



RWANDA FOREST BIRDWATCHING & GORILLA TRACKING TOUR - 6 DAYS

Free cancellation up to 45 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
 - National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries
 - Safari
- **Travel Style:** Budget
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
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 - English
- **Tour Vibe:** Active
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Recommended For:**
 - Couple
 - Family/Kids
 - For Art Lovers
 - LGBTQ
 - Senior
 - Solo
 - Women
 - Youth
- **Country:**

- Africa
- Rwanda
- **Routes:**
 - Nyungwe Forest National Park
- **Pickup:** Kigali International Airport;

From: 8:00 AM

To: 8:00 AM

- **Drop-off:** Kigali International Airport;

From: 8:00 AM

To: 12:00 PM

- **Age Range:** 16 - 65 (Years Old)
- **Tour Highlights:**

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- **Itinerary:**

- **Day 1: Nyungwe Forest National Park**

Arrival for tour and transfer to Nyungwe Forest Reserve Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge | Gisakura Guest House (Full Board)

- **Day 2: Birdwatching Nyungwe Forest Reserve**

Nyungwe forest is situated in south-west Rwanda between Lake Kivu and the international border with Burundi. Nyungwe is divided north-south by a line of mountains that reach 2,600–2,900 m and which form part of the Congo–Nile watershed. As a result, Nyungwe is composed of two areas differing in pedology, vegetation, water-flow and biodiversity. This wonderful birding area lies west of Butare, with the Butare to Cyangugu road passing straight through the middle, providing excellent roadside birding. A total of 275 species have been recorded in Nyungwe, reflecting the wide habitat diversity and altitudinal range. These include, all the 25 species of the Albertine Rift mountains Endemic Bird Area that occur in Rwanda, Chapin's Flycatcher and

Rockefeller's Sunbird (both globally threatened, restricted-range and biome-restricted). In addition, 11 of the 23 species of the Guinea–Congo Forests biome and 71 of the 74 species of this biome of Afrotropical Highlands that occur in Rwanda have been recorded at this site. Generally, Nyungwe is certainly the most important forest for the conservation of montane birds in the region. We have an early morning breakfast then set out to Uwinka for the Albertine Rift endemic birds search. Among the many we look out for, include; Kivu Ground-Thrush, White-tailed Blue-flycatcher, Red-chested, Regal Sunbird, Rockefeller's Sunbird, Miombo Rock-Thrush, Mountain Masked Apalis, Black-faced Apalis, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Collared Apalis, Grauer's Warbler, few Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Stripe-breasted Tit, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Red-throated Alethe, Archer's Robin-Chat, Ruwenzori Turaco, Great Blue Turaco, Handsome Francolin, White-headed Wood-hoopoe, Olive Woodpecker, Mountain Greenbul, Rwenzori Hill-babbler, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Mountain Yellow Warbler, Northern Puffback, White-starred Robin, Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird, Dusky Crimsonwing, Thick-billed Seedeater, Streaky Seedeater, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Variable Sunbird, Waller's Starling, White-bellied Crested Flycatcher, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, just to mention but a few. Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge | Gisakura Guest House (Full Board)

- **Day 3: Whole Day Birding Nyungwe Forest**

We look for species probably missed the previous day, we hope to tick-off Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Mountain Sooty Boubou, Rwenzori Batis, Blue-headed Sunbird, Sharpe's Starling, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Evergreen Forest Warbler, Dusky Tit, Doherty's Bush-shrike, Siffling Cisticola, Bronze Mannikin, Golden-breasted Bunting, Neumann's Warbler, Red-throated Alethe, Mountain Wagtail, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Equatorial Akalat, Black Cuckoo, Kungwe Apalis, White-bellied Robin-chat, and many more. We try our luck and listen out at night fall for the Rwenzori Nightjar (a nocturnal species), Albertine Owlet and Red-chested Owlet. Overnight at Nyungwe Forest Lodge | Gisakura Guest House (Full Board)

- **Day 4: Birding from Nyungwe to Volcanoes National Park for Mountain Gorilla Trekking and Birds**

Overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge | Le Bambou Gorilla Lodge (Full Board)

- **Day 5: Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park**

The main activity today will be mountain gorilla tracking. Mountain gorillas are the largest living primates and the world's most endangered apes with an estimated population of less than 800 left in the wild of the whole world and none in zoos. The mountain gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla beringei*), was not yet known to scientist until 1902. They are the next closest living relatives to human beings after the two chimpanzee species, sharing 97% DNA with us. Overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge | Le Bambou Gorilla Lodge (Full Board)

- **Day 6: End of Rwanda Birdwatching & Gorilla Tracking Tour - Departure.**

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
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- **Pickup & Drop-Off**
- **Guide**
- **Meals**
 - Halal
 - Jain
 - Kosher
 - Meat
 - Vegan
 - Vegetarian
- **Transport**

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Flights
- Insurance
- Transport
- **Other Excluded:**

Covid Safety

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Tour Cancellation Policy

Free cancellation up to 45 day(s) prior departure, Or traveler will pay 50 % of the tour amount

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Good To Know

FAQs