



BIRDING RWANDA



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Day 1: Arrival & Evening Birding

Meet on arrival at airport and transfer to Kigali, briefing on your safari. After lunch (time Permitting), evening birding along lake Nyarutarama before sunset.

Overnight at Frame tree Village (FB)

Day 2: Transfer to Akagera National Park.

Early morning drive to Mashoza Parike and later drive to Akagera. Time and weather permitting, go for an evening birding along Lake Ihema or take a Boat ride on the same lake to see the large number of hippos, the huge Nile crocodile and birdlife.

Overnight at Akagera Lodge (Full Board).

Day 3: Bird Akagera National Park

We will spend the next two days birding Akagera national park home to about 525 bird species. In the morning we bird the Savannah and woodland areas for species such as Pearl spotted owlet, brown snake eagle, red faced barbet and Ring-naked Francolin etc. The afternoon we take a boat trip on Lake Ihema for African fish eagles, Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Rufous-bellied Heron, Greater Swamp Warblers, Slender-billed Weavers, and Swamp Flycatcher. More species include Goliath, Black-headed, and Squacco Herons, Little Bittern, Grey Crowned Crane, African Open bill, African Darter, Black tern, African Wattled lapwing, Long-toed Lapwing, Water Thick-knee, and Giant, Pied and Malachite Kingfisher etc. While birding Akagera national park, we may encounter herds of buffaloes, Impala, Zebras, water-bucks and Elephants.

Overnight at Akagera Lodge (Full Board).



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Day 4: Bird to Karenge Bush Camp (North of Akagera National Park)

Early morning Birding at the Gate along the fence that borders the village and later, head North of the Park. Chances of finding the Shoebill!

Overnight Karenge Bush Camp(Full Board).

Day 5: Shoebill Search then Head to Kinigi

Early morning Birding in search of a Shoebill and later head to Kinigi. The journey north goes through the beautiful terraced hillsides that characterise much of Rwanda's landscape, gradually climbing to the base of the awesome volcanoes, sometimes with as many as five peaks visible.

Overnight at Davinci Lodge. (Full Board).

Day 6: Bird Buhanga Eco Park

Early Morning Birding at Buhanga Eco park. Chances of spotting some of the Albertine Endemics. Evening Birding to the nearby lakes for waders.

Overnight at Davinci Lodge. (Full Board).



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Day 7: Bird Volcanoes National Park

This morning we go bird watching in the Volcanoes National Park where you are likely to see the rare Kivu Ground Thrush, Rwenzori Turacco, Grauer's Warbler, White Starred Robin, Regal Sunbird and many others. In the afternoon, drive to Rugezi Marsh in search for Grauer's Rush Warbler.

Overnight at Davinci Lodge. (Full Board).

Day 8: Bird Rugezi Marsh

Early Morning Birding to Rugezi Marsh looking for the Grauer's Rush Warbler. Come back for lunch and later, Drive to Kibuye birding enroute and evening birding on the lake Kivu.

Overnight at Rwiza Village (Full Board).

Day 9: AM Boat Ride and Transfer to Nyungwe Forest

Morning Boat ride to the Napoleon Island with thousands of Bats and other Birds. In the afternoon, transfer to Nyungwe Forest. Evening Birding or Colobus Monkey tracking.

Overnight Nyungwe top View (Full Board).



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Day 10: Birding Nyungwe forest – Rwanda birding tours

Today we drive to Nyungwe forest national park from Kigali with several short stopovers of birding, In the swampy marshes and papayrus, we search for Grauer's Rush Warbler before reaching our lodge. It will be roughly 7 hours drive more or less. Have lunch in Butare as we rest for few minutes and continue with our journey.

Dinner and overnight at Emeraude kivu resort/Nyungwe Top View Hotel.

Day 11: Albertine Rift Endemics

After an early breakfast, start looking for these Albertine Endemic species. Nyungwe forest national park is part of the remaining large montane forests on the African continent and rich in birds especially the Albertine Rift endemics. We have three days of birding nyungwe forest and some of the species we search for include the Handsome Francolin, Great Blue and Rwenzori Turacos, White-headed Wood-hoopoe, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Chestnut Owlet, Olive and Elliot's Woodpeckers. Stripe-breasted Tit, Red-collared Mountain Babbler, Archer's Robin Chat, White-bellied Robin Chat, Doherty's Bush-Shrike, Mountain Masked, Black-faced, and Collared Apalises, Rwenzori Batis, Neumann's Short-tailed Warbler, White-tailed Blue-flycatcher, Purple-breasted and Regal Sunbirds,

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Day 12: Canopy Walk & Birding Nyungwe Forest

Today morning, as you have finalized with your breakfast, we again go searching Nyungwe birds which will take us up to mid-day. Have our lunch at the lodge as we gain some energy to cope up with sky bridge which is 50metres high and 90metres long (canopy walk). This will give you a fantastic view of the park to create memories and adventurous nyungwe. Canopy activity will be in the afternoon and for roughly 2hrs to 3hrs.

Overnight at Nyungwe Top View Hotel.

Day 13: Bird to Kigali

Leave for Kigali through the vast Nyungwe Forest birding on the road and this will increase the chances of seeing the rare and shy Handsome Francolin and Grauer's Rush Warbler at Uwasenkoko River.

Overnight at Frame tree Village. Full Board.

Day 14: Bird Akagera Again, Genocide Memorial and Departure

Early Morning Birding to the South of Akagera Bridge and Kamatana Valley. Back to Kigali for lunch and later go for a tour of the city including a visit the Genocide memorial or go Bird watching and later, transfer to the airport (Half Board).

END OF TOUR



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