

## LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS

This is a country characterized by its impressive biodiversity, charming tea plantations, unique cultural experiences, and highland rainforest's that are home to the gorillas.



## Virtual Safari

Learn about the ultimate gorilla and chimp treks, a unique Big 5 safari experience and how to connect with the locals.

## **RWANDA'S ADVANTAGES**



Rwanda is home to the world's greatest primate treks.



A birder's heaven with 703 species, 29 Albertine Rift Endemics, diverse habitats and the best montane birding in Africa.



Offers big game viewing in a diverse savanna setting with safari heavyweights including lions and elephants.



A Rwanda gorilla trekking safari combines well with Uganda, Kenya or Tanzania.



Rwandan culture has many traditions including Intore dancing, basketry and Umuganda.



Sustainable experiences and accommodations that maximize the benefits to local people and place.

## A YEAR-ROUND MIX OF EXPERIENCES

#### WILDLIFE

#### **CULTURE**

DEC - FEB & JUNE - SEP SHORT DRY SEASON Offers the easiest hiking

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#### FEB - JUN RAINY SEASON

The chimps are easy to locate as they search for food.

JUNE - SEP LONG DRY SEASON

The conditions are perfect to trek for gorillas.

## FEB - MAY TEA & COFFEE PLANTATIONS

Enjoy a 'cuppa' tea or coffee, Rwanda's main export during its harvest time

#### JUN - SEP KWITA IZINA

See the babies born in the wild or attend the Kwita Izina Annual baby gorilla naming ceremony on September 21.

#### JUN - SEP FESTIVAL SEASON

Rwanda Film Festival held annually and one of Africa's major film events (July)

### OCT - DEC SHORT RAINY SEASON

Rains arrive but less crowds equals great value.

#### SEP - DEC BIRDING

Excellent time for photography and birding.



#### KIGALI, GREEN, CLEAN AND SAFE

Awanda's capital is very safe

- Kigali is a clean and safe city, with extremely welcoming people.
- Explore cultural activities including awardwinning museums, a burgeoning music scene and most memorable dining experiences.
- Pay your respects at the Kigali Genocide Memorial honoring the estimated 250,000 people who died during the 100 day genocide.
- Visit the Kigali Cultural Village, a traditional market space where local artisans & food vendors exhibit and trade their goods.

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#### **LAKE KIVU**

- One of the African Great Lakes (the sixth largest in Africa), Lake Kivu is stunningly beautiful and an incredible place to visit.
- Take a guided walk to Lake Bulera or visit the Imbabazi Orphanage and have tea or lunch with the staff and volunteers.

Did You Know?

Umuganda is a national holiday in Rwanda and on the last Saturday of every month citizens complete community work.

# **RWANDA**

Parc National Des Volcans



#### **AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK**

Africa's largest protected wetland

- Expertly guided game drives, walks and boating trips in search of the resident wildlife including buffalo, leopard, elephant, giraffe, spotted hyena and zebras.
- Monitor lions, leopards, and black rhinos, learning the latest in technology.
- Safari by boat on the lake, and perhaps enjoy catch-and-release fishing.

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#### **NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK**

Oldest Rainforest in Africa

- Rich in biodiversity and teaming with wildlife, including a population of chimpanzees, Black and White Colobus monkeys.
- The Canopy Walkway, suspended 230 feet above a ravine in the lush montane rainforest, provides an exhilarating perspective on the ancient treetops and wildlife.
- Birders paradise, home to 322 bird species and the only safe place to see Red-collared Babbler.
- Butterflies are also a common sight, with at least 120 species.

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#### **VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK**

Home to the endangered gorilla

- Explore the rich green rain forests, alive with colorful birds, and experience that magical hour when you observe the magnificent, endangered mountain gorillas.
- Participate in the lodge's conservation efforts.
- Discover the site of Dian Fossey's primate research when you hike to the remains of her Karisoke Research Center.

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Re-wilding Rwanda

Meet Africa's leaders in conservation and community tourism.

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