



## 7 Nights of The Big Five & Mountain Gorillas; Kenya & Rwanda

8 Days from \$14,499 per person

### Wildlife & City Delights

*Experience the sun-soaked plains of Kenya on an extraordinary exploration, enjoying thrilling game drives and six exhilarating nights in the heart of Great Migration and camping in luxury beneath the stars among the legendary Big Five and herds of other fascinating animals.*

Go beyond any Africa safari and discover the tragic past and hopeful present of Rwanda on a diverse journey that takes you from the poignant Rwandan Genocide Memorial in urban Kigali to the untouched rural splendors of the Mukungwa River on an Tour Sokoni exclusive canoe trip. Close out your adventure in Rwanda with an intense capped day of primate tracking, going eye-opening up close to the rare and the mystic mountain gorilla.

### Included with Every Unforgettable Journey Trip

- One-of-a-Kind Itinerary Designed for You
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Exclusive Insider-Access Opportunities and Inspiring Sightseeing
- Resident tour director and Arabic, English, Spanish, French, German and Italian-Speaking local guides
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Entrance Fees, taxes and tips, excursions as stated
- 24/7 Tour Sokoni On-Call Support
- Signature made African linen shirts and locally made barkcloth summer bucket hats

### Tour Sokoni Advantages

- Experience Hemingway-style exploration with a modern twist, including staying in ultra luxury & updated camps that creatively reimagine the classic tented safari.

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- Venture into the heart of Great Migration country, spending three nights in the Masai Mara.
- Explore alongside the time tested safari guides whose in-depth tracking expertise leads to amazing wildlife encounters.
- Go on game drives in the ultra luxury safari built vehicles with an assured window view from every seat to behold Africa's infinite diverse wildlife, including the iconic Big Five.
- Discover first hand modern and traditional aspects of daily local life, with visits to a Maasai village.
- Visit the Rwandan Genocide Memorial, and discover how Rwanda has worked to move beyond its troubled past.
- Encounter endangered mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park during two days of trekking.
- Glide down the Mukungwa River through the foothills of the Virunga Volcanoes in a modern canoe, soaking up the countryside on the Tour Sokoni exclusive experience.

## Itinerary

### **DAY 1 ARRIVE IN NAIROBI, KENYA | JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Arrive in Nairobi, where you are met and transferred to your hotel by your private guide/driver. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Nairobi Serena Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 2 TRANSFER TO MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE, KENYA | MAASAI VILLAGE VISIT**

Early morning flight to Kichwa Tembo-Masai Mara, the northern extension of the Serengeti National Park. Karibu (Swahili for welcome to) kwa mother Nature. Sprawled along the Saparingo River on the edge of the Oloololo escarpment, where riverine forest meets the sweeping plains in the seasonal path of the awe-inspiring Great Migration, the camp provides an authentic dose of African wildlife, delivered with legendary world-class fused Kenyan hospitality.

Visit a Maasai village and interact with an elder to learn about local culture and traditions. Amid the stunning scenery, watch as Maasai tribesmen traverse the plains or herd goats and cattle. Enjoy the peace of mind that comes with staying at the exclusive camp with abundant iconic wildlife and panoramic Masai Mara views.

Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 3 - 4 MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE | BIRD'S VIEW ABOARD THE HOT AIR BALLOON**

Take a full day bird's view of the endless Mara plains aboard a luxurious hot air balloon on the third day appreciating mother nature without unsettling its primal feel. Get closer on the fourth day and venture forth for two game drives of exploring the open savanna, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Maasai Mara, where patience is rewarded with unique sightings such as a leopard retrieving a kill from the upper branches of an acacia or elephants protecting their young from opportunistic lions. Game viewing is never dull in the Mara, especially when the dramatic annual Great Migration unfolds. Follow the Mara River to see crocodiles basking in the sun; hippos as they wallow in muddy water; and monkeys, busy sparking mischief overhead. Here, too, you may sight any of more than 400 species of birds, among them eagles who glide effortlessly above the sun-soaked landscape.

Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 5 FLIGHT TO KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Early morning flight to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi in time for your flight to Kigali, Rwanda. Arrive in Kigali, the city of endless hills and greenery, transfer to your hotel. The legacy of hospitality in Rwanda for more than 40 years, Hôtel des Mille Collines was inaugurated in 1973 as the premier grand hotel in Rwanda. Located in the central business district, the hotel allows you to enjoy the breathtaking views over the hills of Kigali while indulging in culinary delights from

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casual to fine dining, international cuisine to local signature dishes! Decorative art pieces are displayed at the hotel for sale and a Cultural Night held every Friday evening for live performances of themed Rwandan cultural song and dance.

Enjoy your evening of leisure.

Hôtel des Mille Collines | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 6 KIGALI | CITY TOUR & CULTURAL IMMERSION**

This morning, pay an emotional visit to the Genocide Memorial Site, and learn how the country has dealt with its past and recovered to become a testament to humankind's resilience. Drive in the direction of the Volcanoes National Park and immerse yourself in Ibilwachu loosely meaning "our way of life," and be surprised by Rwanda's resilient culture. Savor coffee made from the beans you roasted while indulging with the locals. Check into your accommodation, offering unmatched wilderness immersion, a sustainably luxurious rainforest-based lodge offering Africa's most thrilling wild primate experience.

Bisate Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 7 VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK | ROAMING WILD MOUNTAIN GORILLAS**

Drive to Volcanoes National Park headquarters and join your gorilla-trekking group. With help from your park guide, traverse the dense forest until you come face-to-face with a local gorilla family. Observe them as they play, forage and rest in the shade of the trees. You are given one hour to spend in the presence of these magnificent animals, marveling at their behavior like our own.

Bisate Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8 TRANSFER TO KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT | DEPARTURES**

Morning transfers to Kigali International airport for your flight back home..

Meals: Breakfast

## **Dates & Prices**

Per person price throughout the year from \$14,499

Prices are per person, double occupancy for the itinerary as published for 2024 travel, and subject to availability.

Pricing reflects Tour Sokoni's recommended months of travel of this itinerary. Supplements may apply over holiday periods, festivals and special events. International flights not included. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).