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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Primates of the Great Rift

“Chimpanzee tracking, a canopy walkway 70m up, 400 Colobus monkeys, and a private island beach dinner on Lake Kivu”

10

DAYS

Private

GUIDE

Luxury

STAYS

FROM

\$10,300

PER PERSON

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Overview

Designed for luxury travellers who crave deep jungle exploration and absolute scenic tranquillity. This circuit pairs the prehistoric high-altitude montane rainforest of Nyungwe National Park — home to chimpanzees and a famous 160-metre suspension canopy walkway — with the island-studded beaches of Lake Kivu. Guests check into top-tier wilderness retreats including One&Only Nyungwe House directly on a working tea estate. Signature highlights include walking on a suspension bridge 70 metres above the jungle floor, tracking wild chimpanzees through one of Africa's oldest rainforests, and enjoying a luxury beachside champagne brunch on a private Lake Kivu island.

HIGHLIGHTS

- One&Only Nyungwe House directly on a working tea estate on the edge of Africa's oldest rainforest
- Private tea harvesting and tasting masterclass on the estate — from leaf-picking to Rwanda's finest blends
- 160-metre suspension canopy walkway 70 metres above the Nyungwe river gorges — birds and monkeys below
- Lake Kivu private speed boat island excursion: Napoleon Island fruit bats and Peace Island private beach breakfast
- Wild chimpanzee tracking with an elite primatologist through the dense ancient Nyungwe canopy
- Hot-air balloon over the rolling green Nyungwe mountains and ancient forest canopy at dawn
- Semi-habituated Black-and-White Colobus monkey troop of over 400 individuals — one of Africa's most spectacular primate sights
- Intimate bonfire dinner on a private Lake Kivu beach deck with stars reflecting on the water

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The Itinerary

01

KIGALI

Day 1 | Arrival in Kigali — Urban Transition

VIP tarmac handling at Kigali International Airport. private guide transfer to The Retreat by Heaven — beautiful pool suites overlooking the city. Early arrivals explore Kigali's vibrant streets, the Kimironko Market, and the impressive Kigali Convention Centre. Evening orientation dinner at the hotel.

- The Retreat by Heaven »
- Dinner

02

KIGALI

Day 2 | Palace Architecture Walk — Kandt House Museum

Exploring Kigali's historic architectural landmarks with a master guide: the historic St. Michel Cathedral, Parliament Buildings, Rwanda Development Board headquarters. The Kandt House Museum — former home of German explorer Richard Kandt offering a glimpse into Rwanda's colonial history. Private curated lunch at an upscale estate with city views.

- The Retreat by Heaven »
- Breakfast, Lunch

03

NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK

Day 3 | Journey to the Ancient Rainforest — One&Only Nyungwe House

Drive through scenic tea plantations to Nyungwe National Park — one of Africa's oldest rainforests. Rolling hills of the southern province, terraced farms, and lush green valleys giving way to the dense ancient forest on the horizon. Check-in at the ultra-luxury One&Only Nyungwe House nestled directly on a working tea estate on the edge of the primeval forest. Premium wine and locally infused tea cocktails on a private wooden platform overlooking the emerald tea fields at sunset.

- One&Only Nyungwe House »
- Breakfast, Dinner

04

NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK

Day 4 | Chimpanzee Tracking & Tea Harvesting Masterclass

Rising before dawn with an elite primatologist to track wild chimpanzee communities through the dense ancient forest. Following calls and signs of these remarkable primates. Observing social dynamics, feeding habits, and playful interactions. Gourmet picnic lunch in the forest. Afternoon: private hands-on tea harvesting and tasting masterclass on the estate — from leaf-picking to fermentation and drying, tasting Rwanda's finest teas.

- One&Only Nyungwe House »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK

Day 5 | The Suspension Canopy Walkway — Balloon over Nyungwe

Rising before dawn for a hot-air balloon or private helicopter gliding silently over the rolling green mountains, deep valleys, and dense Nyungwe canopy. After landing: champagne toast and gourmet bush breakfast. Afternoon: private crowd-free guided walk across the spectacular 160-metre suspension canopy walkway — hanging 70 metres above the roaring river gorges of the rainforest floor with birds and monkeys moving through the trees below.

- One&Only Nyungwe House »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK

Day 6 | Colobus Monkey Trails — 400-Strong Troop

Private trails with a personal naturalist guide to track a massive troop of over 400 semi-habituated Black-and-White Colobus monkeys — striking primates with long white tails and black bodies leaping gracefully through the trees. Complex social structures and feeding habits observed. The forest echoing with their calls. Gourmet picnic lunch before a relaxed afternoon at One&Only.

- One&Only Nyungwe House »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

07

LAKE KIVU (KARONGI)

Day 7 | Drive to Lake Kivu — Lakeside Resort Check-In

Scenic drive to the resort town of Karongi on the edge of Lake Kivu — one of Africa's deepest lakes. The dramatic change in landscape from dense rainforest to rolling hills and finally the stunning blue waters of Lake Kivu with its numerous islands and peaceful beaches. Check-in at the Lake Kivu Serena Hotel with panoramic lake views. Afternoon leisure. Gourmet dinner.

- Lake Kivu Serena Hotel »
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

LAKE KIVU (KARONGI)

Day 8 | Island Archipelagos & Private Island Beach Dining

Private luxury speed boat cruising Lake Kivu: Napoleon Island with its large colony of fruit bats, Peace Island with lush vegetation and stunning views. Beautiful breakfast with fresh local tropical fruits set up directly on a pristine beach on a private lake island. The day culminates in an intimate bonfire dinner on a private open-air beach deck beside the water with the reflections of the stars shimmering on the lake.

- Lake Kivu Serena Hotel »
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

LAKE KIVU (KARONGI)

Day 9 | Exclusive Nyungwe Pottery & Forest Medicine Heritage Tour

Travel to an exclusive craft cooperative interacting privately with indigenous potters and traditional healers. The ancient history of clay pottery-making — collection, shaping, and firing. Forest medicine extraction: traditional healers sharing knowledge of medicinal properties of local plants. Private performance of historic folk string music and oral storytelling. Farewell multi-course dinner at the lakeside resort.

- Lake Kivu Serena Hotel »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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KIGALI

Day 10 | Return to Kigali & Complementary Spa Day

Relaxed luxury breakfast overlooking the lake waves as morning sun illuminates the water. Smooth chauffeur transfer back to Kigali. Complementary spa session at your city hotel. Private Kigali tour if missed on Day 1. International departure the following day.

- The Retreat by Heaven »
- Breakfast

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$11,200

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price per person based on two guests sharing. All accommodation, meals, balloon, and activities included. International flights to Kigali not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$10,300
Wetter trails, lower gorilla permit demand		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$12,550
Prime dry season for gorilla trekking		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$11,200
Short rains, good trekking conditions return		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP meet and greet at Kigali International Airport
- » All private helicopter and chauffeur transfers as specified
- » Luxury lodge and hotel accommodation throughout
- » All meals as specified
- » All private guided tours and activities listed
- » All park fees and gorilla trekking permits where applicable
- » Hot-air balloon flight where specified
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide and historian throughout
- » Wild chimpanzee tracking in Nyungwe NP with elite primatologist
- » Private tea harvesting and tasting masterclass at One&Only
- » Hot-air balloon over Nyungwe forest and mountains
- » Suspension canopy walkway private guided walk

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Rwanda
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping
- Premium alcohol beyond inclusions
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities

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