

# ***Rwanda! Gorillas, Chimps and more!***

Nature Photography Adventures

## ***Description***

Proposed January 5-17, 2024 – exact dates TBD\*



When you say “gorillas” to a photographer, the mind goes to walking through a Rwanda forest to sit down and spend time with a group of gorillas. The thoughts move to how would one approach this with a camera – and how exciting it would be to create portraits of these cousins of ours. Then one begins to contemplate how special it would be to simply be in that spot, spend time, have eye to eye contact, and communicate non-verbally with these giants.

We’re saying GORILLAS to you now.



And chimpanzees. And Colobus monkeys. And Mangabeys. And Golden monkeys. And so much more!

When we sat down to design the perfect gorilla-focused photography adventure, our very first thought was that you can’t go all that way for a one-time opportunity to photograph gorillas. It might rain. You might miss on a setting. You know the issues. So, while it adds significantly to the cost, we designed in two gorilla outings. Same with wild chimpanzees. Two outings on two days. We can’t imagine it any other way.



We also designed in dedicated permit-based outings to photograph Colobus monkeys! And another dedicated to Golden monkeys. The secret, of course, is that on each and every one of these outings we'll photograph other species of primates, other mammals, and birds!

Then, we added a spectacular canopy trail. Oh my, you will love this – and the images you can make of it and from it!

Along the way, we'll have an opportunity to spend time in the Genocide Museum in Kigali. We'll explore the reconstruction of the palace of Mwami, a Rwandan King – a building that is entirely woven. We'll photograph in Akagera National Park – which will feel like a traditional safari outing, complete with elephants, giraffes, zebras, hippos, ungulates, cats and some birds you haven't seen elsewhere in Africa! One of our outings, there, will be by boat!

We have done our best to build an itinerary jam-packed with photographic opportunities – but with enough time for you to appreciate where you are! There will be more “on foot” time in Rwanda than in most of our other African safaris – that's on foot carrying at least some of your gear! And, we're keeping the group small – 4 to 6 clients and Bob. Our goal is to assemble a group that will get along well and handle the rigors of this itinerary.

The twist, here, is that the gorilla permits cannot be secured without dollars. That means three things – 1) there will be a much bigger initial deposit than all of us are used to, 2) our dates will FLEX based on when we get cash to the table and what dates are available at that point, and 3) once we send money to Rwanda, that money isn't coming back to us or you.



We are looking at 13 days (including arrival day and fly home day). We would suggest you come in a day early to let the jet lag settle down a bit.

Double Occupancy	\$13,800
Single Occupancy	\$15,450
Initial Deposit	\$4,400
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	\$2,000 Double Occupancy \$3,000 Single Occupancy 15 November 2022
Final Payment	31 July 2023 (Balance due plus extra lodging)

Exact dates will be as close to the proposed days as possible, but dependent on available Gorilla Permits which go quickly! We will apply for those dates as soon as we have 4 deposits and applications in.

