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RWANDA GORILLA TREK & OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FOR 4 NIGHTS & 5 DAYS

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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

DAY	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Day 01	Arrival into Kigali International Airport. Meet & Greet Services, followed by transfer to your Kigali
	hotel, for check-in.
	Lunch and dinner on own account.
	Overnight on Bed & Breakfast basis:
	Kigali Serena Hotel (Top-range, 5star (Deluxe Rooms): Or,
	Park Inn by Radisson Hotel (Mid-range, 4star) (Superior Rooms); Or, Alternative
Day 02	Morning, orientation tour of Kigali City, including a visit of Genocide Memorial Museum & Other Highlights.
	Lunch at the Hotel Mille Collines - featured in the film "Hotel Rwanda", regarding the 1994 Rwanda Genocide Against the Tutsis.
	Afternoon, drive to the Volcanoes Mountains for overnight. 94km, 2.5hrs
	Overnight on Full-board basis:
	Gorilla Nest Lodge (Top-range, 5star) (Deluxe Rooms); Or,
	Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge (Top-range, 5star) (Deluxe Cottages)
	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (Mid-range, 4star) (Deluxe Cottages); Or, Alternative
Day 03	Morning, enjoy your Rwanda Gorilla Trek adventure.
	Trekking can take from two to six or more hours if the gorillas move before the park
	rangers locate them the next morning;
	The guides stop frequently to allow trekkers a chance to rest and take photos along the
	way;
	An eventually, our experienced trackers, who have spent their entire lives in or close to this
	forest, soon bring us up close with one of the Gorilla families; Upon sighting the gorillas,
	you will stay with them for a magical one-hour as they go about their daily life, feeding,
	playing, resting; raising their young;
	 Coming face to face with a giant silverback must truly be one of the greatest
	wildlife experiences on earth!
	o The Ultimate Experience!!

- A Walking Stick is provided at the start-point to help steady your trekking;
- Porters are also available to help carry your water bottle/hand luggage and/or even hold hand in slippery/steep sections. (this is at a minimal charge of US\$10 per person, payable at the end)

Afternoon, relax at the lodge- as you re-live the fresh memories of the close encounter with the gorillas; Or, optional activity, such as: Iby'lwacu Cultural Village (Gorillas Guardians) – for some insights into the transformed lifestyle of these families of former gorilla poachers.

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Day 04

Morning, enjoy either:

- 02nd Gorilla Trek in which case you visit a different gorilla family; Or,
- Golden Monkeys Trek trekking the only other member of the primate species residing in the volcanoes forest; Or,
- Dian Fossey Tomb Hike + Visit of her former research station.

After the trek, drive back to the lodge –for freshening up and lunch, followed by check-out – ready for your drive to Lake Kivu.

Before exiting Musanze Town, make a brief stop-over visit of the DIAN FOSSEY MUSEUM & FOUNDATION, in Musanze town.

(No Entrance fee, but donations are welcome)

Then, bid farewell to the Volcanoes Mountains region, and head west – to the shores of north Lake Kivu, for overnight.

Overnight on Full-board basis:

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel (Top-range, 5star) (Deluxe Rooms)

Day 05

Morning, at leisure – on the shores of Lake Kivu, with opportunity for optional activity, such as: Boat Ride; Swimming in the lake; Water sports, such as Kayaking/Windsurf/Biking, or local sight-seeing.

Early lunch, after which you depart Lake Kivu and drive back to Kigali - with onward transfer to the Kigali International Airport, for your evening outbound flight.

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Important Tips

Volcanoes Mountains is a high altitude area of over 2,400 meters above sea level.

It is extremely chilly in the early mornings and evenings - warm clothing is therefore necessary.

While trekking, it can rain unexpectedly - it is necessary therefore to have:

- Water-proof clothing (jacket, with hood + trousers);
- Waterproof Zip-Lock bags for Cameras/Film/Passports/Money, e.t.c.;
- Hand Gloves (warm and water-proof), to keep hands warm and dry, as well as protect from stinging nettles;
- Hiking boots with good mud-grip are most appropriate, especially in wet weather;
- Gaiters to protect your trek trouser legs and boots against mud/wetness;
 Small hand/face towel, to wipe sweat off your face during the trek.