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The Serengeti +  
The Gorillas of Rwanda

September 3 - 10, 2020

*Hosted by Scott Avera, A+R Vice President, for just 16 guests*



Mara River

# THE SERENGETI + THE GORILLAS OF RWANDA

September 3 to 10, 2020 | 8 days in Tanzania + Rwanda for ~~\$12,499~~ \$11,999

Join Scott and Diane Avera on this exclusive safari encompassing Africa's most inspiring landscapes and the Continent's most enthralling wildlife encounters! Experience it all from the dramatic river crossings of the Great Migration to the densely forested slopes of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park - home to the critically endangered Mountain Gorilla.

## *Our Distinctive A+R Style*

- + Watch as the Great Migration herds cluster on the banks of the Mara River, waiting to ford... From our luxury Lemala Kuria Hills lodge, you'll have up-front access to the unfolding drama!
- + Get closer to the Big Five with our expert safari guides in special 6-passenger open-top jeeps – it's a front-row seat for every thrilling encounter!
- + Silent observation and engagement with a Gorilla family in their natural jungle habitat will be one of the most poignant animal encounters of your life.
- + Discover the beautiful twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo with forested shores that provide prime habitat for a rich variety of birdlife.

 Visit 1 UNESCO World Heritage site



## OUR JOURNEY

### SEP 3 | Welcome to Tanzania

On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you'll be escorted to *Lemala Villas*, the perfect place to begin your safari adventures with Scott and Diane. This evening, we'll gather together for a welcome dinner with wine. MEALS D

### SEP 4 | Fly into the Serengeti

After breakfast, our exciting safari flight takes us across the northern reaches of Tanzania. On arrival at Serengeti National Park, we'll continue overland to *Lemala Kuria Hills*. Close to the Mara River in the main corridor of the Great Migration, our luxury camp is ideally located for superior game viewing in the days ahead. After lunch and time to settle in, we'll embark on our first afternoon game drive. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a congenial dinner accompanied by house wines, beer, and spirits. MEALS B+L+D

### SEP 5 | On safari in the Serengeti

Awe-inspiring in its beauty, the Serengeti is also renowned for its extraordinary concentration of plains game – including of course the Big Five – so our morning and afternoon safari drives promise to be heart-pounding and inspiring. Now in early September, during the Great Migration River Crossings, our luxury Serengeti lodge is perfectly positioned for the unfolding drama as thousands of wildebeest and zebra mass on the banks of the Mara River in preparation to ford its currents. MEALS B+L+D

### SEP 6 | Another day in the Serengeti

The Serengeti boasts an enormous variety of exotic birds, horned bovines, ungulates, wild dogs and big cats. After breakfast and again this evening, you'll set out with our expert safari guide on game drives that promise up-close unobstructed wildlife viewing.

*If you wish, you can add an early morning Hot Air Balloon Adventure!* Take to the skies as the sun casts its first rays over the golden expanse of the Serengeti – and gaze down as the animals greet another day. Then touch down for a Champagne breakfast before joining your fellow travelers for this morning's game drive.

MEALS B+L+D

### SEP 7 | Fly to Kigali, Rwanda

After a final morning game drive, we'll head to the airstrip for another exciting safari transfer flight to Mwanza, situated on the southern shores of Lake Victoria. Our connecting international flight to Rwanda is also included. Upon arrival in Kigali, we'll be met and escorted to *Virunga Lodge*. Settle in to your private stone cottage with its terrace overlooking the dramatic mountain landscapes, and then join our expert guide for an afternoon excursion to explore the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo, where the scenic forested shores provide prime habitat for a rich variety of birdlife. MEALS B+L+D



### SEP 8 | Gorillas in the wild

Early this morning, we'll take you to Park Headquarters to register for today's Gorilla Trek. After a briefing, enter the park to begin this unforgettable adventure. There are about ten gorilla families habituated to human contact and their movements will determine the duration of your trek. Start at an altitude of 6,500 feet, and trek along densely forested slopes to catch up with your assigned family. After locating them, you'll have about one hour to watch quietly as they go about their daily routine. Retrace your steps down the volcano and return to the lodge. MEALS B+L+D

### SEP 9 | To Kigali or add a second trek

After breakfast, we'll return to Kigali to explore the capital. Mingling with city residents at a market and joining them at a local café offer an authentic experience of life. At the Kigali Genocide Memorial, we'll learn more about the country's turbulent history and the tragic events of 1994. Then check in to the deluxe *Kigali Serena Hotel* for your final night.

If you wish, you can add a second Gorilla Trek early this morning, returning to Park Headquarters where you'll already be familiar with orientation procedures. Led again by an experienced trekking guide, your small group will set out to spend time with a different Gorilla family than you encountered before. Like yesterday, you'll have the services of a personal porter to carry your daypack and water bottle. After this second trek, you'll be taken to Kigali to rejoin our group for an overnight at the Kigali Serena Hotel. MEALS B+L+D

**SEP 10 | Depart Rwanda**

After breakfast, you'll be escorted to the airport for your onward journey. MEALS B

**ADD ON** UNWIND ON ZANZIBAR



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OUR SAFARI **Value**

- + Hosted throughout by Scott Avera, Vice President of Alexander+Roberts, and his wife Diane
- + Extensive morning and afternoon game drives with our expert safari guides
- + Guided Gorilla Trek including Park Entry and one Gorilla Tracking Permit
- + 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners with wine
- + 7 nights in our luxury safari lodges and deluxe hotels
- + All gratuities are included, except to your trackers
- + All on-tour transportation including 3 internal flights and airport transfers
- + Safari bag, portage, all taxes and all fees
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

**Act now. Space is limited.**

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Save \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking

DOUBLE	SOLO
\$12,499	\$14,799

**Our Exceptional Safari Lodges**



**ARUSHA - LEMALAVILLAS**

Situated on a private wildlife estate near Kilimanjaro airport, our luxury resort is the perfect place to begin our safari adventures.



**SERENGETI - LEMALA KURIA HILLS**

Near the Mara River in the main corridor of the Great Migration, our luxury lodge has ten glass-fronted tents with private decks.



**RWANDA - VIRUNGA LODGE**

Here at one of the region's finest deluxe lodges, you'll find 8 stone cottages set on a ridge with wonderful lake and mountain views.



**KIGALI SERENA HOTEL**

Surrounded by lush landscaped grounds in an exclusive city district, our 5-star hotel blends Rwandan heritage and modern comfort.

