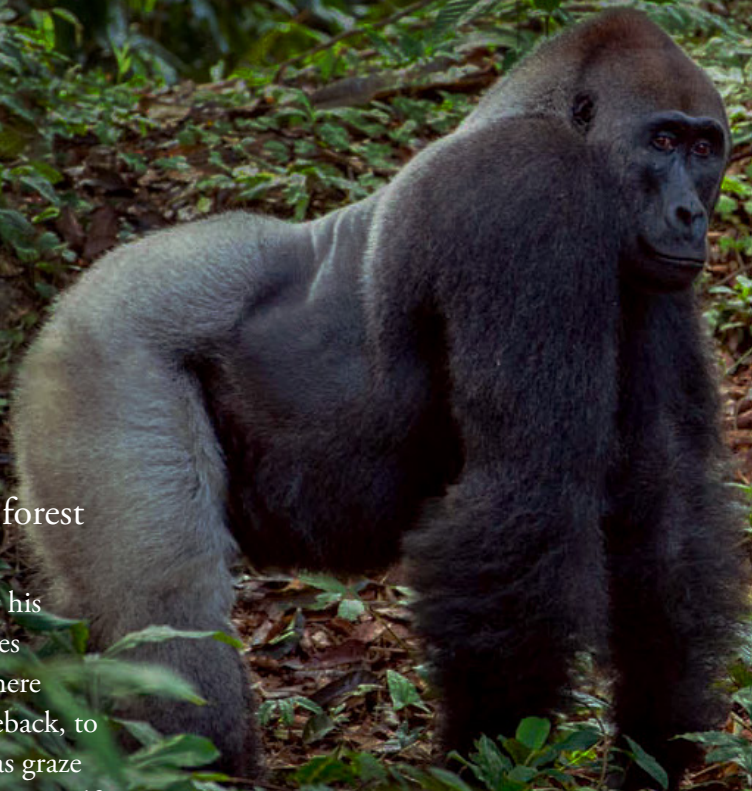
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## *Primate viewing safari*

Sunlight streams through the bamboo forest as the ranger puts his hand up. Freeze.

A massive silverback in the clearing watches over his family of mountain gorillas. This adventure moves you from the lush, volcanic slopes of Rwanda where mountain gorillas are making a remarkable comeback, to the Republic of the Congo where lowland gorillas graze and play in a central African rainforest. Immerse yourself in the primal, wild world of this intelligent, sentient species. Look into inquisitive eyes much like your own. Ponder what it means to be human.

This unforgettable adventure is for active people who want to walk, wade, wander and trek for the thrill of a close encounter with mankind's closest relatives on the planet.





# Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time.*

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that in turn support our safari business. *Your dollar makes change.*

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent.*

## *Primate viewing* with Deeper Africa

*Stand within feet of mountain gorillas as they accept you*

into their community without a sideways glance. Trek with confidence, knowing you'll have success watching these gentle creatures. Hear chimpanzees bounce through the trees, rustling leaves, breaking branches and maybe even calling out to family members with their loud hooting.

IT STARTS WITH THESE SOUNDS AND THEN SUDDENLY....YOU ARE AMONG THEM.



# *Safari schedule at a glance*

## International flight #1

Departs: TBD

Arrives: TBD

## International flight #2

Departs: TBD

Arrives: KGL

### Day 1:

Arrival in Kigali, Rwanda

Overnight at Kigali Serena

### Days 2, 3 & 4:

Drive to Parc National des Volcans

Overnights at Five Volcanoes Hotel

### Day 5:

Drive to Kigali, Rwanda

Overnight at Kigali Serena

### Day 6:

Flight to Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

Overnight at Radisson Blu

### Days 7, 8 & 9:

Bush flight to Odzala National Park

Overnights at Ngaga Camp

### Day 10:

Drive within Odzala National Park

Overnight at Mboko Camp

### Day 11:

Bush flight to Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

Overnight at Radisson Blu

### Day 12:

International departure from Brazzaville,

Republic of Congo

Mountain and Lowland Gorillas safaris always begin on a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday to coordinate with domestic flights.



DAY 1

# Kigali Serena Kigali

Upon clearing customs at Kigali International Airport in Rwanda, a driver awaits you holding a Deeper Africa sign with your name on it. He'll transfer you to the Serena in Kigali, Rwanda's pleasant capital city.

Rwanda is a green country of fertile and hilly terrain. This small republic is about half the size of Scotland. In 2008, it became the first country to elect a legislature that is majority female. By law, at least a third of the parliament seats must be held by women.

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DAYS 2-4

# Five Volcanoes Hotel Parc National Des Volcans

Begin the day with a good breakfast, as gorillas don't post their schedules online. The gorillas' day—where to forage, when to rest—depends on the decisions of the Silverback. The terrain is hilly but the air is cool as you wind through a bamboo forest dotted with towering volcanic peaks. Once you've found the gorillas, quietly settle in for a full hour of close observation as the guest in their home. Females groom each other and carry sleeping babies on their backs. Juveniles cavort, rolling and tugging at each other. The silverback stands tall, watching over and protecting them. Curious gorillas may come close to check you out, so hold still as they thoughtfully take you in.

Gorillas share at least  
97% of our DNA.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Swimming pool, Laundry

Wildlife viewing  
*Get your checklist ready*

Mountain gorillas,  
Black-fronted duiker,  
Golden monkeys

Activities offered  
*Keep your camera close*

2 days of Mountain gorilla  
trekking  
Massage (additional  
cost)

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# Rwanda is the *“Land of a Thousand Hills.”*

For 23 hours a day, these habituated gorillas live wild. But for one hour they accept human visitors into their home.

Rangers from Parc National des Volcans explain gorilla etiquette and help make the most of this rare opportunity. The gorillas are habituated (accustomed) to the presence of humans. Ten habituated families live in this park. They move a certain distance each day within their territory and generally spend 14 hours feeding and 10 hours resting. In late afternoon, they each build a new nest in trees and on the ground—pulling, bending and layering branches. In the evening, settle in for a cold sundowner, a hot shower and a great dinner while the gorillas settle in for the night as well.



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Critically endangered mountain gorillas are the only great apes whose wild populations are increasing, largely due to the work of

# Gorilla Doctors

and the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project.

480

mountain gorillas in the Bwindi

604

mountain gorillas in the Virunga Massif

1,004

total mountain gorillas in the wild **NOW**, largest population recorded

The world's only endangered animal to receive regular vet care



Follow a gorilla family online and learn more at [www.gorilladoctors.org](http://www.gorilladoctors.org)

Gorilla Doctors provides medical care to ill and injured gorillas in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Rwanda's Parc National des Volcans and the DRC's Virunga National Park. Veterinarians, rangers, guides and conservationists monitor each gorilla's health, note any developing problems and intervene in emergencies. Gorilla Doctors owns its own vet school.

This work has helped save the species from extinction and even contributed to a baby boom.

We're happy to arrange a meeting with Gorilla Doctors for you after you trek, with the option to privately join the doctors on their rounds. This conservation success story demonstrates how your visit can change the future of an endangered species for the better.



DAY 5

# Kigali Serena Kigali

After breakfast, depart for the Gisozi Genocide Memorial in Kigali, commemorating both the 1994 Rwandan genocide and the country's healing process following the tragedy. This museum is an international effort—built with funds from Belgium, Sweden and the US-based Clinton Foundation.

Enjoy lunch at a local Kigali restaurant. As an international city hosting business people and government officials from all over the world, choose from Rwandan, Chinese, French, sushi and just about any food you can imagine.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Wi-fi



DAY 6

# Radisson Blu Brazzaville

After a morning transfer to Kigali, board a RwandAir flight to Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo. Staff from Odzala Discovery Camps will pick you up to transfer you to the Radisson Blu.

Spend the afternoon exploring town with your guide. Many restaurants and cafes overlook the Congo River and the city of Kinshasa on the other side. Keep your eyes peeled for the brightly, colorfully dressed “Les Sapeurs,” known as “The Dandies of the Congo.” Predominantly men, sapeurs have a swagger to their step and are likely to spend as much on an imported Italian suit jacket as they are on a house. Unique to Kinshasa and Brazzaville, they generally maintain a conservative existence in all other respects. Singer Solange Knowles (Beyonce’s sister) featured Les Sapeurs in her 2012 video “Losing You.”

Includes: Breakfast



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DAY 7-9

# Ngaga Camp Odzala National Park

Wildlife viewing  
*Get your checklist ready*

Activities included  
*Keep your camera close*

Western lowland gorillas,  
Guereza colobus monkey

2 days of Lowland gorilla  
trekking  
Forest walks

This is lowland gorilla country now. Relatively flat jungle paths winding through towering green shrubs—the gorilla’s fresh salad bar. Action here starts in the treetops. When you find a family, the silverback will likely display his autocratic authority by rising on his back legs, grunting, snorting, and even beating his chest and bellowing. The rest of the family will be busy foraging for ripe fruit. Adult males eat as much as 40 pounds of fruit and vegetables per day. Notice the ways these gorillas differ from the mountain gorillas and the ways in which they’re the same.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Alcohol & Beverages, Laundry

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DAY 10

# Mboko Camp Odzala National Park

## Wildlife viewing

*Get your checklist ready*

Duiker, Forest buffalo, Red River hog, Many species of monkey (including Agile mangabey, Allen's swamp, de Brazza's, Crowned, Grey-cheeked mangabey, Moustached, Putty-nosed), More than 450 bird species

## Activities included

*Keep your camera close*

Boat cruise  
Kayak safari  
Swimming  
Deck viewing of forest elephants

Mboko Camp gives you a look at the vast savannah grasslands bordering the rainforest and offers a day on the water—or in it. Kayak through the leafy bends of the Likoli River or just wade in its warm, crystal clear waters. If you prefer to stay dry, a boat cruise is a perfect way to get great close-ups of the forest buffalo and elephants. Or take a walk through meadowlands bordered by hanging vines, chattering monkeys and colorful birds.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Alcohol & Beverages, Laundry



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Activities offered  
*Keep your camera close*

City tour  
Shopping

DAY 11

# Radisson Blu Brazzaville

Return to Brazzaville on a morning bush flight. Spend the afternoon on a city tour, browsing local markets or shopping with a guide. The École de Peinture de Poto-Poto, an association of painters, is a great place to pick up souvenirs. Explore the markets of Marché Touristique, Marché Total and Marché Poto-Poto. Visit the Institut Français du Congo, a cultural center hosting art and photo exhibitions, live music, dance performances, a cinema and a nice shop selling local arts and crafts.

Includes: Breakfast

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# *Sabine Plattner charities* Odzala National Park, Republic of Congo **Proceeds**

from your safari go to the Sabine Plattner charities

Ngaga Camp is the field headquarters for Dr. Magda Bermejo (the Dian Fossey of the Congo) and her husband, German Illera.

Thanks to their pioneering work, Ngaga has become one of Africa's most important gorilla trekking destinations. The two have been studying western lowland gorillas in northern Congo for more than 25 years—research that has habituated gorillas here and allowed tourism to help protect these animals and this unspoiled habitat.

Magda and German study human/gorilla interactions and resource sharing. With support from Sabine Plattner African Charities, they are developing community projects to enable and empower children, women and men in nearby villages living amongst the gorillas to the benefit of both people and gorillas. Ngaga Camp studies the effects of gorilla tourism on broader gorilla conservation in Congo and beyond. Deeper Africa makes a contribution to these research efforts on behalf of each of our Ngaga Camp travelers.

Each night of your stay in Odzala National Park supports the work of Dr. Bermejo and Illera with a per person financial contribution.

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DAY 12

# Flights & International Travel

After breakfast, staff will transfer you to Brazzaville International airport for your departure.

Includes: Breakfast

Flight #1 (Day 12)

Departs | Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 13)

Departs | TBD

Arrives | TBD



# 2020 Pricing:

## \$15,200 - \$16,000

### *2020 Custom Pricing & Departures*

*Safari must begin on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.*

#### **Jan - Feb, June - Oct, Dec**

- 6 guests: \$15,200 USD per person
- 4 guests: \$15,400 USD per person
- 2 guests: \$16,000 USD per person
- Single supplement: \$4,000 USD

#### **March - May, Nov**

- 6 guests: \$15,750 USD per person
- 4 guests: \$15,600 USD per person
- 2 guests: \$15,750 USD per person
- Single supplement: \$3,350 USD

All pricing in US dollars. Arrivals into Kigali, Rwanda and departures through Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. Prices do not include international airfare. Gorilla and chimpanzee permit prices & park fees fluctuate. All itineraries are subject to change.

### *Mountain & Lowland Gorillas safari includes:*

- Start-to-finish safari expertise
- Accommodations in all lodges & tented camps
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- All gorilla & chimp permits, park fees and entrance fees
- Boat cruise, guided forest walk, night forest walk
- All in-country transportation
- Safe drinking water available at all times
- Enrollment with Flying Doctors Evacuation Service while in Rwanda. For travel to Republic of Congo, travelers should obtain personal evacuation coverage through standard travel insurance.
- Alcohol & beverages included at some lodges & camps
- Laundry included at some lodges and camps
- Extensive pre-departure briefing & materials including health information, reading list & map

*International airfare and gratuities not included. Certain brands of alcohol and beverages not included in some camps.*

We plan your adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you're traveling. Still, animals are not in a zoo. They run freely and we cannot accurately pinpoint their movements 100% of the time.



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