



RWANDA

MAGASHI

PURPOSE: Magashi has been established in partnership with the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and African Parks, demonstrating our commitment to pioneering sustainable and authentic ecotourism in Rwanda. Our core Purpose here is to help conserve Rwanda's last protected savannah ecosystem, and species like black rhino and the rare and elusive shoebill; furthermore, our presence in Akagera National Park will contribute towards enabling it to become economically self-sufficient for the first time.

PLACE: Magashi Camp is situated in the productive and phenomenally diverse north-eastern corner of Akagera National Park, overlooking scenic Lake Rwanyakazinga. Akagera comprises some of the most scenic savannah in East Africa - open plains, woodlands, lakes, swamp, and grassy low mountains - and is home to one of Africa's highest hippo densities, large crocodiles as well as the rare sitatunga and more than 520 bird species. Teeming with plains game, Akagera also boasts a healthy population of lion which were introduced by African Parks in 2015 after a 20-year absence; black rhino were reintroduced in 2017. Magashi - the only exclusive-use area in Akagera - also harbours a good density of leopard.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Ideal opportunity to combine an extraordinary gorilla experience while at Bisate Lodge with a spectacular savannah safari at Magashi.
- View East African bird- and wildlife specials from expertly-guided game drives, walks and boating trips.

ACCESS – DURATION TO CAMP: An approximate 2 hour and 30 minute drive from Kigali to the Akagera North Gate followed by a game drive from the gate to the camp (game drives between 45 to 120 minutes, depending on wildlife sightings, scenery, and photographic opportunities along the way).

SHUTTLE TRANSFERS: Private road transfers between Kigali and Magashi, or vice versa, are not an option. There is only a scheduled shuttle transfer service option.

- The shuttle transfer TO Magashi departs Kigali Serena Hotel at 07:30 and arrives in camp around 13:00, depending on game sightings en-route.
- The shuttle transfer FROM Magashi to Kigali departs at 08:00 and arrives at the Serena Hotel between 14:00 and 14:30.

If guests are unable to connect with the daily scheduled departure from Kigali at 07:30, it will be possible to book a 11:30 departure from Kigali on request. Note that a minimum two rate applies on this shuttle. On this departure, an afternoon activity at Magashi is not guaranteed due to the later arrival in camp – usually between 16:30 and 17:00.

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WILDLIFE: Guests will be able to view a range of wildlife on expertly-guided game drives, walks and boating trips, including buffalo, lion, leopard, elephant, giraffe, spotted hyaena, zebra, topi, roan, eland and more. The Park also boasts almost 500 species of birds including the rare and elusive shoebill with its implausibly massive bill and the near-endemic red-faced barbet.

ACTIVITIES

- Day and night game drives in 03 x Toyota Hiluxes, each accommodating a maximum of 07 guests allowing each guest an outside seat. During winter months hot water bottles (on early morning game drives only), blankets and lined ponchos are provided.
- A pair of Olympus binoculars is available in each of the game drive vehicles for guests to share amongst themselves whilst game viewing and may be requested from our guides.
- Boating in 02 x 08-seater swamp cruisers.

- Birding in an internationally recognised IBA – Important Bird Area.
- Fishing on a catch and release basis only, year round. Camp provides a small stock of basic rods and reels (no netting allowed).
- Citizen scientist.
- Wilderness Safaris and Olympus Photo Hub experience.

CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Pool in main area with partially shaded deck and loungers.
- Main lounge, dining and bar areas on elevated boardwalks (with all tents and main areas connected by elevated wooden walkways).
- Fire deck with views over the lake.
- Small curio display.
- A pair of Olympus binoculars in the main area.

ACCOMMODATION: Spacious and airy guest tents offer uninterrupted views over Lake Rwanyakazinga. The architecture and interiors pay homage to traditional Rwandan culture.

NUMBER OF TENTS: This camp can accommodate 12 guests in total, plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders.

- 06 x Tents in total comprising:
- 06 x twin-bedded luxury canvas-style tents each with two three quarter beds.
- Mattress converters are available that transforms twin beds into king-size beds. To be arranged prior to arrival.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

- [2 Pilot/Guide (2 beds in total, however, 1 bed per each tent, on a single occupancy accommodation basis only, each of the tents with one en-suite facilities - of the same standard as guest accommodation)].

TENT FACILITIES

- Canvas tented accommodation on an elevated deck, with elevated wooden walk ways connecting tents to the main areas.
- En-suite facilities with indoor shower, single vanity basin and separate toilet.
- Wardrobe, luggage rack, writing desk and chair, hat and coat stand, easy chairs, seating area, mosquito net, electronic safe, tea and coffee making facilities, mini-bar and outside deck with seating area.
- Complimentary in-tent Wi-Fi.
- No air-conditioning, however, a pedestal fan in each tent.
- Two way emergency radios to contact camp management in the event of an emergency only (radios are on a closed circuit and inter-tent communication is not available).
- Amenities include bathrobes, slippers, liquid soap, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, insect repellent, shower caps, vanity kit with cotton tipped swabs and cotton balls, tissue dispenser, washing powder (for smalls), umbrella and room spray in each tent.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER

- 100% solar powered with generator back-up for emergencies.
- 230V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices. Additional charging facilities (available on request) for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare batteries, charging unit and adaptors).
- Water provided by borehole.
- Evacuated solar tube hot water geysers.
- Natura water purification system.

EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY: Morning wake-up and activity times vary according to the seasons, activities on offer and wildlife sightings.

- Early morning wake-up call.
- Light breakfast before departing on the morning activity.
- Return to camp for a meal and rest period.
- Meet for afternoon tea before departing on the activity.
- Return to camp - freshen up or meet for drinks, followed by dinner.
- Enjoy a nightcap or discussion around the fire before retiring.

CHILD POLICY

- Children 06 years and older are accommodated.
- For families travelling with children between the ages of 06 and 12 years, sole use of a vehicle is required. As there is no private vehicle offering at Magashi, a minimum of 3 tents (either on double occupancy or single occupancy with a single supplement) must be booked and charged for to accommodate this.
- Children between 06 and 16 years of age must share with at least one adult in the same tent.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES: Laundry services are provided on a daily basis (weather permitting, items will be returned on the same day) and included on the FI rate basis. Laundry is dried by the sun and on most days any laundry placed out in the morning will be returned, washed, dried and ironed, by the evening.

Due to prevailing local cultural traditions, please place any underwear items in the mesh laundry bag provided, so that these can be machine washed separately. Should guests prefer to hand wash, environmentally friendly detergent is available in the tents or can be provided on request.

As an environmentally-aware company, we strive to reduce our water usage where we can. Since towel washing consumes an enormous amount of water, we follow the same policy used by most top establishments around the world: should guests want their towels washed, we request that guests please place these into the laundry basket/laundry bag supplied. Towels not in the laundry basket/laundry bag will be hung up and dried for their reuse.

Note that laundry services may be limited as a result of water shortages. We cannot be held liable for any damage to clothing.

GRATUITIES GUIDELINES: We would like to reiterate that tipping is not compulsory. Guests should not feel obliged to do so. Tipping should be undertaken only by choice, subject to the service received. In addition, guests may wish to add a nominal amount for incidentals, ranging between US\$ 15.00 to US\$ 30.00 per day (subject to personal budget choice) - i.e. if additional activities are booked once on their journey, if travel arrangements change for any reason, in acknowledgement of good service received in another area, etc.

- Guide and Specialist Guide - We recommend about US\$ 10.00 per guest per day and may be tipped directly.
- The General Safari Camp Staff - We recommend about US\$ 10.00 per guest per day for safari camps. This should be placed in the communal tipping box to be distributed equally amongst all the staff.
- With regards to being hosted by Camp Management and/or Assistant Camp Management, tipping separately for said staff is purely optional and per guests' discretion.