EXPEDITION SUMMARY

The HBS Tanzania Safari and Rwanda Gorilla Trekking offers the best of Tanzania and Rwanda. Begin the trip with two safari drives in the Ngorongoro Crater, a massive caldera located in the heart of the “Land of the Maasai” in the Great Rift Valley. Often called the “eighth wonder of the world,” the Ngorongoro Crater floor shelters almost 30,000 animals in an area naturally enclosed by the slopes of a volcano. See elephants, rhinos, buffalos, cheetahs, lions, hyenas, hippos, wildebeest, and many more of Africa’s spectacular animals. Fly to the Northern Serengeti near the Mara River, keeping an eye out for zebra herds and lion prides. Fly to Kigali, Rwanda’s colorful and bustling capital city. Spend a powerful morning visiting the Kigali Memorial Centre, where a poignant exhibition recalls Rwanda’s 1994 genocide and testifies to the country’s remarkable resilience. Travel to Parc National des Volcans, nestled among the slopes of the volcanoes that form the Virunga Mountains. There are only 900 mountain gorillas left in the forgotten forests of central Africa. In Parc National des Volcans, there are approximately 450 mountain gorillas, of which 10 groups are habituated. Spend a day tracking these fascinating creatures through the misty Rwandan forest. The undertaking will require patience and stamina, but the payoff is the thrill of encountering one of our closest evolutionary relatives in their native habitat and observing their daily activities up close in the undergrowth. You will also have the opportunity to track the little-known golden monkeys. The only viable population of the golden monkeys is found in the misty bamboo forests of the Virunga Mountains.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SAFARI

A typical safari day will include morning and afternoon safari drives, traveling in special 4WD vehicles. Each safari drive usually lasts 3-4 hours before returning to the safari lodge. Each vehicle is equipped with radio communication to ensure contact with the safari base. All vehicles guarantee that everyone has a window seat for the best wildlife viewing.

FACULTY LEADER

Zarin Machanda received her PhD from the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University. Her research revolves around understanding the factors that shape the quality and development of social relationships among primates and specifically chimpanzees. Zarin has spent the last 14 years working with both captive and wild chimpanzees. She has spent almost three years living and conducting research in western Uganda.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy two safari drives in the Great Rift Valley’s Ngorongoro Crater, home to almost 30,000 animals including elephants, rhinos, cheetahs, lions, hippos, and more.
- Look for Africa’s Big Five near the famous Mara River in the world renowned Serengeti National Park.
- Learn about the remarkable resilience of the Rwandan people at a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial and Mviko School.
- Trek in the misty forest of Parc National des Volcans in search of the remaining 900 endangered mountain gorillas and learn about gorilla conservation at the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project.
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12
ARUSHA, TANZANIA
Depart from home and fly to Tanzania, arriving the next day into Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO).
Overnight: Lake Duluti Serena Hotel

Monday, July 13
ARUSHA / NGORONGORO CRATER
This morning, travel to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Enjoy an afternoon safari as you descend into the base of the Ngorongoro Crater. This massive caldera shelters almost 30,000 animals—elephants, rhinos, buffalo, cheetahs, lions, hyenas, hippos, wildebeests, and much more of East Africa’s spectacular wildlife—in an area naturally enclosed by the slopes of a volcano. Arrive at your lodge perched high on the crater’s rim later this afternoon. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner tonight at your lodge.
Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

Tuesday, July 14
NGORONGORO CRATER
Return to the crater floor for breakfast and a morning safari. Spend the afternoon at your lodge and enjoy the views of the crater below as the sun sets.
Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

Wednesday, July 15
NGORONGORO CRATER / SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Fly to the northern Serengeti for a chance to witness the dramatic river crossings of the wildebeest migration. Arrive at the luxurious Sayari Camp for lunch. This afternoon, head out on safari to look for the Big Five—rhino, lion, leopard, elephant, and Cape buffalo—in this beautiful area.
Overnight: Sayari Camp (B, L, D)

Thursday, July 16
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
This morning, enjoy a cup of hot coffee or tea while looking out onto the Serengeti plains. On morning and afternoon safari drives, observe the fascinating interplay of the Serengeti’s legendary wildlife. Herds of wildebeest and zebra eye predators warily as crocodile snouts break the surface of the Mara River.
Overnight: Sayari Camp (B, L, D)

Friday, July 17
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK / KIGALI, RWANDA
After a final morning safari drive, fly to Kigali Rwanda. Having spent the past 20 years rebuilding, Kigali is now one of the most thriving and progressive capital cities in Africa. Please note that clocks turn back one hour upon arrival in Kigali.
Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel (B, L)

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Saturday, July 18
KIGALI / PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS
This morning, visit the Kigali Memorial Centre, where a poignant exhibition recalls Rwanda’s genocide and testifies the country’s remarkable resilience. As you travel north this afternoon, view the verdant countryside en route to Parc National des Volcans. Settle into your private banda.
Overnight: Virunga Lodge (B, L, D)

Sunday, July 19
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS
Spend the day trekking in the forested hills of Parc National des Volcans. Follow local guides through thick undergrowth and dangling vines in search of gorilla families. Sit among these gentle giants, observing their interactions, listening to their distinctive grumbles, and viewing one of the planet’s most endangered creatures from an awe-inspiring, up-close perspective. In the early evening, enjoy a performance of traditional Rwandan dances by a local dance troupe.
Overnight: Virunga Lodge (B, L, D)

Monday, July 20
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS
Return to the jungle in search of gorillas for an optional second morning of trekking. Alternatively, enjoy an optional hike to the Karisoke Research Center. Time permitting, visit the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project, an organization dedicated to the conservation of the endangered mountain gorillas by providing them with lifesaving veterinary care in their natural habitat.
Overnight: Virunga Lodge (B, L, D)

Optional Gorilla Tracking | $775
Enjoy another day of tracking the mountain gorillas in Parc National des Volcans (see description for July 19).

Optional Dian Fossey Memorial Hike | $125
Hike through the lush forested slopes of the Visoke Volcano to the original site of the Karisoke Research Center, where Dian Fossey carried out mountain gorilla research for 18 years and is now buried near Digit, her favorite gorilla.

Tuesday, July 21
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS / KIGALI / ALOFT
Spend the morning trekking through bamboo forests in search of endangered golden monkeys, known for their reddish-gold bodies and black limbs and tail. Later, visit a school to meet local children. Travelers are welcome to bring school supplies, which will be gathered and given to the head teacher. In the afternoon, return to Kigali and depart for home.
Overnight: Aloft (B, L)

Wednesday, July 22
ALOFT / ARRIVE HOME

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