



RUN TO RWANDA WITH KOMERA



*Kigali - Rwinkwavu - Akagera Park -Kigali
7 days//6nights*

June 23rd, 2019 - June 29th, 2019

Have you always wanted to visit Africa?
Are you looking for a tangible and meaningful way to give back?
Do you want to see exactly where your support is going?

Then come with us to Rwanda on a trip of a lifetime!

Combine time visiting Komera with a safari, visiting one of the most beautiful countries in the world and giving back to local communities.

About Komera

Komera believes that education and holistic community based care will ensure that vulnerable young women develop into leaders. During your stay with us you will travel the country learning about the culture and have an intimate hands-on experience. You will visit with community members, dance with the Komera Scholars, learn about education in Rwanda, and participate in the Komera Global Fun run. The most important part is spending time with the Komera Scholars and their families. You will visit their homes, learn about their culture and understand how Komera has impacted their lives. We will spend time at local schools, visit our small business cooperatives and have an afternoon of community service! For more information on Komera, please visit www.komera.org.

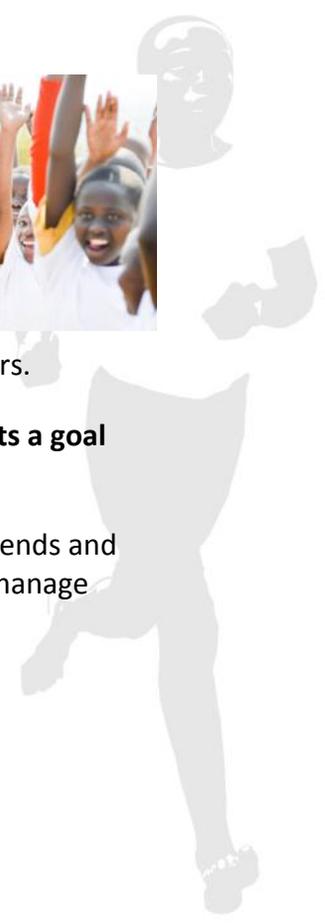


We also ask that you make a commitment to support the Komera Scholars.

Each year we run a crowdfunding campaign and we ask that each traveler sets a goal to raise \$5000 USD.

What easier way is there to fundraise when you can actually share with your friends and family the experience of a lifetime. We will be there to help you launch and manage your campaign!

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Trip Overview

Destination	Accomodation	Arr.	Dep.	Nights
Kigali	Hotel des Milles Collines	June 23	June 24	1
Rwinkwavu	Akagera Game Lodge	June 24	June 26	2
Rwinkwavu	Ruzizi Guest Lodge	June 26	June 28	2
Kigali	Ubumwe Hotel	June 28	June 29	2

Optional Add On

Destination	Accommodation	Arr.	Dep.	Nights
Volcanoes National Park	Le Bambou Lodge	June 29	June 30	1
Kigali	Hotel des Milles Collines	July 1	July 2	1

*See Individual days for meals included

Pricing - all pricing is based on a per person cost. This cost may vary slightly depending on the number of people traveling with our party.

Total Cost(no Gorilla trek):

double occupancy: \$1500

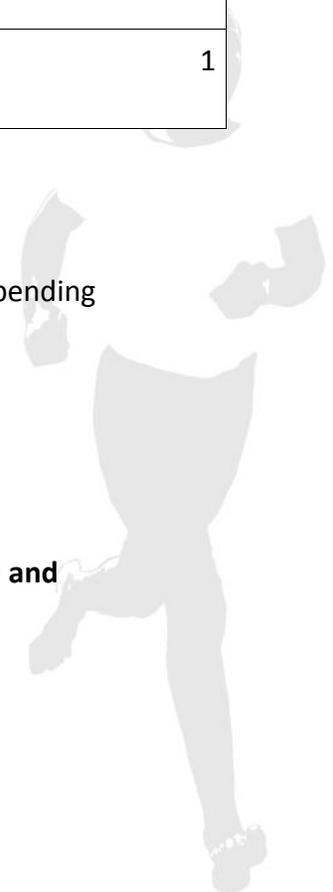
Single occupancy: \$2000

With Optional Add On - this includes the \$1500 fee for Gorilla trekking, hotel and transport per person.

double occupancy: \$2185 + \$1500 = \$3680

Single occupancy: \$1990 + \$2000 = \$3990

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Included

- Price indicated is per person
- Accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All meals, drinks as indicated
- All wildlife viewing shared with other guests, driven by a highly qualified naturalist guide.
- Complimentary water in vehicles
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes. The lodging may also change based on the size of the group.
- All game park entry fees as indicated

Not Included

- Airfare for International flights
- US and foreign airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Rwanda tourist Visa for US citizens is \$30.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Items of a personal nature, unless otherwise noted
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary. Alcohol is not covered in any meal package.



Planning Your Airfare

To be purchased by each individual - ranges from \$1500 - \$2500 (not included)

We recommend KLM through Amsterdam as the best possible connection. There are however many options now on United, Qatar Airways and Turkish Airlines

Arrival in Kigali, Rwanda (KGL) on June 23rd

Departure from Kigali, Rwanda on June 29th or July 1st if trekking.

Additional Notes

For dinner in Kigali you will be able to use your credit card or USD. If you are bringing USD for shopping or purchasing local items please bring \$100 bills that are newer than 2006. We will change money at a local kiosk.

Please visit your local travel clinic to make sure you have the right travel vaccinations for Eastern Africa.

Please make sure you get the appropriate medical and travel insurance. Komera is not responsible for any of your travel insurance.

You are expected to tip your Gorilla Trekking Guide at the end of your trek.

You will also be expected to tip your driver at the end of the week. We advise \$100 per person.



Day 1: Hotel des Milles Collines, Kigali (Sun, Jun 23 to Mon, Jun 24)



Kigali is a clean and vibrant city at Rwanda's geographical center that has made incredible progress over the last decade. It is a city that has not just survived, but thrived and grown into a modern metropolis- a heart of the emerging Rwandan economy and a pride of every Rwandan. Among the safest and friendliest of African capitals, Kigali is blessed with a moderate high altitude climate and is conveniently located within three hours' drive of the main tourist sites. The Rwandan capital provides both a comfortable and welcoming introduction to this land of a thousand hills and an ideal springboard from which to explore the country. The insightful and moving National Genocide Memorial is not to be missed.

Day Notes

Welcome to Africa! On arrival at Kigali International airport in Rwanda, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a restful evening.

Overnight: Hotel des Milles Collines

You will spend the night at the newly renovated Hotel Des Mille Colines. The Mille Collines is a four star hotel with luxury amenities and personalized service situated in a large, lush garden downtown Kigali. All rooms have a balcony, direct telephone, flat screen TV, (direct VSAT) wireless internet, air conditioning and mini bar.



Includes: Breakfast

www.millecollines.net

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Day 2: Akagera Park, Akagera Game Lodge (Monday June 24)



Day Notes

After breakfast, embark on a city tour of Kigali including the National Genocide Memorial and lunch. Then, continue through the picturesque countryside to Akagera National Park. We will stop at the Women's Opportunity Center in Kayonza for lunch. Arrive late afternoon and enjoy a restful evening at the park.

Akagera National Park stretches across a vast expanse of low-lying mountains and savannah plains, taking in the lakes and wetlands of the Kagera River along the way. Crocodiles and hippos wallow in the park's watery basins, predators prowl through its acacia groves, and elephant, zebra, giraffe, buffalo and other animals roam across its grassy plains.

Overnight: Akagera Game Lodge June 24th - 27th

The lodge offers comfortable accommodation with a simple but tastefully furnished rooms, restaurant, swimming pool, curio bar, tennis court and a few other life comforts. Usual board basis is full board, with breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is constant power supply, access to wifi and television



Includes: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

<https://www.akagerarwandanationalpark.com/akagera-game-lodge/>

Day 3: Rwinkwavu, Komera (Tue, June 25)



Day Notes

Following breakfast at the lodge, we will head out to meet our staff and students at a local school. At the school we will have the opportunity to meet with Komera students and learn about schools in Rwanda.

We will have lunch locally at The Women's Opportunity Center in Kayonza before we break off into smaller groups for local home and village visits. This is an opportunity to get to know the local community and be invited into a local home.



We will return to Akagera Lodge for dinner and the evening.

Overnight: Akagera Game Lodge

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

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Day 4: Akagera National Park (Wed., June 26th), Ruzizi Tented Lodge



Day Notes

Today you will be ready to leave early for a safari! Before you go, you will need to pack-up as tonight we will transfer (within the park) to the Ruzizi Tented Lodge.

We will spend the day visiting wildlife in Akagera National Park. Bordering Rwanda's eastern neighbor Tanzania, Akagera National Park could scarcely be more different in mood to the breezy cultivated hills that characterize much of Rwanda. Dominated scenically by the labyrinth of swamps and lakes that follow the meandering course of the Akagera River, the most remote source of the Nile, this is archetypal African savannah landscape of tangled acacia woodland interspersed with open grassland. Akagera is, above all, big game country! Herds of elephant and buffalo emerge from the woodland to drink at the lakes, while lucky visitors might stumble across a leopard, a spotted hyena or even a stray lion.

Overnight: Ruzizi Tented Lodge

With a maximum of 20 guests, the lodge is a quiet and intimate retreat. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom with hot running water, a dressing area and either comfortable queen or $\frac{3}{4}$ twin beds, with a small patio at the front and accessible by wooden boardwalks.



Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

<https://www.african-parks.org/the-parks/akagera/visit-the-park/ruzizi-tented-lodge>

Day 5: Rwinkwavu, Komera (Thurs., June 27th), Ruzizi Tented Lodge



Day Notes

Wake up to the sound of hippos and a beautiful breakfast at Ruzizi Tented Lodge. We will be heading back out to work with Komera staff, parents and graduates who all own and run local businesses.



In the morning we will meet at the Komera office and meet all of the staff. Groups will set off to different business owners to learn and brainstorm ideas on how to engage and improve on their work. This will be a collaborative learning environment for both business owners and visitors.

Lunch at the office!

Return to Ruzizi Tented Lodge.

Overnight: Ruzizi Tented Lodge

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 6: Rwinkwavu, Komera (Friday June 28th) Ubumwe Hotel



Day Notes

After breakfast and packing up at the lodge you will be heading out to participate in the Komera Global Run!

The morning starts with some singing, dancing and presentations. The event is capped off with the annual Komera Global Run where you will walk/jog with local girls and Komera scholars in the community.

We will all have lunch together following the Fun Run in celebration of our time together.

We will be driving back to Kigali following the day and checking into Ubumwe Hotel



Overnight: Ubumwe Hotel

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

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Day 7: Kigali, Rwanda (Saturday, June 29th)



Day Notes

This will be a free day in Kigali where you can decide what you would like to do. Some guests will be leaving and some might want to relax before an evening flight. We will have drivers available in case you would like to head out to do some shopping in Kigali.

The hotel will provide a transfer to the airport prior to your departure.

Includes: Breakfast, Transfer to airport

If you are departing on Sunday, you will remain at the Hotel for the evening.



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL FOR EASTERN AFRICA:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International air is not included.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging. The lodging may also change based on the size of the group.

MEALS: Meals are provided as indicated in the itinerary.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfer of passengers between airports and hotels are included as indicated in the itinerary.

TIPS AND TAXES: All service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all game reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. Airport taxes are not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to driver/guides are not included and are at your discretion.

VACCINATIONS: Contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to vaccinations. Please ensure you obtain your vaccination at least 10 days prior to travel. **You are strongly advised to take one of the preventive medications that are in common use against malaria.** Water is NOT safe to drink. One bottle of water per day will be provided free of charge in the vehicles.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of the time of booking and are subject to change. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to charge such additional costs, up to a maximum of 10% of the tour fare.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; all items not specifically covered in the itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants; items of a personal nature, gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately three weeks prior to departure. We regret that no documents can be released before receipt of final payments.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A 25% deposit must be submitted with each application. Final payment is payable by check, money order or wire transfer ONLY and is due no later than 75 days prior to departure.

DEVIATIONS & CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you as well as our service fee.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this safari:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less 25% (30% some suppliers) of tour cost.

Less than 75 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

Please note that cancellation includes reduction of services or decrease in number of participants in a group. In case of change of date, every effort will be made to avoid cancellation penalties, but penalties are dependent on policies of our suppliers. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE.**

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Komera, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas not held by the guests, nor attendant costs resulting from the lack of a required visa. ***Please note that you must have two blank pages for visas for each country you will visit.***

RESPONSIBILITY: Komera nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of Komera shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the a foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition Komera shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. Komera may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the a foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Komera reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the safari by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that Komera reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in game areas, by game migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

REFUNDS: While Komera uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against Komera for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Komera including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by Komera.

