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A curated collection of our favorite experiences across  
Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda



Swain Destinations' East Africa includes Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. This is the part of Africa known best for its boundless and iconic wildlife, diverse cultures unchanged by the modern world, and sweeping landscapes. Whether you combine destinations for the ultimate African experience or plan to explore a single country in depth, Swain Destinations offers extraordinary, customized experiences throughout.

*In East Africa, you will find a part  
of you that you didn't know was  
missing.*





Golden monkeys, Rwanda

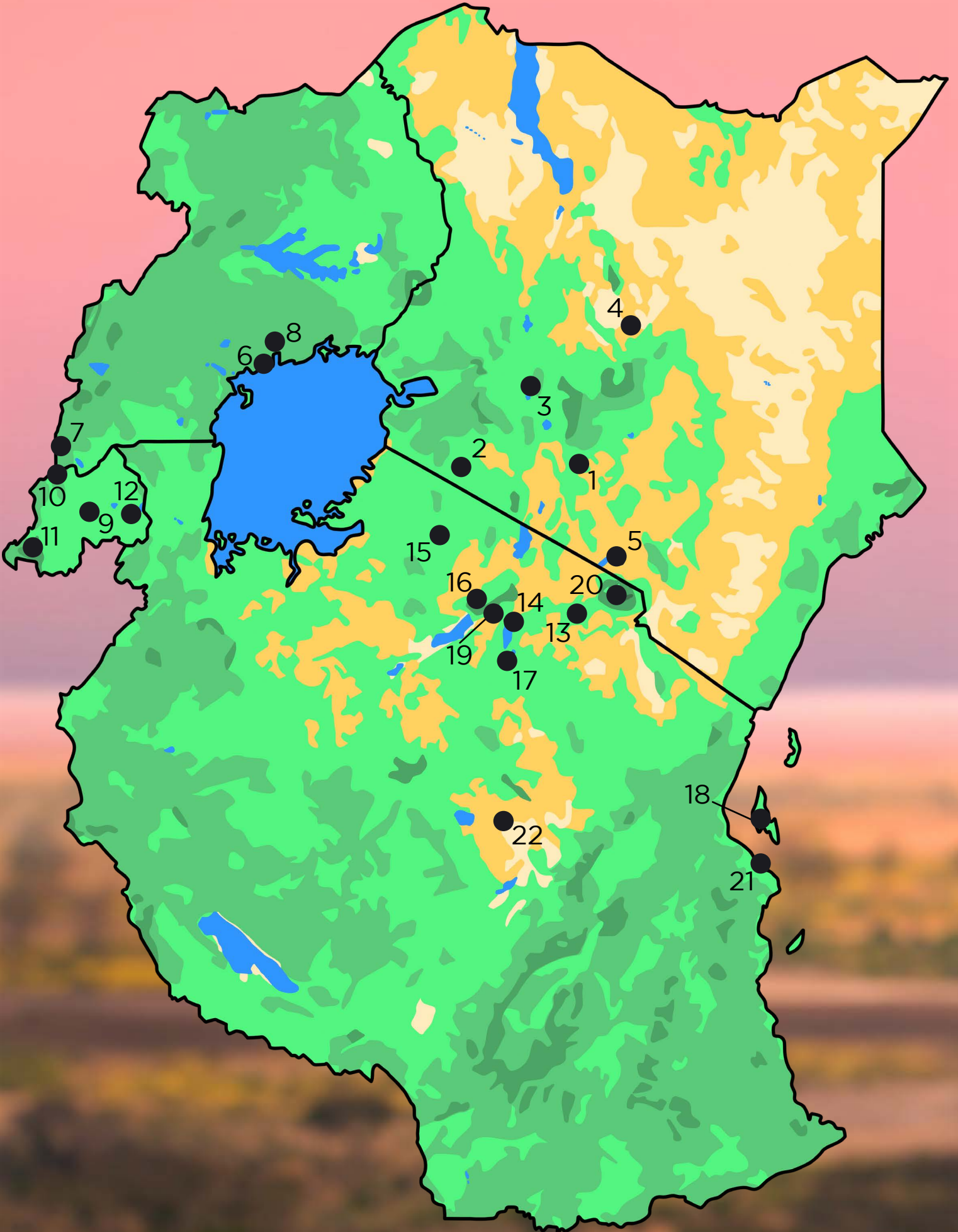


The Serengeti, Tanzania



Maasai women, Kenya









## Kenya

1. Nairobi
2. Maasai Mara National Park
3. Lake Nakuru National Park
4. Samburu National Park
5. Amboseli National Park



## Uganda

6. Entebbe
7. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
8. Kampala



## Rwanda

9. Kigali
10. Volcanoes National Park
11. Nyungwe Forest National Park
12. Akagera National Park



## Tanzania

13. Arusha
14. Lake Manyara National Park
15. Serengeti National Park
16. Ngorongoro Conservation Area
17. Tarangire National Park
18. Zanzibar
19. Karatu
20. Mount Kilimanjaro
21. Dar Es Salaam
22. Dodoma



Our Favorite Experiences in

# KENYA



## Wildlife Viewing in Kenyan National Parks

The annual migration, which takes place between August and September each year, is truly unforgettable. This event, which has marked the Earth's calendar for the past two million years, is a wonder to witness as millions of herd animals journey between the dry plains of Tanzania to the lush grasslands of Kenya.



## Maasai Village Visit, Amboseli National Park

A visit to Maasai Village is just one example of cultural interaction with Kenyan locals that will enrich your experience. The Maasai of Amboseli National Park are renowned for their colorful dress and their mud-thatched villages. Learning about the local people and their culture is essential to a fulfilling Kenyan experience.





Balloon Safari, Maasai Mara National Park

Enjoy the experience of a lifetime, drifting through the dawn over the magnificent plains of the Maasai Mara in a Hot Air Balloon. Then, feast on a sumptuous champagne breakfast in the bush at the landing site, before returning to camp on a game drive.



Nairobi Sightseeing, Nairobi

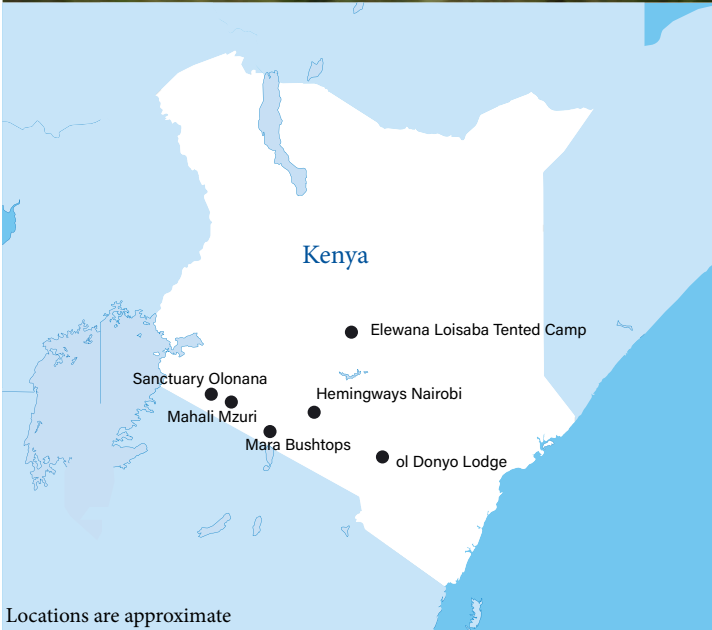
Nairobi, the capital of Kenya and the most populous city in East Africa, is the main arrival point. Located adjacent to Nairobi National Park, plains, cliffs, and forests are just beyond this city. Check out Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant & Rhino Orphanage as well as the Karen Blixen Museum & Giraffe Centre.



# Preferred Accommodations



Guided Bushwalks at Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp



Locations are approximate



## Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp

Location: Laikipia

Perched on the edge of an escarpment, Loisaba Tented Camp is designed to capitalize on unhindered views across Laikipia's mottled landscape all the way to Mt Kenya. One of Elewana's finest properties in Kenya, its spacious and airy tents are custom-built with chic African design.



## Mahali Mzuri

Location: Olare Motorogi Conservancy

Mahali Mzuri, meaning "beautiful place" in Swahili, is Sir Richard Branson's Kenyan safari camp that is located in the world-famous Maasai Mara ecosystem and right in the path of the annual Great Migration.





## Sanctuary Olonana

Location: Maasai Mara

A tented safari camp in the heart of the Maasai Mara, with game drives, cultural visits, bush dinners, sundowners, scenic flights, and balloon rides for a wonderful African safari. An ideal location from which to base yourself for the Great Migration.



## Mara Bushtops

Location: Maasai Mara

Set within its own private wildlife reserve, with incredible viewing for the annual Great Migration, guests benefit from private night and off-road game drives, walking safaris direct from the camp, and visits to the nearby Kakiya cave.



## ol Donyo Lodge

Location: Chyulu Hills National Park

Wedged between Kenya's Tsavo and Ambolesi National Parks, in the heart of Chyulu Hills, you will find ol Donyo Lodge. Located on 275,000 acres of private wilderness, enjoy game drives, bush-walks, community outreach programs, and much more.



## Hemingways Nairobi

Location: Nairobi

A 40 minute drive from Nairobi airport and set between Nairobi National Park and the foot of the Ngong Hills, Hemingways Nairobi is well positioned for visits to Sheldrick Wildlife Trust as well as the Karen Blixen Museum & Giraffe Centre.



# Our Top Kenya Tips...

with Donna Blumeris, Senior Travel Consultant at Swain Destinations

## Donna's Top Tips for visiting Kenya

I was very blessed to have visited Kenya at the end of 2018 and thoroughly enjoyed the special country. The vast, wide open spaces teeming with wildlife is truly magical. The people are so friendly and outgoing and have a true love for tourists, with enjoyment in sharing their country with the discerning traveler.



## Amboseli National Park

While the safari experience is phenomenal in Amboseli and the herds of elephants are impressive, it is even more amazing enjoying being out there with the magnificent Kilimanjaro Mountain peak serving as a backdrop for the experience. It sometimes seems as if it is floating in the distance, depending on the haze of the day. The views are truly awesome.

## Loisaba Conservancy

While in Loisaba, I would highly recommend adding a day to include at least one night at Loisaba Star Beds. Sleep out under the stars, in a bed sitting on a raised wooden platform and rolled out each night, in this truly unique experience. Your stay is hosted by Samburu and Laikipiak Maasai warriors. They are so willing to share their culture and history, making the experience truly outstanding and something that will stay with you forever. For something more active than a typical safari, Loisaba offers camel riding, horse riding, or mountain biking.



## Maasai Mara & Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

Truly the highlight of a safari experience in Kenya, the vast plains of the Maasai Mara are home to majestic game, enjoyed in great volumes, as well as the most amazing scenic views for avid photographers.

While in Nairobi, visiting the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is a chance to witness the amazing work being done with rescued, orphaned, baby elephants and rhinos, a truly emotional experience that will stay with you forever. I personally fell in love with [Maktao](#) and have been fostering him since my visit.



# Wings Over Kenya In-Style

8 nights



Ol Donyo Lodge

## What's Included:

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- 1 night Nairobi
- 2 nights Chyulu Hills
- Chyulu Hills game viewing
- 2 nights Samburu National Park
- Samburu National Park game viewing
- 3 nights Maasai Mara National Park
- Maasai Mara game viewing
- Meals: 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

### Days 1-2: Fly USA to Nairobi (Via Dubai)

Today will begin your customized itinerary. Fly to Nairobi from the USA. Upon arrival into Nairobi, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. On Day 2, explore Nairobi at your leisure. Kenya's capital is cosmopolitan, lively, interesting, and pleasantly landscaped.

### Day 3-4: Nairobi to Chyulu Hills

You will be transferred from your accommodation in Nairobi to the airport for your onward flight. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation located on Mbirikani Group Ranch amidst 275,000 acres of private wild Africa, Ol Donyo Lodge. Enjoy early morning and late afternoon/early evening game drives in a 4x4 open vehicle, guided bushwalks, community outreach programs, and much more.

### Days 5-6: Amboseli to Samburu National Park

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Samburu through Nairobi. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Samburu National Park is situated in the Northern Province of Kenya. It is a rugged park, with snow-capped Mt. Kenya serving as a backdrop to this game reserve. On Day 6, enjoy a full day in the reserve with morning and afternoon game viewing. Seek out some

of Kenya's rarer species such as Grévy's zebra and reticulated giraffe.

### Day 7: Samburu to Maasai Mara

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Everything about the Maasai Mara reserve is outstanding. The wildlife is abundant and the gentle rolling grasslands ensure that animals are never out of sight. Birds, too, are prolific. Maasai communities live within the dispersal area with their stock but a century of close association with the wildlife has resulted in an almost symbiotic relationship where wildlife and people live in peace with one another. The first sight of this natural wonderland is breathtaking.

### Days 8-9: Game Viewing in Maasai Mara

When it comes to game viewing, there is nowhere in Africa richer in wildlife or more eventful in encounters than the Mara. A pristine wilderness of haunting beauty, it promises its visitors a profusion of wildlife, prolific bird life, and the unprecedented opportunity of catching up with all the members of the 'Big Five' in one morning. The scenery is a classic mix of African imagery; miles of lion gold grasslands, shoals of lilac-misted hills, a meandering river, acres of thorn bush, and mile upon mile of undulating wilderness. Enjoy two full days in the Mara with two game drives included per day. Wonderful scenery and an abundance of big game abound in this reserve.

### Day 10: Maasai Mara to USA (Via Nairobi & Dubai)

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. Upon arrival into Nairobi, connect with your flight returning to the USA.

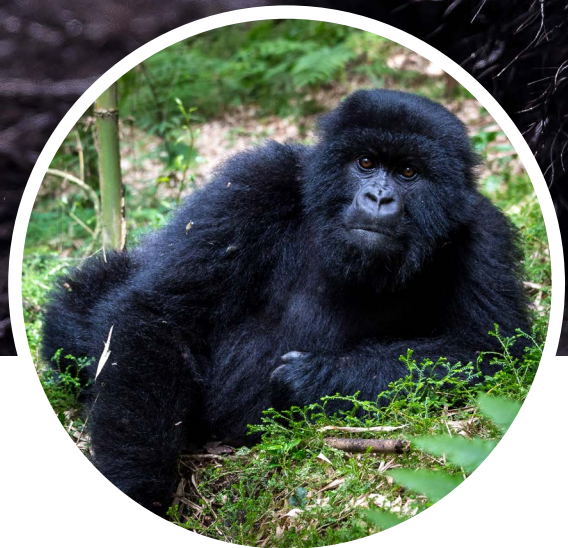


# Our Favorite Experiences in RWANDA



Canopy Walk, Nyungwe Forest

Nyungwe is one of the largest mountainous rainforests remaining in Africa. One of Africa's best-kept secrets, the forest boasts 13 rare primate species and over 300 species of birds. Take in the breathtaking views of the treetops, ravine, and wildlife that the Canopy Walkway experience provides.



Gorilla Trekking, Volcanoes National Park

Gorilla trekking in Rwanda is a life-changing experience. Adventure into the forest on a guided expedition to get up-close-and-personal with rare and fascinating gorilla families. With fewer than 1,000 gorillas left in the wild, this experience is truly unique and awe-inspiring.





### Golden Monkey Trekking, Volcanoes National Park

Along with housing five volcanoes, Volcanoes National Park is a haven for the Golden Monkey, as well as providing sprawling views of the region's impeccable landscape. Golden Monkey trekking is a fun, lighthearted experience. Although you do not get as close as you do to gorillas, Golden Monkeys are a mischievous pleasure to watch.



### "Big 5" Game Viewing, Akagera National Park

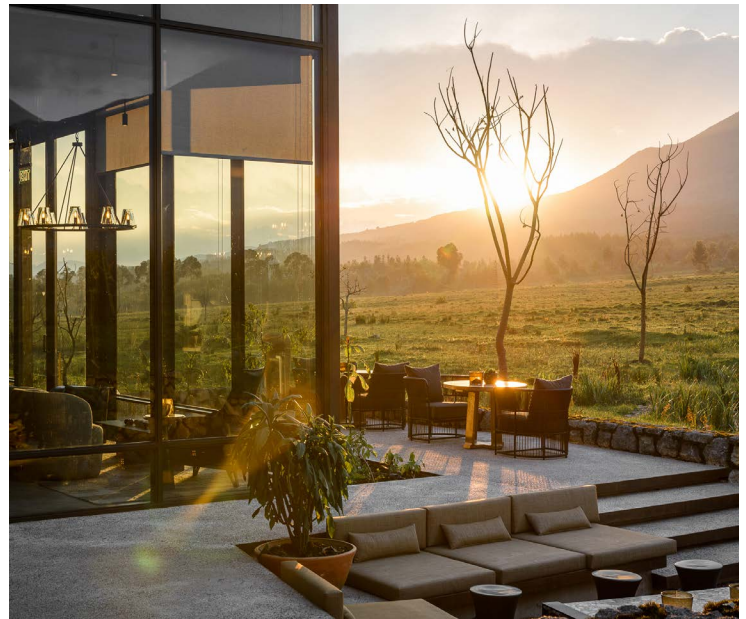
The Big Five includes the African lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, African leopard, and rhinoceros. Spotting all five on a safari is the ultimate bucket list item, and one which comes with exhilaration and a sense of achievement.



# Preferred Accommodations



One&Only Gorilla's Nest



## Singita Kwitonda

Location: Volcanoes National Park

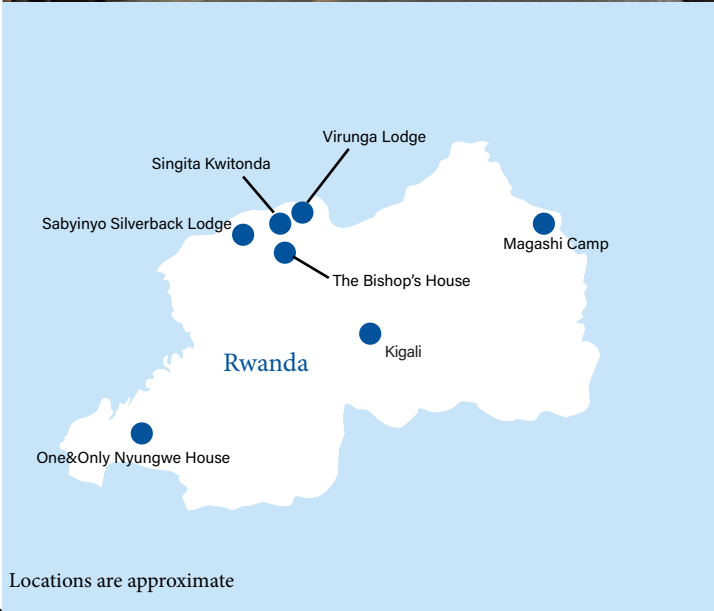
With eight suites and a four-bedroom villa, Singita Kwitonda Lodge is built to embody the spirit of Rwanda and offer a tribute to the lodge's namesake—Kwitonda—a silverback gorilla whose legend in Rwanda lives on.



## One&Only Gorilla's Nest

Location: Volcanoes National Park

Surrounded by swaying eucalyptus trees, One&Only Gorilla's Nest immerses its guests in the raw beauty and drama of Rwanda. Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime, personal encounter with the majestic mountain gorillas in its own natural habitat.



Locations are approximate





## One&Only Nyungwe House

Location: Nyungwe Forest Reserve

Set on the edge of the revered Nyungwe Forest National Park, Nyungwe House offers 22 authentic rooms and suites situated in six wooden villas that offer exceptional views of the forest.



## Magashi Camp

Location: Akagera National Park

With superb views over Lake Rwanyakazinga set in the idyllic sanctuary of Akagera National Park, Magashi Camp is a one-of-a-kind setting in Rwanda located in its own private concession area.



## Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge

Location: Volcanoes National Park

Located close to Volcanoes National Park, from which travelers trek on foot to see the magnificent Mountain Gorilla, the lodge drives socio-economic and conservation initiatives in the communities adjacent to the National Park.



## Virunga Lodge

Location: Lake Burera

One of Rwanda's most renowned luxury lodges, Virunga Lodge is perched high on a ridge, overlooking the Virunga Volcanoes, the Musanze valley to the west, and Lake Burera and Lake Ruhondo to the east.



# Our Top Rwanda Tips...

with Ian Swain, President & Owner of Swain Destinations

## Ian's Top Tips for Visiting Rwanda

I was fortunate enough to visit Rwanda in November 2019, one of my last trips prior to the lockdown that came early in 2020, with my wife Linda and a few friends. I knew the trip would be special and that gorilla trekking would be a spiritual journey well worth the effort, but nothing could have prepared me for just how meaningful this trip would be. As I discovered more about Rwanda, its history, wildlife, and people, it was the resolve of this landlocked nation to find new ways of living to bring its communities together that moved me most. Here are three things that any visitor to Rwanda should do to get the most from their Rwandan experience.



### The Kigali Genocide Museum, Kigali

A sobering experience, Kigali's Genocide Museum has much to offer travelers in the form of reflection and remembrance. The Museum's balance of history, humanity, and life lessons gives visitors a deeper insight into the Rwanda of today, and how much its people have overcome to create a beautiful, unified culture that you can feel with every interaction across this wonderful country. My experience at the Genocide Museum moved me in a way that is very challenging to put into words and gave me an immense appreciation of the Rwandan people.

## Trekking for Rwandan Wildlife

During our visit to Rwanda, we trekked for chimpanzees in Nyungwe National Forest and gorillas in Volcanoes National Park. Witnessing chimps playfully zoom through the forest overhead, navigating their way from tree to tree with ease, was a fun and spirited experience. Paradoxically, trekking for the endangered mountain gorilla feels more serious, providing new understanding of their strength, family bonds, and the protection that local communities and the Rwandan government have undertaken to protect them. On both occasions, we used local porters to guide us through the dense forest and to locate wildlife, which I recommend as a must do for visitors of all abilities. Not only do local porters offer a wealth of knowledge in the local wildlife and communities, but the support of their work contributes directly to the elimination of poaching in Rwanda.



### Cultural Experiences

While we went to Rwanda to see the gorillas predominantly, it was the people of Rwanda that touched me the most. We found that the spirit of the Rwandan people is friendly and proud. Rwandans openly speak about the past and the resulting solidarity of their country now with pride. Linda and I visited a small primary school with gifts such as rain coats, soccer balls, and crayons and they returned the favor with a performance of local Rwandan songs by the school choir.



# Rwanda In-Depth

9 nights



One&Only Nyungwe House

## What's Included:

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- 1 night Kigali
- 2 nights Akagera National Park
- Shared game activities Akagera National Park
- 1 night Kigali
- Kigali City Tour
- 2 nights Nyungwe National Forest
- Shared activities Nyungwe National Forest
- 3 nights Ruhengeri
- Shared Gorilla Trekking
- 2 Gorilla Permits
- Meals: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners

## Days 1-2 Fly USA to Rwanda

Today will begin your customized itinerary. Fly to Kigali from the USA. Upon arrival into Kigali, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. On Day 2, explore Kigali at your leisure or enjoy your hotel's expertly crafted Rwandan delicacies and peaceful retreat in the heart of Kigali.

## Days 3-4: Kigali to Akagera National Park

Your transfer to Akagera National Park will take approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes. Once you enter the park you will enjoy a shared game drive from the fate to Magashi Camp. Magashi Camp is situated in the phenomenally diverse Akagera National Park, comprising some of the most scenic savanna in East Africa, and home to hippo, crocodile, and the rare sitatunga. On Day 4, guests will be able to view a range of wildlife on expertly guided game drives, walks, and boating trips.

## Day 5: Akagera National Park to Kigali

Today you will be transferred via a shared game drive from Magashi Camp to the northern gate. Once at the gate, you will be transferred via a private vehicle to Kigali City. Once you arrive, you will get

an intimate view of Kigali on a Kigali City tour. Visit Mt. Kigali for panoramic views of the city. Visit the Genocide Museum, the final resting place for more than 250,000 victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, and gain immense insight into the strength and resilience of the Rwandan people.

## Day 6-7: Kigali to Nyungwe National Forest

Along the route from Kigali to Nyungwe National Forest, visit the King's Palace Museum in Nyanza, home of the former monarchy which ceased to be in 1962 when Rwanda gained independence from colonial rule. You will stay in the wonderful One&Only Nyungwe House, set among the rich tea plantations of Gisakura, just south of Lake Kivu. Surrounded by 394 square miles of mountain rainforest, sink into the comfort of your private rainforest sanctuary for an unrivaled sense of seclusion. On Day 7, your day begins bright and early for chimpanzee trekking. Dashing at high speed through the flora, hooting and clanging, it is truly exhilarating to encounter chimps playing, wild and free.

## Days 8-10: Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park

On Day 8, you will travel from Nyungwe National Forest to the Virunga Volcano Range. This transfer is approximately six hours with stops. Upon arrival at the breathtaking Virunga Volcano Range, you will be welcomed to One&Only Gorilla's Nest, the closest resort to Volcanoes National Park and the region's ultimate luxury retreat. On Day 9, you will enjoy your first day of gorilla trekking. Gorilla trekking in Rwanda is often described as "life changing" and with good reason. With only an estimated 1,000 mountain gorillas left in the world, seeing these gentle animals in their natural habitat is a truly unique gift. On Day 10, you will trek for gorillas again. No two days of gorilla trekking are the same, and you may encounter an entirely different family on your second trek.

## Day 11: Rwanda to USA

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge before you are transferred to Kigali Airport for your flight back to the USA.



# Our Favorite Experiences in TANZANIA



Great Migration, Serengeti National Park

Home to a diverse wildlife and landscape, venture to the beautiful grassland plains of Serengeti National Park where the annual Great Migration of over 1.5 million white bearded wildebeest and 250,000 zebra takes place. It is also here where the best viewing of lion prides can be experienced.



Balloon Safari, Serengeti National Park

As the sun rises over the Serengeti, your hot air balloon will allow you to watch as its light casts a golden hue over the savanna, mile by mile, as far as the eye can see. A gentle breeze pushes you along at a steady pace and the sky-high vantage point provides a better understanding of the majesty of Tanzania's stunning landscape.





### Cultural Visit with Maasai Village, Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Maasai Village visits support local Maasai families. Experience a unique Maasai cultural experience with Maasai warriors explaining typical medicinal plants, extraordinary trees, tracks and the local wildlife. All houses are built in the traditional way with local and natural materials.

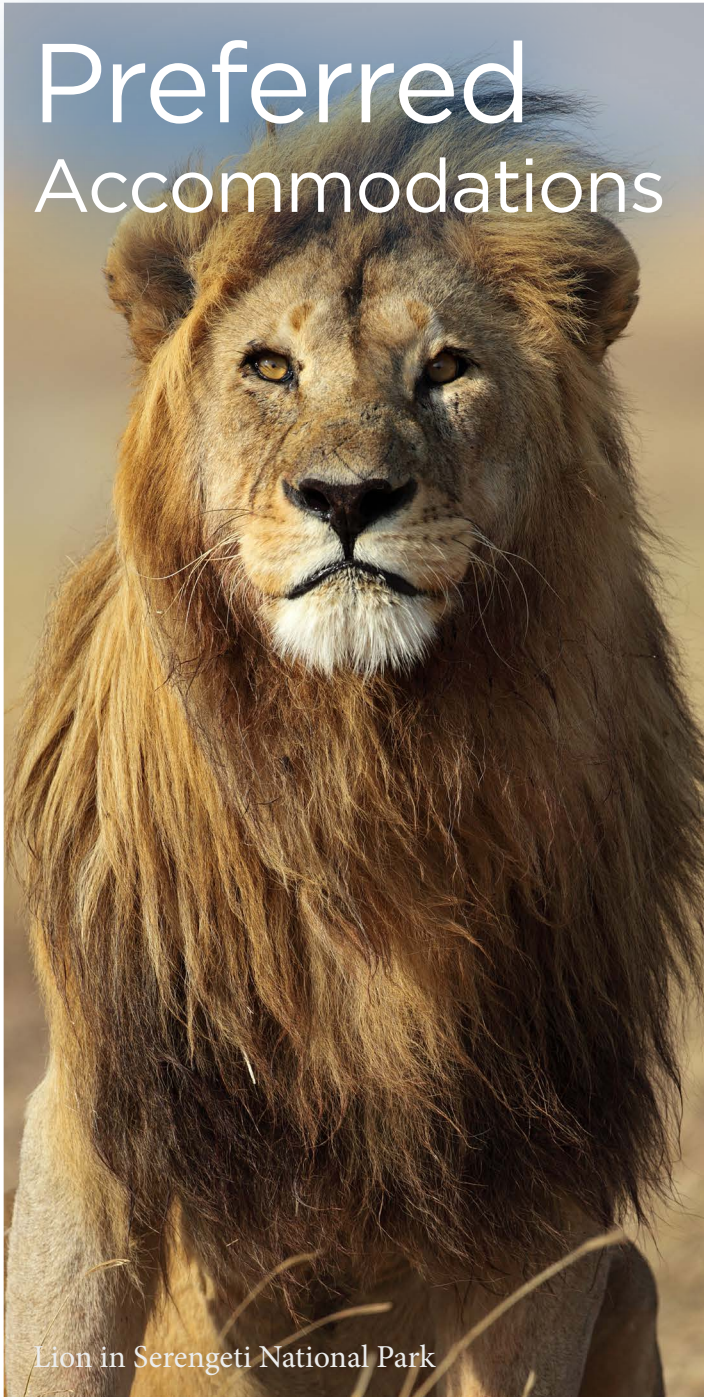


### Stone Town & Spice Tour, Zanzibar

This romantic island paradise is about 21 miles off the Tanzanian coast, in the Indian Ocean. Wonderfully unspoiled; it's an idyllic mix of palm-fringed beaches and turquoise seas with a strong Arabic influence. Taste the local cuisine while admiring Stone Town's architecture and history as an East African trading town.



# Preferred Accommodations



Lion in Serengeti National Park



Locations are approximate



## Singita Sasakwa Lodge

Location: Grumeti Game Reserve

Sasakwa Lodge is one of five immaculately decorated and ideally positioned lodges that make up Singita Grumeti. Offering unmatched views of the grasslands, the lodge balances sophistication with casual luxury. The reserve protects the annual wildebeest migration and contributes to conservation.



## Roving Bushtops

Location: Serengeti National Park

Bushtops Camps is a collection of luxury safari camps that are always perfectly positioned for the best views. Roving Bushtops combines complete luxury with the ability to move with the changing migration patterns of Tanzania's wildlife, to guarantee unparalleled game viewing and exceptional comfort.





## Sanctuary Swala

Location: Tarangire National Park

From the Serengeti to Tarangire National Park, Sanctuary Retreats are ideal for Great Migration and game viewing. Sanctuary Swala, in the heart of Maasai country and a remote corner of the Tarangire, offers total seclusion amongst giant acacia trees and an exclusive safari experience.



## Lemala Mpingo Ridge

Location: Tarangire National Park

The Lemala Camps and Lodges are private and authentic. Lemala Mpingo Ridge, as seen above, sits on an escarpment with sweeping views across Tarangire National Park. Tarangire remains one of Tanzania's best kept secrets, best known for its baobab trees and sense of untouched wilderness.



## The Manor at Ngorongoro

Location: Ngorongoro Crater

With iconic locations across Tanzania's Serengeti, Tarangire National Park, Arusha, and Ngorongoro Crater, the Elewana Collection is known for crafting authentic and memorable safari experiences. Luxurious and comfortable, The Manor at Ngorongoro is adjacent to the Ngorongoro conservation area.



## Serengeti Sojourn

Location: Serengeti National Park

Serengeti Sojourn offers guests the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to merge with nature and witness wildlife up close in a setting quite unlike any other; raw Africa. Untamed wildlife moves freely in its natural habitat offering indescribable encounters and palpable, adrenaline-filled moments.

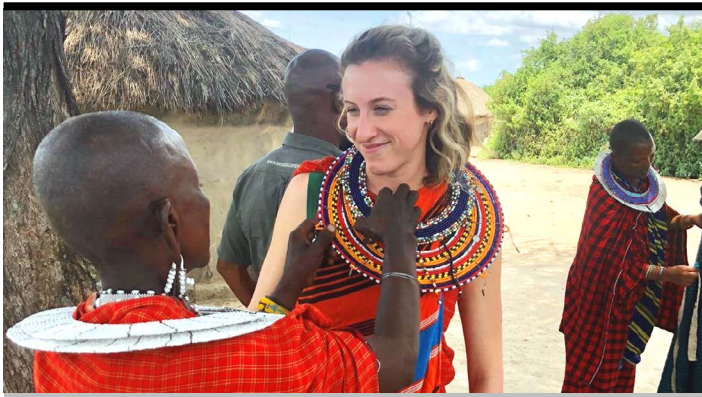


# Our Top Tanzania Tips...

with Kathryn McCue, Travel Consultant at Swain Destinations

## Kathryn's Top Tips for Visiting Tanzania

Encounter massive herds of animals in the endless plains of the Serengeti, where it feels like you are at the edge of the earth. Explore the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, the Ngorongoro Crater, or the world's largest free-standing mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro. Have one-on-one interactions with Maasai and immerse yourself in another way of living. After the whirlwind of 2020, I believe travelers will be more selective in their travel decisions, seeking wide-open spaces instead of jam-packed cities. Tanzania is the perfect destination for this, with rich cultural and natural resources to offer. Here are my top three things to do in Tanzania:



### Maasai Village

Swain Destinations works with operators who empower those in the local community. These operators have excellent relationships with Maasai villages scattered throughout Tanzania and help provide education and employment. Your escorts, housekeepers, and waitresses at your safari accommodation likely come from a neighboring community. Though you will have personal interactions during your stay, a visit to a Maasai village is a must to learn about their proud cultural traditions.

### Ngorongoro Crater

Around 3 million years ago a volcano collapsed in on itself, creating the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world. Now the Ngorongoro Crater has an impressive permanent concentration of African wildlife that thrives on the nutrient-rich environment. In addition to encounters with animals like hyenas, lions, and endangered black rhinos, the landscape beckons to be explored.

You'll see varied habitats like seasonal wetlands, open grasslands, and lush rainforests all within one game drive. The jungle-like crater rim has playful baboons and panoramic vistas of the vast crater floor below. To top off your Ngorongoro experience, stay at a luxury tented camp set on the edge of the crater, providing you with early access to the action and walking safaris directly from camp.



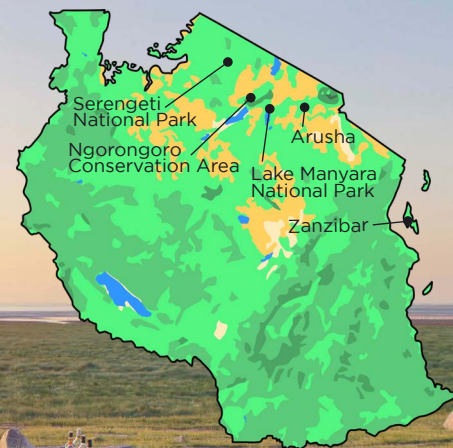
### Experience the Great Migration

At the start of the year from January - March, massive herds of gazelles, wildebeests, and zebras can be seen around the Ndutu area, in the Southern Serengeti. This green season also coincides with calving season, and who does not love baby animals? Around October, the herds head back into Tanzania, crossing the treacherous Grumeti and Mara Rivers once again. The sheer abundance of animals makes the Great Migration a highlight for travelers.



# Splendors of Tanzania

12 nights



Lake Manyara

## What's Included:

- Internal Air transfers
- 2 nights Arusha
- 3 Cultural Experiences
- 2 nights Lake Manyara
- Lake Manyara Afternoon Game Drive
- 2 nights Karatu
- Ngorongoro Crater Game Drive
- 3 nights Serengeti National Park
- Safari Activities
- 3 nights Zanzibar
- Meals: 12 breakfast, 7 lunches, 10 dinners

## Days 1: Fly USA to Dubai

Today you will begin your Swain Destinations customized itinerary. Please note, international air has not been included in this package price.

## Day 2: Fly Dubai to Arusha

Upon arrival into Kilimanjaro you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

## Days 3-4: Arusha to Lake Manyara

After breakfast on Day 3, you will visit the Olpopongi Maasai Village for a full day cultural experience with lunch. Olpopongi provides a unique Maasai & Wildlife experience in the West-Kilimanjaro Maasailand; just 45 miles from Moshi and 55 miles from Arusha. The camp provides a unique Maasai cultural experience with Maasai warriors explaining typical medicinal plants, extraordinary trees, tracks and the local wildlife. On Day 4, you will be driven to Lake Manyara to the Mto Wa Mbu Village for a walking tour of this village and a traditional Swahili lunch. In the afternoon, visit Lake Manyara National Park for a game drive. After the game drive continue to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

## Days 5-6: Lake Manyara to Ngorongoro

After an early breakfast on Day 5, drive to Lake Eyasi with a picnic lunch. Here you will visit the two tribes to get an insight into their unique way of life and their customs/culture. Late afternoon continue to your lodge in Karatu for dinner and overnight. On Day 6, a highlight awaits as you depart to explore Ngorongoro Crater. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. A picnic lunch is served overlooking a small lake populated with hippos. Enjoy some more game viewing and you return to your lodge in Karatu late afternoon.

## Days 7-9: Ngorongoro to Serengeti

On Day 7, you are transferred to Manyara Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Seronera/Lobo Airstrip in Serengeti National Park after breakfast. On arrival you are met by camp's driver-guide and 4x4 vehicle and will enjoy some game viewing en route to the camp. After lunch and some time at leisure enjoy an afternoon shared game drive in the park and you return to the camp by sunset for dinner and overnight. On Days 8 and 9, enjoy shared morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park.

## Days 10-12: Grumeti to Zanzibar

After breakfast on Day 10, enjoy shared game viewing as you are transferred to Seronera Airstrip with a picnic lunch. Fly by scheduled flight to Zanzibar. Arrive into Zanzibar where you will be met and transferred to Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge. Enjoy your days at leisure in Zanzibar on Days 11 and 12.

## Days 13-14: Fly Zanzibar to USA (via Dar es Salaam & Dubai)

Today you will depart Tanzania. After breakfast, the rest of the morning is at leisure until check out time. Transfer to Zanzibar Airport for your scheduled flight to Dar es Salaam, then fly onward to Dubai to connect with your return flight to the USA.



# Our Favorite Experiences in UGANDA



## Gorilla Trekking, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

In Bwindi Impenetrable Forest lives half the world's population of highly endangered Mountain Gorillas. This huge primeval forest in the Virunga Mountains, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the most biologically diverse areas on Earth.



## Rainforest Safari & Chimpanzee Trekking, Kibale National Park

Ecologically, Uganda is where the East African savanna meets the West African jungle. Where else but in this impossibly lush country can one observe lions prowling the open plains in the morning and track chimpanzees through the rainforest undergrowth the same afternoon, then the next day navigate tropical channels teeming with hippo and crocs?



# Preferred Accommodations



Locations are approximate



## Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp

Location: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Nestled deep inside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp delivers adventure, enchantment, and luxury with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.



## Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge

Location: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Set on a forested ridge near the entrance to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge boasts eight spacious cottages built from volcanic stone. Spectacular views stretch all the way to the Virunga Volcanoes of Rwanda, as well as across the border into the Congo.



# Our Top Uganda Tips...

with Kate Rees, Travel Expert at Uganda Tourism

## Kate's Top Tips for Visiting Uganda

Coined "The Pearl of Africa" by Winston Churchill, Uganda's varied landscapes range from sweeping savannas to dense forests, crater lakes, the verdant banks of the Nile, and the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains. This compact East African destination is home to a diverse collection of wildlife and cultural experiences that exemplify the best of the continent. Here are three my top tips for viting Uganda.



### Entebbe

While Entebbe is considered a gateway to many of Uganda's national parks, there are myriad activities available to travelers. If you have half a day or more, consider visiting the Entebbe Botanical Garden, local craft market and Gorilla Conservation Café, or book a tour at the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary located on Lake Victoria.

## Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Best known for its endangered mountain gorillas, Uganda is home to more than half of the world's remaining population. Visitors can track habituated groups in the thrilling Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and where these gentle giants roam. Beyond the gorillas, Uganda is a birding paradise where more than half of Africa's bird species can be found. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park alone boasts 350 birds, 120 mammals, 310 butterflies, 200 trees, and 51 reptiles. There's even a chance of spotting forest elephants.



### Uganda's Hidden Gems

Primate trekking, Nile River safaris, game drives, cultural immersions, conservation research activities, bird watching, and more are only a taste of what makes Uganda truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Other experiences outside of flora and fauna include community and school visits, gorilla conservation education at the Gorilla Health and Community Conservation Center, tastings at tea and coffee plantations, and a visit to the nonprofit Ride 4 a Woman center where local women are empowered by training in tourism-related skills.



# Gorillas of Uganda

5 nights



Mountain Gorilla Family, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

## What's Included:

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Scheduled charter flights within Uganda
- 2 nights Entebbe
- 3 nights Bwindi
- 2 days Gorilla Trekking
- Meals: 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners

### Day 1: USA to Entebbe (via Dubai & Nairobi)

Today you will begin your Swain Destinations customized itinerary. Please note, international air has not been included in this package price.

### Day 2: Welcome to Entebbe, Uganda

Today you arrive at Entebbe International Airport, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your accommodation for overnight.

Uganda is saturated in color; the outstanding natural beauty of its people and its landscapes have always stirred inspiration in travelers and residents. Ecologically, Uganda is where the East African Savannah meets the West African jungle. Where else but in this impossibly lush country can one observe lions prowling the open plains in the morning and track chimpanzees through the rainforest undergrowth the same afternoon, then the next day navigate tropical channels teeming with hippo and crocs before setting off into the misty mountains to stare deep into the eyes of a mountain gorilla?

### Day 3: Entebbe to Bwindi

Transfer from your accommodation to the airport for your charter flight to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Upon arrival into Bwindi, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation for overnight.

In the jungles of this forest lives half the world's population of highly endangered Mountain Gorillas. This pocket of huge primeval forest in the Virunga Mountain range is one of the most biologically diverse areas on Earth and has therefore been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The forest floor is damp and laden with matted vegetation and fallen vines. Clamber up and down the slippery slopes in search of a glimpse of the elusive gorillas.

### Days 4-5: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

You depart in the morning of Day 4 for a trek into the depths of Bwindi National Park. You will be led by experienced trackers who will bring you amongst a family of mountain gorillas. The incredible primates are extremely rare; with only 700 remaining in the wild very few people in the world are lucky enough to see them in their natural habitat. On Day 5, the day begins with an early breakfast and after breakfast head out for another day of tracking these peaceful giants.

### Day 6: Bwindi to Entebbe

This morning you will fly back to Entebbe where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation for the night.

### Day 7: Entebbe to USA (via Nairobi & Dubai)

Today you will depart Uganda. You will be collected from your accommodation and transferred to Entebbe Airport to connect with your departure back to the USA.



# Your Next Step



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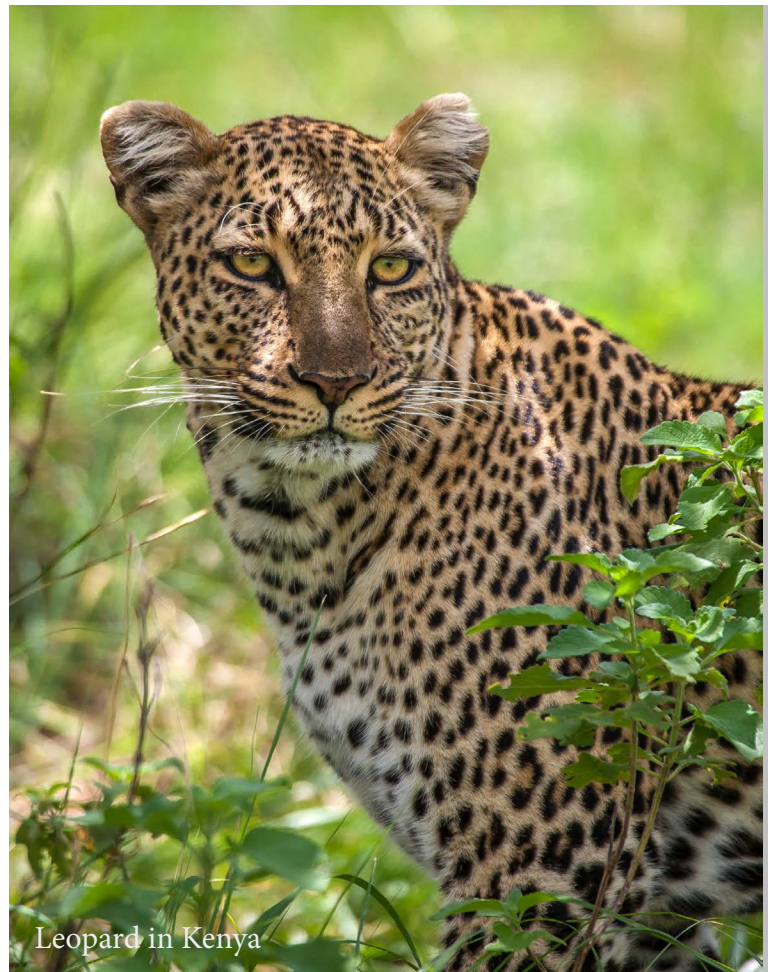




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Singita Kwitonda, Rwanda



Leopard in Kenya



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