

# & the Gorillas of Rwanda

November 2018





DATE	SERVICE
12 NOV 2018	Fly from Australia via Doha to Dar es Salaam
13 NOV 2018	Dar es Salaam - Upon arrival transfer to your hotel.
	Overnight: Oyster Bay Hotel (or similar) (all-inclusive)
14 NOV 2018	Dar es Salaam to Arusha to Manyara - Transfer to the airport for our scenic flights to
	Manyara. On arrival transfer to our lodge.
	2 nights: &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge (all-inclusive)
16 NOV 2018	Manyara to Ngorongoro - Transfer to the airport for your flight to Ngorongoro. On
	arrival transfer to our lodge.
	2 nights: &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge (all-inclusive)
18 NOV 2018	Ngorongoro to Seronera - Transfer to the airport for your flight to Seronera. On
	arrival transfer to our lodge.
	3 nights: &Beyond Serengeti Under Canvas (all-inclusive) morning and afternoon
	safaris
21 NOV 2018	Seronera to Lobo - Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lobo. On arrival transfer to
	our lodge.
	2 nights: &Beyond Klein's Camp (all-inclusive) morning and afternoon safaris
23 NOV 2018	Lobo to Kigale - Road Transfer from Kigali International Airport to Volcanoes Virunga
	3 nights: Volcanoes Virunga Lodge (all-inclusive) including 2 full days of Gorilla
	trekking
26 NOV 2018	<b>Kigale to Doha -</b> Transfer to the airport for your flight to Doha. On arrival transfer to our hotel.
	Overnight: St. Regis Hotel Doha (or similar) (B)
27 NOV 2018	<b>Doha to Australia</b> - Transfer to the airport for your flight to Australia. (B)
28 NOV 2018	Arrive Australia.

#### **INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS**

#### Included

• Accommodation as specified in the itinerary

• Meals as specified

• &Beyond Lodges include 3 meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits, local brand beers, tea and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives and laundry

Scheduled private charter flights as specified in the itinerary
 Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary

• Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary

• Private/Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary

• Private/Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary

• National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable

• Emergency medical evacuation insurance

• Domestic/international departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips unless otherwise stipulated

#### Excluded

• Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary or as

• Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars

- and cigarettes
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
  National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary

Travel Insurance

• Visa fees (please be sure to check if visas are required)



## & Beyond Oyster Bay Lodge - Tanzania

"A majestic hotel surrounded by lush gardens in the vibrant city of Dar es Salaam"

Despite its name, which means "abode of peace" in Arabic, Dar es Salaam is Tanzania's largest and busiest city. It is the country's most important business and commercial hub and is situated right on the Indian Ocean. It is the main port of call for most visitors, as it is an ideal location from which to access both the wilderness areas and the beaches of Tanzania and Zanzibar. Most visitors en route to the better-known Tanzanian attractions are surprised by the charm of this unassuming city and find themselves yearning for more days to explore its hidden secrets. Must-see attractions include the beautiful beaches of Kunduchi, Mjimwena and Mbwa Maji, Dar es Salaam's spectacular harbour and the local markets.



#### THE SPIRIT OF & BEYOND OYSTER BAY LODGE

The regal Oyster Bay Hotel is situated in the bustling city of Dar es Salaam. Luxurious suites boast spectacular ocean views. Each suite has a contemporary African theme and boasts a plush bed, beautiful ensuite bathroom, air conditioning, a ceiling fan, television and lovely French doors that open onto a private balcony.

Delicious meals are served in the stylish dining area, or al fresco on the veranda or pool deck. An inviting study area offers guests the opportunity to catch up on emails or an unfinished book, while a sparkling swimming pool provides a cool refuge to indulge in a refreshing Pimm's whilst soaking up the warm Tanzanian sun.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT & BEYOND OYSTER BAY LODGE

- Ask your hosts for a delicious Pimm's cocktail to savour at the sparkling poolside.
- Relax in one of the super-comfortable reclining chairs on the beautiful veranda and take in the magnificent garden vista whilst you're there, indulge in a slice or two of their heavenly cakes.
- Spoil yourself with a sumptuous lunch of lobster and champagne.



## &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge - Tanzania

Lake Manyara National Park in Tanzania offers a wilderness experience in diverse habitats, from its Rift Valley soda lake to dense woodlands and steep mountainsides. Here, the Great Rift Valley is at its most impressive, with the escarpment dropping some 500 metres down to the lakeshore. Apart from a spectacular setting, the park is famous for its unusual tree-climbing lions and the vast elephant herds it was established to protect. The shores of the lake, encrusted with pink flamingo, attract more than 400 species of birds, many of them waterfowl or migrants. Large herds of buffalo, cheetah, Masai giraffe and impala roam the lake shores and the forested valley slopes. Troops of several hundred olive baboon appear alongside Sykes monkey and short-eared galago. Cape clawless otter, Egyptian mongoose, hippo and klipspringer are other park residents.



#### THE SPIRIT OF & BEYOND LAKE MANYARA TREE LODGE

Set in the heart of a mahogany forest, &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge is the only lodge in Lake Manyara National Park. The Lodge, which was designed to exert minimal impact on the environment, is situated in the remote southwestern region of the Park. Cradled in the boughs of ancient mahogany trees, ten stilted treehouse suites are a sophisticated blend of intimacy and romance, offering privacy and exclusivity. Each treehouse suite features generous decks suspended above the forest floor and large windows to invite the lush forest inside. The bathrooms have freestanding baths with a forest view and an outdoor shower. Overlooking a forest boma (outdoor dining area), guest areas are characterised by soaring spaces. An interactive kitchen allows guests to observe the preparation of delicious Pan African food that is enjoyed in the boma, on dining decks or on private viewing decks. Breakfasts and picnics are also served on the lakeshore.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT & BEYOND LAKE MANYARA TREE LODGE

• Before entering Lake Manyara National Park, be sure to stop at the Rift Valley viewpoint. Here, you can enjoy a picture-perfect view of Lake Manyara and the surrounding escarpment.

• Ask your guide to take you to the Maji Moto springs (Maji Moto means 'hot water' in Kiswahili). These hot water springs are a unique geological feature found nowhere else in Tanzania, and it is said that the water will boil an egg in 30 minutes!

• Spend some quality time with a Maasai warrior who will teach you how to build a fire using two sticks, and challenge you to a jumping and spear throwing competition!



## &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge - Tanzania

The Ngorongoro Crater in Northern Tanzania, once a gigantic volcano, is the largest intact caldera in the world. Some maintain that before it erupted, it would have been higher than Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Today, long since having collapsed and eroded, it is an extensive highland area with the famous 600 m deep Ngorongoro Crater as its focal point. Nearly three million years old, the ancient caldera shelters one of the most beautiful wildlife havens on earth. Endangered black rhino are protected within its rim, giant tusked elephants wander the forests, black-maned lions stalk the grasslands, and flamingos crowd the soda lakes. An estimated 25 000 large mammals are resident in this bowl of plenty, including a population of approximately 6 000 resident wildebeest, 16 highly endangered black rhino and around 70 lions. Cheetah move in and out of the Crater, while leopard are most often encountered in the spectacular Lerai Forest. &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, consistently recognised as one of the world's most luxurious and elegant places to stay, sits right on the edge of the Crater, offering unbeatable views of one of the natural travel wonders of the world.



#### THE SPIRIT OF & BEYOND NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE

Perched on the edge of the Crater rim, &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge's sumptuous safari suites present breathtaking views. Inspired in design by the Maasai mud and stick manyatta (homestead), this is without doubt one of the most architecturally spectacular safari lodges in Africa. Three separate and intimate camps are reminiscent of a bygone era totalling just 30 suites in all. Steeped in romance, each stilted, handcrafted mud and thatch suite is adorned with graceful antiques and grand chandeliers. The bedroom, sitting room and ensuite bathroom boast floor-to-ceiling glass windows, overlooking the magnificent Crater below. Ensuite bathrooms, with a centerpiece of red roses, feature huge showers and chandelier-lit bathtubs. Personal butlers discreetly tend to guests' every need, bringing tea in bed, stoking fireplaces and drawing luxurious baths. Described as "Maasai meets Versailles", each camp has its own guest sitting and dining areas and viewing decks. The domed dining room, with its grand fireplace, turns every meal into a special occasion.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT & BEYOND NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE

- Spend an afternoon learning how to create beautiful Maasai beadwork with Papai, one of our Maasai Mamas.
- Witness the resident zebra drinking from the water tap outside of the Safari Shop they have taught themselves to open the tap themselves!
- You absolutely have to try the Lodge's famous fudge (the chefs will share the recipe if you like!)



## &Beyond Serengeti Under Canvas - Tanzania

Famed for its vast tree-less grasslands and excellent wildlife sightings, the endless open plains of Tanzania's magnificent Serengeti National Park boast 35 species of plains-dwelling game and prolific birdlife. The annual movement of wildebeest and other herbivores across East Africa's Serengeti-Mara ecosystem is one of the greatest spectacles in the natural world. Over two million animals participate in this great migration, with some 200 000 zebra ahead of and 500 000 Thomson's gazelle behind the main players - one and a half million wildebeest. The wildebeest spend the wet season on the south eastern Tanzanian plains and the Serengeti's dry season on the plains of Kenya's Masai Mara. The &Beyond Serengeti Under Canvas camps follow the Great Migration, bringing guests as close as possible to all the action.



#### THE SPIRIT OF & BEYOND SERENGETI UNDER CANVAS

&Beyond Serengeti Under Canvas reaches far beyond the bounds of the traditional Tanzanian safari – the sumptuously luxurious tented, seasonal camps move around the Serengeti year round, bringing guests within range of the Great Migration. When the Migration crosses over into Kenya, the camps remain in the remote, beautiful corners of the Serengeti, renowned for excellent resident game. The two intimate camps feature just eight ensuite safari tents each, carefully positioned in exclusive semi-permanent campsites in the Serengeti National Park. Booked on a nightly basis, each luxury ensuite mobile tent boasts a comfortable double bed, ensuite bathroom, separate w.c. and bucket shower – this is the ultimate in luxury camping. The guest areas comprise comfortable tents for dining, meeting for a pre-dinner drink, or just for whiling the time away between safaris – complete with private butler service, delicious home-baked meals, and traditional bush dinners served under the stars.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT & BEYOND SERENGETI UNDER CANVAS

- Have a private dinner in your tent the peace of the Serengeti can't be beaten!
- Ask your ranger to tell you a local story around the camp fire he'll have you spellbound.



## &Beyond Klein's Camp - Tanzania

Deep in a remote corner of the game-rich Serengeti National Park, a 10 000 hectare (24 700 acre) wilderness concession leased from Maasai landlords offers guests the ultimate personal Tanzanian safari at &Beyond Klein's Camp. Explore the African night on night drives and game walks in the concession. Overlooking the wooded hillsides, rolling grasslands, marshes and forested river banks of the Serengeti and with Kenya's renowned Masai Mara National Reserve directly to the north, Klein's Camp is one of the most strategically positioned wildlife sanctuaries in the world. Set on the edge of the Kuka Hills, it commands breathtaking views of the valley below, through which huge herds of wildebeest and zebra migrate annually. While the Great Migration is an annual highlight, guests can experience excellent year round lion, leopard and cheetah viewing. Huge herds of buffalo and breeding herds of elephant are all resident, and birdwatching in the seasonal marshland is exceptionally rewarding. Several species of raptor breed on the cliffs above Klein's Camp and numerous birds of prey, including vultures and eagles, are frequently spotted soaring on the updrafts.



#### THE SPIRIT OF & BEYOND KLEIN'S CAMP

Perched on the edge of the Kuka Hills, &Beyond Klein's Camp features intimate safari accommodation – just ten cottages of local stone and makuti, with rich wooden floors and classic interiors. Each cottage has an ensuite bathroom and private veranda with breathtaking views over the surrounding valley. A diversity of resident wildlife, including huge elephant herds, can be viewed from everywhere in camp – even the kitchen boasts unforgettable views. The camp has a large, beautifully furnished bar and sitting area, a sparkling swimming pool, and a Safari Shop featuring locally-made Maasai crafts. Fresh vegetables picked from the Camp's shamba (an organic African garden) create wholesome Pan African dishes. Dinners are served in the main dining area, which is graced by a large open fireplace, or enjoyed in a spectacular clearing deep in the heart of the African bush.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT & BEYOND SERENGETI TENTED CAMP

• Ask your guide to take you on a walk behind the Camp, up the escarpment. At one point along the way, you can see the Masai Mara to the north, the Serengeti to the west, and the &Beyond Klein's Camp wilderness concession to the south

• Enjoy a leisurely lunch in the camp's shamba (vegetable garden), where lettuce, spinach, peppers, cucumbers, avocadoes, lemons, and a selection of herbs all grow. You can literally 'pick' your own salad and the chef will prepare you the most mouth-wateringly fresh lunch.

## Volcanoes Virunga Lodge - Rwanda

The attractive little town of Arusha is situated beneath the towering peaks of Mt. Meru and Kilimanjaro. Renowned as the safari capital of Tanzania, it offers a plethora of attractions and adventures. The town has numerous first-class restaurants, bars and markets, and is the ideal place to spend a few relaxing days before embarking on a safari or attempting to scale Kilimanjaro. Not-to-be-missed is the Arusha National Park (in Ngurdoto Crater), the National Natural History Museum, the Laetoli Footprints (set in volcanic ash, dating back 3,500 000 years) and the beautiful coffee plantations that dot the landscape.



#### THE SPIRIT OF VOLCANOES VIRUNGA LODGE

Set on a stunning hillside, the magnificent Virunga Safari Lodge boasts panoramic vistas of the Virunga Volcanoes and the beautiful lakes of Ruhondo and Bulera Rustic, but comfortable chalets include spacious bedrooms, luxurious beds, well-equipped bathrooms and private verandas with sweeping views of the breathtaking surrounds. Guests can tuck into hearty breakfasts, delicious lunches and superb three-course dinners. Those in need of relaxation can laze around the inviting sitting room or enjoy the cozy warmth of the indoor fireplace on chilly evenings. Adventures include tracking gorillas and golden monkeys, hikes to the top of the volcanoes, scenic walks through the picturesque villages surrounding the lodge or day trips to the lively towns of Kigali.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT VOLCANOES VIRUNGA LODGE

- In the evenings, you can relax around a crackling log fire with the other guests and swap stories about your days adventures.
- Take a gentle stroll through one of the picturesque villages.
- Enjoy being entertained by the local Intore dance troupe.





# East Africa Safari

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## FARES

## 16 nights - \$25,990 \* pp twin share - \$28,990 single supplement

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