



# Rwanda Primate Private Adventure

## On the Trail of Gorillas, Golden Monkeys & the Big Five

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **Unrivaled Expertise**

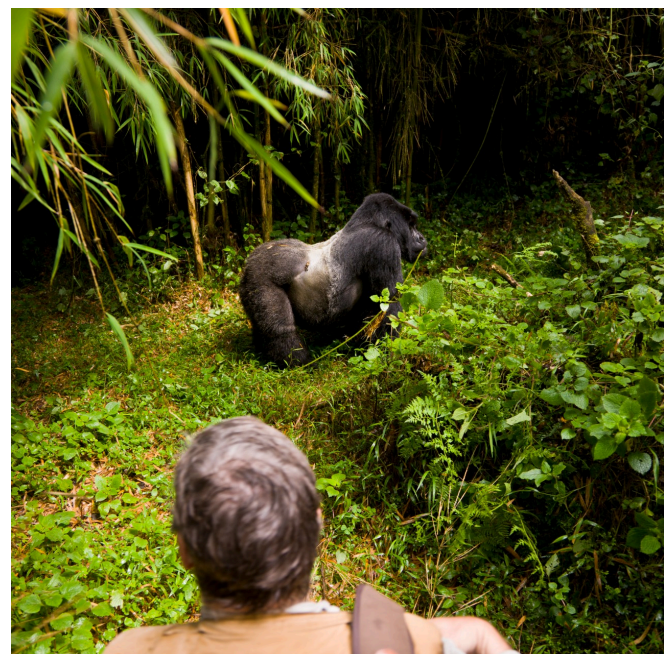
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

We pride ourselves in working with the finest safari outfitters in Africa. All wilderness treks are accompanied by expert guides and professional trackers.

## REASON 2

This unique itinerary blends gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park with Big Five game safaris in Akagera National Park.

## REASON 3

Our deep knowledge of Rwanda gives us an edge when it comes to accommodations, permits, and immersive cultural experiences.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Exciting game drives in the wildlife-rich savannah, and moderate to strenuous forest treks in search of endangered gorillas and golden monkeys.



### LODGING

Luxury eco-lodges with modern comforts and great access to Rwanda's raw wilderness. Includes the top-rated Ruizi Tented Camp.



### CLIMATE

Be prepared for cool or warm, dry or wet weather when gorilla trekking. Most of Rwanda is situated on a plateau above the western arm of the Great Rift Valley, where the weather is pleasant year-round.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.*



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Go deep into beautiful Rwanda, “Land of a Thousand Hills,” for thrilling face-to-face encounters with endangered mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park. Trek through densely vegetated tropical forests with professional ranger-guides in search of these gentle giants and wander through bamboo forests on the lookout for charming golden monkeys. Pair this incredible experience with epic game drives and Big Five sightings in the diverse ecosystems of Akagera National Park. Come evening, bask in the comfort of luxury eco-lodges, perfectly placed for wildlife exploration.

### 8 Days

**Start:** Kigali, Rwanda

**End:** Kigali, Rwanda

**Departing:** January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

**Activities:** Safari & Wildlife

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Lodges

**Group Size:** 4-6 Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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*“Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see.”*

- Bob J.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Kigali, Rwanda

Welcome to Rwanda! Arrive in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, and meet a MT Sobek representative outside the customs and immigration area at the airport, for your transfer to the hotel. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 15-minute airport shuttle

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DAY  
02

## Head to Akagera National Park

After breakfast, journey to beautiful Akagera National Park in northeast Rwanda. Marvel at an immense variety of wildlife, including the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, and African buffalo) and over 500 different species of birds, on an epic afternoon game drive. See elephants and buffalos emerge from the woodland to drink at the lakes, while giraffes, zebras, and antelopes graze tranquilly on the savannah. Keep an eagle-eye out for a leopard, spotted hyena, or even a lion! Later, settle into your luxury tented eco-lodge.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

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DAY  
03

## Spot the Big Five in Akagera National Park

Rise for a private boat cruise on the Akagera River in search of water-loving animals like hippos and crocodiles. Next, head out for a game drive followed by a delicious lunch and a rest back at camp. Take another late afternoon game drive on the savannah grassland, keeping watch for lions, rhinos, leopards, buffalos, elephants, antelopes and many more creatures. Share stories of the day's adventures back at camp.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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DAY  
04

## Visit Local Communities

This morning you'll explore nearby communities with local guides who are the key to authentic cultural experiences for park visitors. You'll have a chance to engage with locals and share in part of their daily life, customs, and traditions. This visit directly benefits communities living along the boundary of the park, showing the benefits of tourism, and creating long-term support for the conservation of Akagera National Park. After lunch head out for another game drive and enjoy your final night at Ruzizi Tented Camp.

DAY  
05

### Explore Kigali & Head to Volcanoes National Park

This morning head out for a guided tour of Kigali and visit the moving Kigali Genocide Memorial, the final resting place for more than 250,000 victims of the genocide against the Tutsi. After lunch at Hotel Des Mille Collines (known for its role in the film *Hotel Rwanda*), take a drive to Kinigi town at the foot of Virunga Mountains, passing lush hills and mist-shrouded valleys. At the lodge, enjoy an evening presentation by Gorilla Doctors, an organization dedicated to saving the lives of critically endangered mountain gorillas by providing hands-on care in the wild.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 5-hour private vehicle transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Guided city tour

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06

### Trek the Forest in Search of Gorillas

After breakfast, take a short drive to the park headquarters and meet with local trackers for a talk on the etiquette of gorilla tracking, then hike with a guide through misty rainforest to encounter these gentle giants. Trekking can take anywhere from 1 to 6 hours, on rough and at times muddy terrain; a reasonable degree of fitness is required. The experience of seeing your first mountain gorilla at close range in the wild is among the most extraordinary nature can provide. Trek back to the lodge for a hot lunch. In the afternoon, if time permits visit the Dian Fossey Center and the vibrant markets of Musanze.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 1-4 hours gorilla trekking up to 8,833' elevation

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DAY  
07

### Encounter Mountain Gorillas

Rise early for another full day of gorilla tracking. Hike through the bush, pushing your way through the undergrowth and parting thick creepers. Expect to stay with these gentle giants of the African forest for an hour after first encountering them. Volcanoes National Park is renowned for its mountain gorilla population, living in 10 families. Looking deep into their expressive brown eyes is an unparalleled experience. In the afternoon, choose an optional visit to Iby'Iwachu Cultural Village or the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo. Gather for a festive farewell dinner this evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 1-6 hours gorilla trekking up to 8,833' elevation

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## Track Rare Golden Monkeys

This morning set out to explore more of Volcanoes National Park, this time in search of the rare golden monkeys. The park's beautiful bamboo forests are among the only places in Africa to see these charming endangered primates in their natural habitat. After lunch drive back to Kigali and transfer directly to the airport for your flight home.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5 hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 2-4 hour wildlife trekking





## Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

### Kigali Serena Hotel

Centrally located on one of Kigali's charming boulevards, the upscale Serena Kigali Hotel features an elegant lobby showcasing local art. Contemporary rooms come with perks like Wi-Fi and minibars. Guests unwind at the Executive Lounge and Bar that opens onto a sundeck overlooking the hotel's swimming pool. Milima Restaurant serves buffet meals paired with views of tropical gardens.

### Ruzizi Tented Camp

Ruzizi Tented Camp is a luxury eco-lodge located on the banks of serene Lake Ihema. Blending into the natural surroundings, this top-rated retreat has nine tents, each boasting an en-suite bathroom, comfortable queen bed, and pretty hand-crafted touches. Eat well in the thatched dining area then follow a wooden walkway to the stunning lakeside deck for a drink beside the fire pit. Delight in pure luxury in the wilderness!

### Five Volcanoes Lodge

Located just 10 minutes from Volcanoes National Park HQ, Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel is perfectly situated for forest exploration. Its lodge atmosphere and lush gardens make for a relaxing stay, and its deluxe rooms are well-appointed with modern amenities and rainfall showers. You'll also find a pool and restaurant onsite to complete your boutique hotel experience in Rwanda.

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Additional non-refundable primate permit fees



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