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TREKKING RWANDA: WILDLIFE & CULTURE

FEBRUARY 6 – 14, 2025 9 DAYS | 8 NIGHTS



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Trekking Rwanda: Wildlife & Culture

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 (8 NIGHTS)

Although most travelers are drawn to Rwanda to see the endangered mountain gorillas—a wildlife experience that is truly unlike any other—it is the resilient spirit of the Rwandan people, their rich culture and the beauty of the country's diverse landscapes, ideal for hiking and safari, that leave travelers with a sense of awe and a desire to return. Don't miss what is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife experience: this exhilarating eight-night itinerary gives travelers access to one day of chimpanzee trekking in Nyungwe National Park and two days of gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park—with expert guides from luxury lodges One&Only Nyungwe House and Wilderness Safaris Bisate Lodge.

FROM \$22,800 (PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY); \$28,000 (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

HIGHLIGHTS & SPECIAL EXPERIENCES



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Once-in-a-lifetime wildlife experience: trek to find chimpanzees in the dense canopies of Nyungwe National Park as well as endangered mountain gorillas in the magnificent forests of Volcanoes National Park. You will have the opportunity to spend time up-close with these incredible primates and meet with conservation specialists, researchers and innovators, who will share insight on modern environmental initiatives promoting anti-poaching and reforestation.

Behind-the-scenes tour of the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund to learn about the multifaceted work being done to protect the gorillas. A donation will be made to the fund on behalf of this journey.

Spend time touring in the growing urban center of Kigali, with a visit to the Nyamata Church Genocide Memorial.

Relax at three of Rwanda's best eco-luxury lodges that offer a variety of immersive wilderness and cultural activities, as well as pampering amenities: The Retreat by Heaven, One&Only Nyungwe House and Wilderness Safaris Bisate Lodge.

— Your Accommodations —



THE RETREAT BY HEAVEN, KIGALI

The Retreat by Heaven is owned and operated by author and philanthropist Josh Ruxin and his wife Alissa. It pairs chic, natural design and authentic experiences with a deep connection to the Rwandan community. There are 12 chic, contemporary guest rooms, each with indoor and outdoor terraces. A large, well-equipped fitness center overlooks a salt water, solar-powered swimming pool and the main building, which houses a farm-to-table, fusion restaurant and small spa.



ONE&ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE, NYAMASHEKE NYUNGWE FOREST RESERVE

Pampering and romantic, this hotel is a quiet, beautifully decorated sanctuary within a giant tea plantation and located alongside Rwanda's spectacular Nyungwe National Park. On-property activities include archery, spear throwing, boot camp morning runs and tea picking followed by a tea tasting. Nyungwe House has an impressive infinity pool that looks out at the forest, as well as a beautiful spa and full-service gym.



WILDERNESS SAFARIS BISATE LODGE, VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

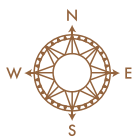
A series of otherworldly spherical fiber-thatched pods built into the side of an eroded volcanic cone make up the extraordinary Bisate Lodge. Each of the six suites has a bedroom area and a grand bathroom with a deep soaking tub and a shower carved out of volcanic rock—with impressive views through the floor-to-ceiling windows. The lodge has an agronomist who is in charge of an ambitious reforestation project, and guests can spend time meeting with him and planting a sapling to help increase the gorilla habitat.

From top: Courtesy Indagare; courtesy One&Only; courtesy Wilderness Safaris



From far left: Martina Purcell; courtesy One&Only

Itinerary



DAY 1, FEB. 6: WELCOME TO RWANDA

- Arrive at the Kigali International Airport (KGL) with VIP assistance and transfer to The Retreat for check-in and the rest of the afternoon to settle in.

OVERNIGHT: THE RETREAT | MEALS: D

DAY 2, FEB. 7: KIGALI

- Kigali became the capital of Rwanda during the country's independence in 1962, and since then has experienced major economic development. Visit the Kigali Cultural Village, a market space which hosts events, workshops and where local artisans and food vendors exhibit their goods. Stop by the Milk Bar and taste Rwandan coffee from a local market.
- Tour the Genocide Memorial, which remembers the victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and teaches visitors of the events that lead up to the catastrophic event.
- After lunch, return to the hotel for time at leisure. If you should choose, there are cars available to take you shopping at some of the best boutiques in the city.

OVERNIGHT: THE RETREAT | MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3, FEB. 8: KIGALI TO NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK

- After breakfast, drive to One&Only Nyungwe House. Please note that this is a six-hour drive, so we recommend spending time at leisure upon arrival—book a massage treatment (*at an additional cost*) or choose an on-property activity, such as spear throwing, learning about conservation initiatives, touring the tea plantation and more. Please let Indagare know in advance if you would like to book a treatment or activity.
- This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

OVERNIGHT: ONE&ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE | MEALS: B, L, D

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DAY 4, FEB. 9: CHIMPANZEE TREKKING

- At the break of dawn, meet your expert guide and driver to head into the heart of the jungle (*approximately a one-hour drive*) for an exciting day of chimpanzee trekking. Every trek is different—you may spot a chimpanzee high above in the fig trees, or see a troop catapulting through the canopy.
- Afterwards, return to the hotel for lunch and the afternoon at leisure. You may choose to book a massage treatment (*at an additional cost*) or select an on-property activity, such as spear throwing, learning about conservation initiatives, touring the tea plantation and more. Please let Indagare know in advance if you would like to book a treatment or activity.
- Dinner is at your leisure.

OVERNIGHT: ONE&ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE | MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 5, FEB. 10: NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK

- After breakfast, meet your guide for a canopy walk in the Nyungwe Forest National Park, one of the oldest rainforests in Africa and rich in biodiversity.
- Afterwards, return to the hotel for lunch and the afternoon at leisure. You may choose to book a massage treatment (*at an additional cost*) or select an on-property activity, such as spear throwing, learning about conservation initiatives, touring the tea plantation and more. Please let Indagare know in advance if you would like to book a treatment or activity.
- Dinner is at your leisure.

OVERNIGHT: ONE&ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE | MEALS: B, L, D

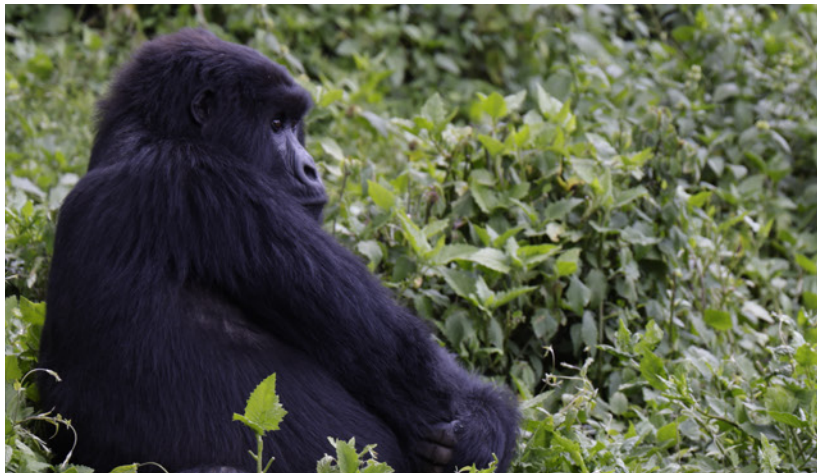
DAY 6, FEB. 11: NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK TO BISATE LODGE

- After a leisurely morning, check out and transfer to Musanze Airstrip on an A119 single-engine helicopter (*approximately 40 minutes*). Upon arrival, have lunch at the property.
- Guided nursery visit to learn about indigenous tree planting, or a guided walk to the surrounding communities. Late afternoon at leisure to enjoy the lodge.
- This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

OVERNIGHT: BISATE LODGE | MEALS: B, L, D



Courtesy Indagare



From far left: Courtesy Indagare; courtesy Wilderness Safaris

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DAY 7, FEB. 12: GORILLA TREKKING & DIAN FOSSEY

- Rise early for breakfast and an approximately one-hour drive to the trailhead for the highlight of your trip: a half-day guided trek to find the rare mountain gorillas, the largest primate on earth. In Volcanoes National Park, there are several families of mountain gorillas living on the slopes of the Virunga Volcanoes that you may see. Be advised some portions of the trek can be physically demanding; the trek lasts between two to five hours.

Please note: While you have a very good chance of seeing gorillas on your trek, success is not guaranteed. Gorillas are wild creatures with no fixed routine, and finding them requires the skills and experience of your trackers and guides as well as a bit of luck.

- After your trek and lunch, go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, one of Indagare's impact partners who will be receiving a donation on behalf of this Indagare Journey. With a tagline of "helping people, saving gorillas," it's no surprise that one of the most prestigious conservation organizations in the world has a well-rounded plan of action. On top of daily conservation patrols and staff trainings, the Foundation addresses food insecurity and education shortfalls in gorilla-adjacent communities to help both species thrive. Enjoy a full tour of the campus with a Fossey Fund senior staff member, where you will visit the public exhibition as well as sections that are closed to the public.
- Drive back to Bisate around 5:00 p.m. for the evening and dinner at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: BISATE LODGE | MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 8, FEB. 13: GORILLA TREKKING DAY 2

- Drive into Volcanoes National Park for a second opportunity to trek to see the gorillas, and deepen your understanding of these magnificent creatures. You may also catch a glimpse of the elusive golden monkey, a lively primate and a critically-endangered species.
- Return to Bisate for lunch. You may wish to participate in one of the on-property activities, such as a guided nature walk, bird-watching or a visit to a local community project.
- Tonight, meet for a festive farewell dinner with your fellow travelers.

OVERNIGHT: BISATE LODGE | MEALS: B, L, D

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DAY 9, FEB. 14: DEPARTURE

- Morning at leisure. Indagare will request late check out for all guests on this day, but it is not guaranteed. Normal check-out is at 11:00 a.m. There will also be access to the on-property, fully-staffed Kwanda Day Lounge.
- Later in the afternoon, meet your driver for your private transfer to Kigali International Airport (*approximately a three-hour drive*) for your departure flight home with VIP assistance.

* *Please note that elements of the itinerary may change.*



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INDAGARE IMPACT

At Indagare, we believe that travel can and should have a positive impact on the destinations we visit. We are proud to operate as a 100 percent carbon-neutral company, and you can rest assured that the unavoidable emissions from your trip have been offset through trustworthy carbon projects. By offsetting all company operations, staff travel, and trips booked for both members and Journeys participants, our travelers know that they have done as much as possible to ensure they are not negatively impacting the environment. And through the Indagare Impact Fund, we donate an additional percentage of our annual revenue to carefully vetted non-profits committed to helping preserve culture, heritage and the environment. Indagare will be making a donation to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund on behalf of this journey.

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Journey Inclusions

- All accommodations, as detailed in the itinerary. Indagare can arrange higher category accommodation upgrades, subject to availability.
- All meals and beverages, as detailed in the itinerary
- All guided touring, admission fees and activities, as detailed in the itinerary, including gorilla trekking permits (2 half-days) and chimpanzee trekking permit (1 half-day) plus porter fees
- Helicopter transfer from Nyungwe to Musanze Airstrip in A119 single engine helicopter
- Scheduled group airport arrival and departure transfers with VIP assistance, as well as group transfers throughout to all included activities, in small Land Cruiser safari vehicles
- Laundry at the One&Only Nyungwe House and at Wilderness Bisate Lodge
- Expert guides and drivers, including the 24/7 support of Indagare's partners on the ground
- The services of Indagare's expert travel team to plan all trip details and international flights (costs not included)
- 24/7 access to Global Rescue emergency medical, security and evacuation services for the duration of the trip (see p. 9)
- Carbon Neutrality: Offsetting 100 percent of unavoidable emissions through certified carbon projects

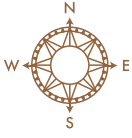


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JOURNEY EXCLUSIONS

- International air transportation to and from Rwanda and any visa or border fees
- Airport transfers outside of scheduled group arrivals and departures
- Meals not specified and premium beverages other than those included in the meals
- Optional activities and personal items and expenses
- Gratuities
- Trip insurance (highly recommended—please let us know if you would like quotes).
- Custom trip-planning for add-on travel to destinations not included in the Journey is available; please inquire.
- Liability for change in itinerary due to reasons beyond our control (such as flights, cancellations, natural phenomena)

Know Before You Go: Global Rescue & Trip Insurance



Complimentary International Global Rescue Services Coverage

To help you travel more safely, responsibly and seamlessly, as part of your signup and registration, **all guests on International Indagare Journeys receive Global Rescue coverage for the dates of their journey as an added benefit.** This means that in the event an emergency occurs during the trip, guests have access to a variety of services, including medical assistance and evacuation assistance.

Global Rescue Overview

Global Rescue was founded in 2004 and has five operations centers and offices in five countries, with 200+ medical centers of excellence worldwide and 20,000-plus operations globally. Global Rescue operations centers are staffed by experienced nurses, paramedics and military special operations veterans.

For the duration of any Indagare Journey you have access to:

- **24/7 medical assistance and advisory services for natural disasters, terror attacks and civil unrest**
- **Evacuations from the point of injury/illness to home country hospital (at no additional cost)**
- **Travel intelligence services, including alerts and real-time destination reports for 215 countries**

Additional services include: symptom triage, referral to local hospital or clinic, urgent/emergency message relay, telephonic support, health information services, replacement of lost medical supplies & medical triage.

For more on Global Rescue, go to globalrescue.com.

Additional Trip Insurance Recommendation

It is important to note that the **Global Rescue coverage that comes with every purchase of an Indagare Journey is not the same as travel or trip insurance**, which—among other features—offers financial protection concerning situations that occur before a trip begins and require a change or cancellation of travel plans. These can include a personal or family illnesses or other unexpected factors such as lost luggage, flight disruption, illnesses or accidents that require emergency medical treatment and/or hospitalization.

So that guests can plan and undertake travel with the minimum possible financial risks, **Indagare also strongly recommends that guests joining Indagare Journeys trips purchase travel insurance to cover their trip(s).** Travel insurance may be obtained from any of a number of providers that specialize in such insurance, and as a courtesy to guests, **Indagare can arrange for a quote for coverage with our preferred providers to be prepared and emailed directly to you at your request.**

Note: Plans from some providers can be purchased up to 24 hours prior to departure; others require 14 days notice. Indagare recommends opting in to a plan well in advance of your trip. Please be advised that Indagare is not a licensed insurance company or advisor.