

# AUTHENTIC EAST AFRICAN TOURS

## (since 2018)

We specialize in organizing **cultural, nature, and community-based tourism** across Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, and Kenya. Our core objective is to offer travelers authentic experiences that celebrate the rich **cultural heritage and environmental diversity** of East Africa.

Through every tour, we strive to create journeys that are **educational, impactful, and respectful**, while building sustainable links between visitors and the people and places they encounter.

## **RWANDA Experience – 12 Days** **Cultural & Nature Safari**

**Tour Duration:** 12Days / 11Nights

**Start/End Point:** Kigali, Rwanda

**Group Size:** Small Group (Minimum 5 – Maximum 12 participants)

**Style:** Cultural | Wildlife | Nature | Adventure

**Languages Available:** English / French/Italian

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### **Trip Overview**

Embark on a journey through the heart of Africa in this unforgettable 12-days Rwanda experience. From vibrant city life in Kigali to close encounters with gorillas in Volcanoes National Park, this tour blends culture, wildlife, and adventure into one rich itinerary. Discover national parks, artisan cooperatives, tea plantations, and breathtaking hikes through Rwanda's legendary "Land of a Thousand Hills."

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## Temperature

- **Average daily highs** in Kigali (and much of the country): about **25–27 °C** (77–81 °F). December typically sees around **26 °C**, and January is similar at **26–28 °C**
- **Nighttime lows** usually fall between **15–17 °C** (59–63 °F) .

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### DAY 1: Arrival in Kigali – Welcome to Rwanda

- Airport pick-up and transfer to eagles view lodge
- Relax and unwind after your journey
- Welcome dinner and briefing

**Overnight:** Kigali , Eagles nest lodge

### DAY 2: Kigali CityTour

Kigali is often the first stop for visitors to Rwanda—and it never disappoints. Known as one of **Africa’s cleanest and safest cities**, Kigali is full of energy, warmth, and deeply moving stories.

### What You’ll Experience in Kigali:

- **Kigali Genocide Memorial:** A powerful and emotional visit that offers insight into Rwanda’s past, honoring the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and showcasing the country’s path to reconciliation and peace
- **Arts Galleries:** Explore Kigali’s creative scene with colorful, modern Rwandan art, live music, and workshops
- **Kimironko Market:** A bustling local market where you can shop for fresh produce, fabrics, souvenirs, and handmade crafts—perfect for mingling with locals
- **Rwandan Coffee Culture:** Visit stylish cafés like Question Coffee or Bourbon Coffee to sip some of the world’s best beans, right where they’re grown
- **City Views:** Take in panoramic views of Kigali’s green hills from spots like the **Kigali Convention Centre** or **Mount Kigali**
- **Nightlife & Dining:** Enjoy rooftop bars, live music, and delicious Rwandan and international cuisine—from grilled brochettes to gourmet fine dining

- **Cultural Tours:** Visit local cooperatives, cultural villages, or take a guided walking tour through Kigali's neighborhoods to learn about daily life and Rwanda's progress

**Overnight:** KIGALI ,EAGLE VIEW LODGE

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3: Akagera National Park Safari Adventure

**Experience the Wild Side of Rwanda – Akagera National Park** 🐘🦁

Located in eastern Rwanda near the Tanzania border, we travel early in the morning to **Akagera National Park** where lions wake with the rising sun, giraffes watch golden light kiss the savannas, and the wetlands whisper stories only nature can tell. It's not just a safari – it's a soul-stirring journey I'd love to share with you .

### 🦋 What You'll See and Experience in Akagera:

- **Big Five Game Drives:** Spot lions, elephants, buffalos, leopards, and rhinos roaming freely across the savannah
- **Other Wildlife:** See giraffes, zebras, hippos, crocodiles, antelope, warthogs, and more
- **Boat Safaris:** Cruise on **Lake Ihema**, where you can get up close to hippos, crocodiles, and water birds
- **Birdwatching Paradise:** With over **500 bird species**, including the rare shoebill stork, Akagera is a top spot for bird lovers
- **Beautiful Landscapes:** Rolling hills, open plains, papyrus swamps, and lake shores—perfect for photography
- **Night Game Drives:** A chance to see nocturnal animals like hyenas, civets, and bush babies
- **Local Conservation Story:** Learn how Akagera was restored from near-collapse to a thriving wildlife sanctuary thanks to conservation efforts

We will spend a night in Akagera, where sleep comes gently under starlit skies, serenaded by the wild — the distant roar of lions, the hush of grazing antelope, birds calling through the dark. It's not just a night's rest, it's a memory woven by nature herself."

**Overnights:** Akagera National Park

## DAY 4: Return to Kigali – Free Day

- Morning drive back to Kigali

- Leisure time to explore the city independently or relax

**Overnight:** KIGALI SERENA HOTEL, EAGLE VIEW LODGE

## DAY 5: BUTARE NATIONAL ETHNIC MUSEUM

A visit here delivers a concise yet deep dive into Rwanda's pre-colonial and cultural past—visitors leave with a fuller appreciation of traditional architecture, crafts, music, clothing, and customs. The hands-on elements and live performances make it feel less like a static exhibition and more like a living cultural journey.

- Drive back to Butare through the scenic countryside
- Rest, shop for souvenirs, or enjoy a coffee tour

**Overnight:** Nyungwe

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 6: Nyungwe Forest & Golden Monkey Trekking

**Step Into the Wild** 🌳🐒

Located in southwestern Rwanda, **Nyungwe Forest National Park** is a lush, misty rainforest filled with incredible biodiversity and adventure. It's one of Africa's oldest rainforests, untouched for thousands of years, and a paradise for nature lovers.

### 🌿 What You'll See and Experience in Nyungwe:

- **Chimpanzee Trekking:** Track wild chimpanzees as they swing through the trees and call to each other—an exciting, up-close encounter with our closest relatives
- **Canopy Walkway:** Walk across a 70-meter-high suspended bridge, offering bird's-eye views of the forest canopy and dramatic valleys below
- **13 Primate Species:** Spot colobus monkeys, L'Hoest's monkeys, and baboons—Nyungwe is home to the largest variety of primates in East Africa
- **Over 300 Bird Species:** Perfect for birdwatchers—look out for rare and colorful species like the Rwenzori turaco and great blue turaco
- **Waterfalls and Trails:** Hike through scenic forest trails to hidden waterfalls like **Isumo Waterfall**
- **Orchids and Ferns:** Discover over 1,000 plant species, including beautiful wild orchids
- **Peace and Fresh Air:** It's a calm, cool environment—ideal for relaxation and reconnecting with nature

We drive through the forest and stop in Kibuye for a night

**Overnight:** Kibuye lake kivu

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY7: RUBAVU LAKE KIVU

We will travel after breakfast straight to the Shores of Lake Kivu in Rubavu – Rwanda's Hidden Gem 

Located along Rwanda's western border with the DRC, **Lake Kivu** is a beautiful freshwater lake surrounded by rolling hills, lush greenery, and charming towns like **Gisenyi**, **Kibuye**, and **Rusizi**. It's the perfect place to unwind after gorilla trekking or volcano hikes.



### What You'll See and Do at Lake Kivu:

- **Stunning Views:** Calm blue waters, islands, and dramatic hills—perfect for photography and sunset lovers
- **Beaches:** Enjoy sandy shores in Gisenyi where you can swim or sunbathe (no hippos or crocodiles here!)
- **Boat Rides:** Take a scenic boat trip to **lake's Islands**, or explore local fishing villages
- **Hot Springs:** Visit the **Nyamyumba Hot Springs** and hear local legends while soaking your feet
- **Water Sports:** Go kayaking, paddleboarding, or take a relaxing cruise
- **Cultural Encounters:** Meet local fishermen, explore markets, and learn about lakeside life

Whether you want adventure or just peace and quiet, Lake Kivu offers a beautiful balance of both.

Evening we travel 1H30 min to Musanze

- Scenic drive to Musanze
- Stopover at a tea plantation for a cultural experience
- Check-in at lodge near Volcanoes National Park

**Overnight:** Musanze (tiloreza volcano lodge)





**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8/9: Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park

One of the most unforgettable experiences in Rwanda is a **mountain gorilla trek** in **Volcanoes National Park**, located in the northwest near Musanze. This lush, misty rainforest is home to over a third of the world's remaining mountain gorillas.

With expert guides and trackers, you'll hike through beautiful terrain—bamboo forests, volcanic hills, and jungle trails—until you come face-to-face with a gorilla family in their natural habitat. Watching them feed, play, and care for their young just a few meters away is truly magical and humbling.

But the adventure doesn't stop there:

-  Spot golden monkeys and other wildlife
-  Hike Mount Bisoke or visit Dian Fossey's research site
-  Enjoy warm hospitality from local communities and eco-lodges
-  Capture breathtaking landscapes and rare wildlife moments

**Tip:** Gorilla permits are limited and in high demand—book early **TWO MONTHS PRIOR!**

**CHILDREN POLICY:** Children under 15 years old are not allowed for gorilla trekking

**Overnight:** Musanze

**Meals:** Breakfast


 **Optional for Hikers:**

**Hike Rwanda's Majestic Volcanoes – Karisimbi & Muhabura**  

*If you love adventure, hiking Rwanda's volcanoes in **Volcanoes National Park** is an unforgettable experience. Two popular choices are:*

 **Mount Karisimbi (4,507m) – Rwanda's highest peak**

- A challenging **2-day hike** for fit trekkers
- Camp overnight near the summit under starry skies
- See rare birds, giant lobelias, and breathtaking alpine vegetation
- From the top: stunning views of the entire Virunga range and even neighboring countries!

 **Mount Muhabura (4,127m) – The “Sentinel of the Virungas”**

- A **1-day hike**, steep but rewarding
- Panoramic views of **Rwanda, Uganda, and the DRC**
- At the summit, a beautiful **crater lake** awaits
- On clear days, you can see all five surrounding volcanoes!

*Along the way, hikers enjoy:*

- Rich biodiversity, from orchids to mountain monkeys

- *Crisp mountain air and misty forests*
- *The peaceful sound of nature, far from busy cities*

**Tip:** Wear layers, bring snacks, and be ready for changing weather. Hiring a porter is highly recommended.

**Return to Kigali and rest**

**DAY 11 : Shopping Day ,Visit ECOPARK for Birdwatchers, Cultural activities ,Music ,DINNER,Entertainment**

**DAY 12 :END TRIP**

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## **Inclusions**

Accommodation middle range hotels& Lodge.  
 Transportation 4x4 vehicles.  
 National Parks & Activities fees.  
 Bottled water during safaris  
 Gorilla permit(1500\$)  
 Professional driver-Guide  
 Pick up and drop off anywhere within Kigali.

## **Exclusions**

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Meals, travel insurance

**NOTE:** TRIP Cost 5500 EURO/PP For 12 Days in Rwanda  
**BOOKINGS 2 MONTHS BEFORE THE TRIP**

