

*Full Itinerary*

## RWANDA BIRDING SAFARI

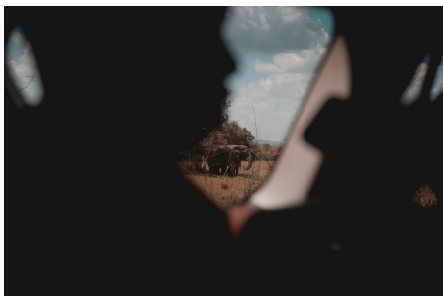


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### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Rwanda Birding and Wildlife Safari

**DURATION:**

3 days

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Kigali hotel or International airport

## OVERVIEW

A perfect extension to our main Rwanda itinerary, enjoy game drives to try to spot 'Big Five' wildlife or be mesmerised by the incredible variety of birds to be seen here.

Extend your stay in Rwanda by visiting the excellent Akagera National Park in the north of the country. It's remarkable ecosystem supports a wide variety of wildlife as well as over 500 species of birds - it is a true birding paradise. Compared to other African National Parks it is little visited, you will rarely see other tourists here and will mostly have this beautiful place to yourself! Unique to this safari however, is the thrilling opportunity to get behind the scenes and see the hard working Park Managers and conservation teams in action, who reintroduced wildlife to the area and now diligently protect it from poachers.

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Day 1** - Akagera National Park

**Day 2** - Akagera National Park

**Day 3** - Akagera National Park

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK

Pick up at either your Kigali hotel or the international airport to transfer to Akagera National Park in time for a late morning safari drive. The park is now home to the big five, so you can spot lion, leopard, buffalo, elephants and recently reintroduced rhinos here, as well over 500 bird species. It is a true birders' paradise and expert birding guides are available on request.

After lunch there is a rare and unique opportunity to visit the National Park HQ, to meet the anti-poaching team for a talk on conservation and look behind the scenes at all the work that they do. The day finishes with a sunset boat trip on Lake Ihema, to see throngs of crocodiles and hippos and an island teeming with aquatic birds.

**Included meals:** Lunch and dinner

**Accommodation:** Akagera Game Park

### DAY 2 - AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK

Today you can spend your time solely on game drives, or this morning you can join a park ranger on a conservation and anti-poaching patrol. On this two-hour, 7km walk along a section of the park boundary fence, the ranger will explain about the ways in which the park works with local communities, some of whom you will visit in nearby villages. You'll also meet cattle herders and farmers along the way and hear from them first-hand how working with the national park improves their livelihoods and reduces wildlife-human conflict. You will also share lunch with the local community.

In the afternoon, a sunset game drive is recommended to look for wildlife seeking a place to shelter for the night and a night drive provides a superb opportunity to see a new cast of nocturnal animals and birds. If you're lucky, highlights can include leopard and hyena sightings.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Accommodation:** Karengé Bush Camp

### DAY 3 - AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK AND RETURN TO KIGALI

Leaving early in the morning, enjoy a full day game drive towards the north of Akagera National Park passing several lakes and amazing wildlife spotting opportunities. We stop for a packed lunch in a shady spot inside the park. Continue north, passing the main plains where lions are sometimes found and transfer back to Kigali - either to your hotel or to the airport for your international flight home.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Accommodation:** Heaven The Retreat

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Ground transfers as specified
- Accommodation, meals and local drinks as specified
- Game drives and activities specified
- English speaking guide
- National Park fees

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- visas
- Travel insurance
- Drinks (unless specified)
- Phone calls
- Laundry
- Personal purchases
- Tips and gratuities
- Any COVID-related testing

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Vaccinations are recommended for Rwanda. Please consult your doctor for advice.
- US Passport holders require a visa to visit Rwanda which can be obtained on arrival.
- Please let The Big Safari Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Cancellation 90 - 0 days prior to departure: cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Safari Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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