8 days Primate Cinematography Masterclass
Double Gorilla Trekking

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INTRODUCTION

Volcanoes National Parks:
A Life-Changing Journey

Discover Rwanda's natural wonders with unforgettable experiences at Volcanoes National Park.

Volcanoes National Park:

- Trek rare mountain gorillas in the stunning Volcanoes National Park.
- Participate in an exclusive wildlife cinematography masterclass led by Vianet Djenguet, where you will learn professional filming techniques used in BBC Wildlife productions.
- Visit the Dian Fossey Campus to explore conservation efforts.
- Enjoy the Afro-fusion tour with Chef Dieuvel Malonga, a top 5 best chef in the world, with his excellent, unique Afro-fusion cuisine tour, and experience his 8-course dishes at Meza Malonga.

A perfect blend of wildlife, culture, and luxury awaits!

This carefully curated itinerary promises an unforgettable journey through Volcanoes National Park

TOUR OVERVIEW

Day 1: Arrival in Kigali

Upon arrival at Kigali International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by Primates Africa's professional representative, assisted with your luggage, and briefed on your journey ahead.
You will then proceed to visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial, where you will gain a profound understanding of Rwanda's history and resilience.
After this visit, enjoy a scenic drive to Musanze, the gateway to Volcanoes National Park, where your gorilla trekking experience and exclusive wildlife cinematography masterclass will take place.
Upon arrival, check into the luxurious lodge, beautifully set within eucalyptus forests and offering an exceptional blend of comfort and nature in preparation for your upcoming adventure.

Day 2: Masterclass and visit Dian Fossey's conservation campus.

Wake up to a fresh and energizing breakfast at your lodge, set against the breathtaking backdrop of Volcanoes National Park.
Begin your day with an exclusive two-hour wildlife cinematography masterclass led by **Vianet Djenguet**. During this immersive session, you will learn professional filming techniques, including camera angles, shot composition, and how to adapt to natural lighting conditions in the forest. This is also an opportunity to engage directly, ask thoughtful, curiosity-driven questions, gain insider knowledge from global productions such as BBC Wildlife, and build a personal connection with your mentor.
Following the session, enjoy a relaxed lunch before visiting the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, where you will deepen your understanding of gorilla conservation, research, and Rwanda's ongoing efforts to protect these remarkable primates.
Later in the afternoon, return to your resort for leisure, allowing time to unwind and absorb the day's learning in preparation for your next adventure.

Day 3: 1st Day of your Private Gorilla Trekking Adventure

This morning at 6:30 a.m. at your lodge, a park ranger will give you a briefing on the gorilla family to visit in Volcanoes National Park. Begin your day with an unforgettable gorilla trekking experience. spending time with the gorilla for only 1 hour. Discover the magic of gorilla trekking. On the first day, immerse yourself in the excitement of spotting these majestic creatures and capturing every thrilling moment on camera. After lunch and relaxation, return to your resort for leisure. In the evening, have a one-hour session with Vianet Djenguet, asking about the challenges you encountered while preparing for the last filming day with the gorilla family you visited.

Day 4: Second Gorilla Trekking Experience & Afternoon Relaxing at the Resort.
After an early breakfast, embark on your second gorilla trekking experience, returning to the same gorilla family in Volcanoes National Park.
This second encounter is designed to deepen your understanding of gorilla behaviour while allowing you to capture different moments, refine your composition, and take the shots you may have missed during your first trek. spending time with the gorilla for only 1 hour. By revisiting the same family, you will gain valuable insight into their routines, interactions, and individual personalities, enhancing both your storytelling and wildlife cinematography skills.

Day 5: Golden monkey trekking experience & culture tour experience.
After an early breakfast, embark on a golden monkey trekking experience in Volcanoes National Park, a perfect second primate encounter that complements your gorilla experience.
Unlike gorilla trekking, this experience introduces you to the playful and fast-moving golden monkeys, offering a dynamic opportunity to learn about their unique behaviours, social structures, and habitat. Their agility and energy provide a different cinematographic challenge, allowing you to refine your ability to capture movement, timing, and spontaneous moments in the wild.
Later, visit Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village (Gorilla Guardians Village), where you will gain insight into the vital role local communities play in conservation. Through engaging cultural experiences, you will learn how community-driven initiatives contribute to protecting endangered species such as mountain gorillas and golden monkeys, ensuring sustainable coexistence between wildlife and people.
In the evening, return to your lodge for a relaxed one-hour session with Vianet Djenguet. This final masterclass moment allows you to review your footage, refine your storytelling approach, and receive expert guidance as you begin preparing and finalising your edits, while unwinding in the comfort of your hotel.

Day 6: Editing & Story Creation
Enjoy a full day at leisure near Volcanoes National Park, at your hotel, dedicated to editing your footage and crafting a short documentary. Using your preferred software, develop a compelling narrative that highlights primate conservation and the role of local communities.
Your final film should be no longer than 3 minutes and will be reviewed the next day by Vianet Djenguet.

Day 7: Final Editing, Submission & Closing Ceremony
Continue refining and finalising your short documentary in the morning, completing all edits by 1:00 PM for official submission. Ensure your 3-minute film presents a strong narrative on primate conservation and community impact around Volcanoes National Park.
After submission, prepare for transfer to the final gathering and awards ceremony.
In the evening, arrive at Meza Malonga, where you will experience an immersive Afro-European fusion culinary journey inspired by African spices and refined European techniques, featuring an exclusive 8-course tasting menu per guest with sunset views over Twin Lakes.
The program concludes with a certificate award, recognising your participation in the wildlife cinematography masterclass, followed by recognition of the top three best short documentaries selected from the cohort of eight participants. A farewell dinner marks the closing of the experience in a celebratory atmosphere.

Day 8: Departure to Kigali
After a relaxing breakfast at your lodge near Volcanoes National Park, begin your final morning preparing for departure.
Before leaving, enjoy a farewell breakfast with Vianet Djenguet, where you can exchange final insights, share creative ideas, and connect with the rest of the group for a last moment of reflection on your filmmaking journey and conservation experience.
You will then transfer to Kigali International Airport, assisted with departure formalities for your onward journey. As you leave, you carry with you not only the memories of Rwanda's breathtaking landscapes and wildlife, but also the skills, stories, and connections gained throughout this immersive cinematography and conservation adventure.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

ARRIVAL DAY | Kigali International Airport

DAY 1/ NIGHT 1 : ARRIVAL	
TRAVEL	• Arrive at Kigali International Airport and be welcomed by a Primates Africa representative for briefing and assistance. Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial to explore Rwanda's history and resilience. • Continue by scenic drive to Musanze, the gateway to Volcanoes National Park. Check in at your luxury lodge nestled in the eucalyptus forest, preparing for the gorilla trekking and cinematography experience ahead.
ACCOMODATION	• Amarembo By Touch down

TRAVEL ITINERARY

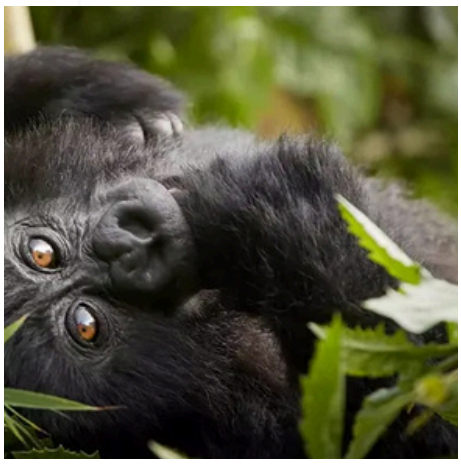
Masterclass and visit Dian Fossey's conservation campus.

Continue DAY 2 / NIGHT 2:	
TRAVEL	• Begin the day with breakfast overlooking Volcanoes National Park. • Join a 2-hour wildlife cinematography masterclass with Vianet • Djenguet, learning camera angles, composition, and natural light • techniques, with insights from BBC Wildlife. • After lunch, visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey • Gorilla Fund to explore gorilla conservation work. • Return to your lodge in the afternoon for rest and reflection.
ACCOMODATION	• Amarembo By touchdown

TRAVEL ITINERARY

1st Day of your Private Gorilla Trekking Adventure

DAY 3 / NIGHT 3 :	
TRAVEL	• At 6:30 a.m., receive a ranger briefing at your lodge on the gorilla • family in Volcanoes National Park, then embark on your first • gorilla trekking experience, spending one hour with the group. • Capture and observe these remarkable primates in their natural • habitat. • After lunch, return to your lodge for rest and leisure. In the • evening, join a 1-hour review session with Vianet Djenguet to • discuss filming challenges and prepare for your next shoot with • the same gorilla family.
ACCOMODATION	• Amarembo by touchdown



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Second Gorilla Trekking Experience & Afternoon Relaxing at the Resort.

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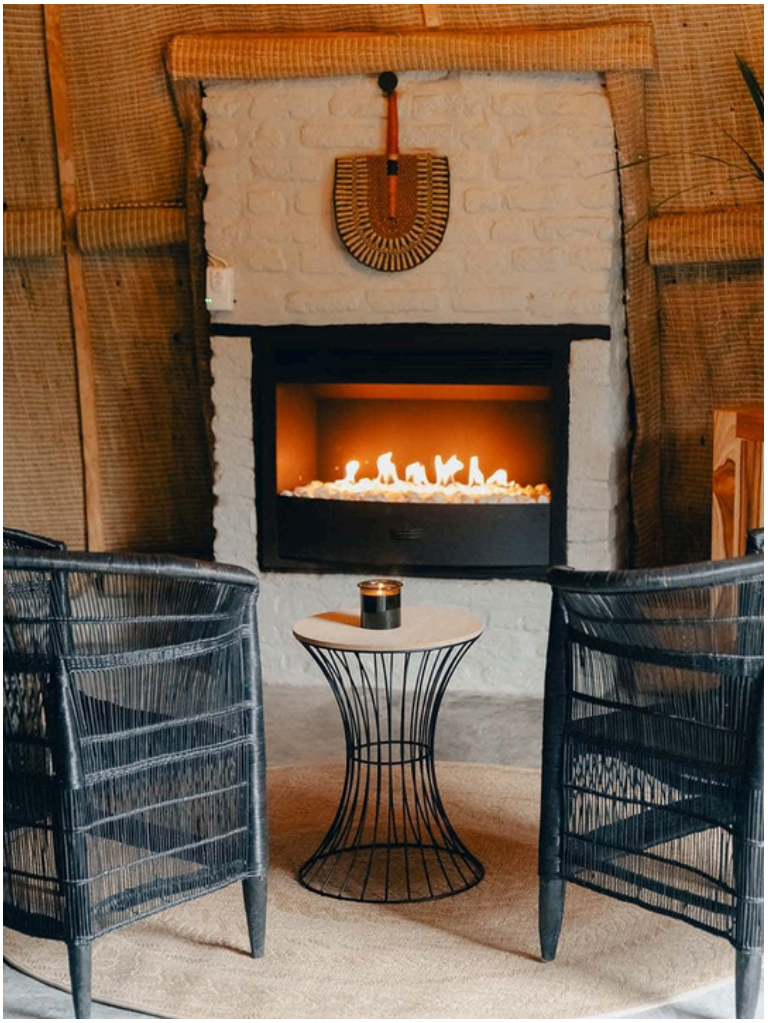

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Golden monkey trekking experience & culture tour experience.

DAY 5 / NIGHT 5 :	
TRAVEL	• After breakfast, embark on a golden monkey trekking experience in Volcanoes National Park, offering a dynamic contrast to gorilla trekking with opportunities to study behavior, movement, and habitat. • Later, visit Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village to learn how local communities support primate conservation and sustainable coexistence. • In the evening, return to your lodge for a final 1-hour review session with Vianet Djenguet, focusing on refining footage, storytelling, and final edits.
ACCOMODATION	• Amarembo by touchdown

TRAVEL ITINERARY

Editing & Story Creation

DAY 6 / NIGHT 6 :	
TRAVEL	• Enjoy a full day at leisure near Volcanoes National Park, at your hotel, dedicated to editing your footage and crafting a short documentary. Using your preferred software, develop a compelling narrative that highlights primate conservation and the role of local communities. Your final film should be no longer than 3 minutes and will be reviewed the next day by Vianet Djenguet.
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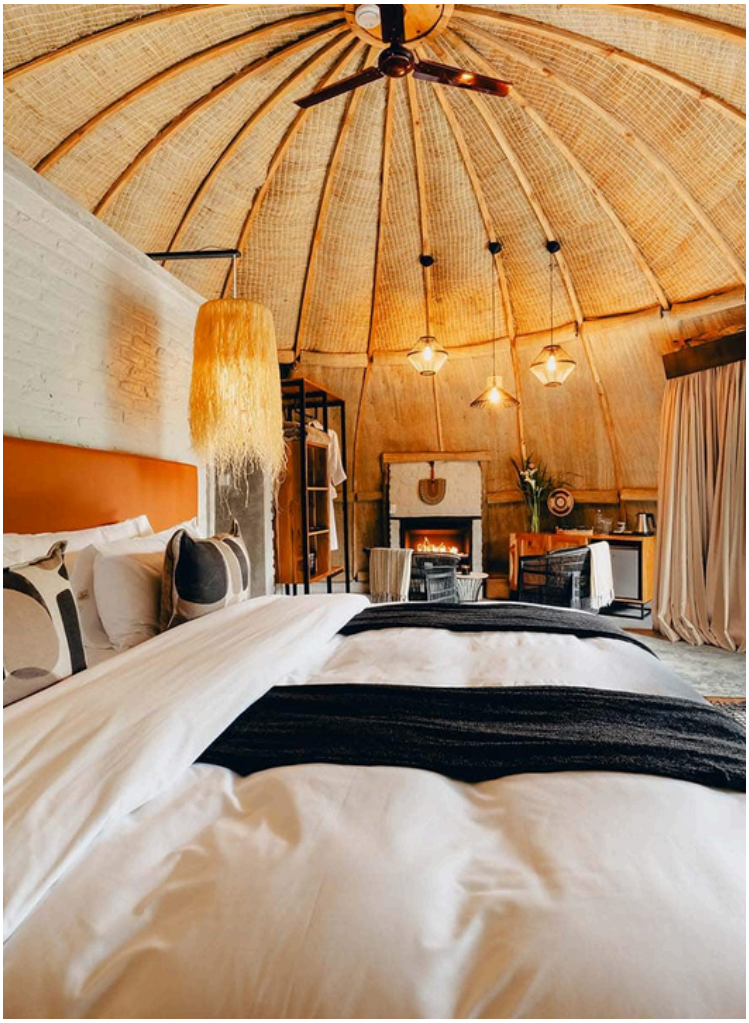

TRAVEL ITINERARY

Editing & Story Creation

DAY 7 / NIGHT 7 :	
TRAVEL	• Finish editing your 3-minute documentary by 1:00 PM for submission, focusing on primate conservation and community impact around Volcanoes National Park. • After submission, proceed to the final awards ceremony. • In the evening, dine at Meza Malonga for an 8-course Afro-European fusion experience with sunset views over Twin Lakes. The program concludes with certificate awards and recognition of the top three documentaries, followed by a farewell dinner.
ACCOMODATION	• Amarembo by touchdown

TRAVEL ITINERARY

Departure from Kigali | flight back home

DAY 8 / NIGHT 8 :	
TRAVEL	• After breakfast at your lodge near Volcanoes National Park, enjoy a farewell breakfast with Vianet Djenguet, sharing final reflections with the group. Then transfer to Kigali International Airport for departure, carrying lasting memories, skills, and connections from your cinematography and conservation journey.
TRANSFER	• Kigali international airport

TRAVEL ITINERARY

INCLUDED:

- All luxury accommodation.
- Full board at your accommodation.
- Private and exclusive tour.
- All transfer/transportation costs incurred during the tour.
- Conservation fees.
- 8 courses at Meza Malonga restaurant tour
- A bottle of water during the safari
- 2 x gorilla permits per guest
- 1 golden monkey permit per guests
- Gift to every guest

EXCLUDED :

- · Travel Insurance
- · Personal expenses
- · Souvenir
- · Tips:
- Porters' fees
- · International flight

ESSENTIALS FOR THIS SAFARI:

- Camera.
- Hat/cap.
- Comfortable walking/hiking shoes.
- Sunscreen.
- Comfortable clothing.

OUR JOURNEYS CHANGE LIVES