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| Passenger Ticket Information | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Passenger Name | Frequent Flyer No. | Ticket No. | Issued | Ticket Total* |
| Dr Christopher Earls Brennan | AAHJL7276 | 081-2433295855 | 12 Jan 14 | 1,623.09 |
| Mrs Barbara Ann Brennan | AA2CN7832 | 081-2433295854 | 12 Jan 14 | 1,623.09 |
| Ticket Total for all passengers* | | | | 3,246.18 |

*Amounts are displayed in US Dollar (USD)

| Your Itinerary | | | | | |
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| Date | Flight Number | Departing | Arriving | Status | Flight Information |
| 21 Feb 14 | QF16 | Los Angeles 2350, 11:50PM Terminal 4 | Brisbane 0800, 8:00AM 23 Feb 14 Terminal I | Economy Confirmed | Est journey Time: 14:10 Non-Stop Aircraft Type: Boeing 747 |
| 23 Feb 14 | QF651 | Brisbane 1110, 11:10AM Terminal D | Perth 1425, 2:25PM 23 Feb 14 Terminal 4 | Economy Confirmed | Est journey Time: 05:15 Non-Stop Aircraft Type: Boeing 767 |
| 15 Apr 14 | QF568 | Perth 0005, 0:05AM Terminal 4 | Sydney 0620, 6:20AM 15 Apr 14 Terminal 3 | Economy Confirmed | Est journey Time: 04:15 Non-Stop Aircraft Type: Airbus Industrie A330 |
| 15 Apr 14 | QF107 | Sydney 1000, 10:00AM Terminal 1 | Los Angeles 0640, 6:40AM 15 Apr 14 Terminal B | Economy Confirmed | Est journey Time: 13:40 Non-Stop Aircraft Type: Boeing 747 |

| Your Receipt Details | | | | Payment Details | | | |
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| Ticket Charges | Charges | GST | Total* | Date | Payment Type | Reference | Amount* |
| Total* | 3,246.18 | | | 12 Jan 14 | Visa | xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-1760 | 3,246.18 |
| Total Amount Payable* | 3,246.18 | 0.00 | 3,246.18 | This may appear as multiple transactions on your credit card statement | | | |

*Includes Taxes/Fees/carrier Charges

Tax Information

GST does not apply to international travel.
No tax invoice will be issued.

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April, 2014

Calendar

Travel Australia
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March 2014

April 2014

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| 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 1:00 AM - MID-NRA grant tag-up 4203/3216 Mulder, Andrew D. (MSFC-ER42) | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 G+K return from GORAL BAY |
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The Enchantment of Remote Islands and Their Peoples

Christopher Earls Brennan

Abstract

In part, this seminar is a travelogue and, in part, it is an amateur study in comparative anthropology. While exploring many small, remote and near-isolated islands around the world I became fascinated by the history and sociology of the small human communities that occupied those corners of the world. In this seminar I tell many of their stories, mostly tragic, often uplifting and sometimes heroic but almost always the result of clashes with the larger world. At the same time I had the pleasure of photographing and then exhibiting the scenic grandeur of these ocean-bound patches of ground.

In the process I will march through time from the remarkable remains of the Neolithic village of Skara Brae in the Orkneys to the dramatic pinnacle of Skellig Michael off the southwest coast of Ireland, a place that Sir Kenneth Clark credited with contributing to the survival of civilization during Europe's Dark Ages. From there we will move halfway around the world to the murderous story of the Batavia shipwreck on the Abrolhos Islands off the coast of Western Australia and back again to the British Isles for a visit to the remote island of St.Kilda and its ill-starred people. I finish with the current story of Tory Island off the northwest corner of Ireland whose people, persecuted in the past, are struggling to retain a viable existence on their island.

(See "The Far Side of the Sky" at <http://www.dankat.com/mstory/mstory.htm>)



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Flight Details
United Confirmation Number AGVQ4W
Sun., Nov. 2, 2014 | New York/Newark, NJ (EWR - Liberty) to London, England (LHR - Heathrow)

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| Depart: 5:50 p.m. Sun., Nov. 2, 2014 New York/Newark, NJ (EWR - Liberty) | Arrive: 6:20 a.m. +1 Day Mon., Nov. 3, 2014 London, England (LHR - Heathrow) | Travel Time: 7 hr 30 mn | Distance: 3,466 miles | Flight: UA110 Aircraft: Boeing 757-200 Fare Class: United Economy (L) Meal: Dinner |
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Wed., Nov. 19, 2014 | London, England (LHR - Heathrow) to New York/Newark, NJ (EWR - Liberty)

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| Depart: 10:25 a.m. Wed., Nov. 19, 2014 London, England (LHR - Heathrow) | Arrive: 1:40 p.m. Wed., Nov. 19, 2014 New York/Newark, NJ (EWR - Liberty) | Travel Time: 8 hr 15 mn | Distance: 3,466 miles | Flight: UA28 Aircraft: Boeing 777-200 Fare Class: United Economy (K) Meal: Lunch |
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Traveler(s)
Christopher E. Brennen

Date of Birth: 12/3/1941 **Gender:** Male

Special Meals Request: Not applicable for this itinerary
Frequent Flyer: UA-DFB80061
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Passport Information: 499042827
Expiration Date: 9/23/2022

Seat Assignments: EWR - LHR: 8C
LHR - EWR: 19C

Barbara Ann Brennen

Date of Birth: 2/27/1941 **Gender:** Female

Special Meals Request: Not applicable for this itinerary
Passport Information: 466531985
Expiration Date: 3/1/2020

Seat Assignments: EWR - LHR: 8B
LHR - EWR: 19B

**Hotels.com booking confirmation 118707031377 - Park Inn by Radisson
Hotel London Heathrow - West Drayton**

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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 10:52 AM

To: Brennen, Christopher E.

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| Check-in time | Check-out time | Hotel GPS coordinates |
| 2 PM | noon | 51.482, -0.451 |

Room: Standard Guest Room

Occupancy Christopher Brennan, 2 adults

Check in date Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Check out date Thursday, November 6, 2014

Preferences Non Smoking, Queen Bed

Please note: Preferences and requests cannot be guaranteed. Special requests are subject to availability upon check-in and may incur additional charges.

Includes: ☐ Free WiFi

Room details

- 1 queen

Complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and the flat-screen TV provides entertainment. A coffee/tea maker and a refrigerator are supplied. The private bathroom has designer toiletries. Climate control, air conditioning, and a safe are among the conveniences offered. This room is Non-Smoking.

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| Room charges | Wednesday, November 5, 2014 | \$204.24 |
| | Tax recovery charges and service fees | \$40.85 |
| | Total | \$245.09 |

Your contact details brennen@caltech.edu, 6266881381

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We will not be able to refund any payment for no-shows or early check-out.

Got a question?

RE: Africa Trip

Brennen, Christopher E.

Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 10:54 AM

To: Felix Koskei [felix@safari Afrika.com]

Dear Felix:

Sorry for the delay in responding to you. We liked much of the trip you outlined to us but we need to shorten it a little. Also we are considering adding a few days in Malawi in our to visit a very old friend there who went to high school with Barbara and myself. His name is Frank Johnston and he has a house on the shore of Lake Malawi - he runs a store called Central Africana and published a book of photographs entitled "Malawi - the warm heart of Africa". If we do this addition we would fly from Nairobi to Lilongwe (probably) and then back to Nairobi.

I wonder if you could modify your proposal along the following lines and get back to me. Many thanks.

Nov.6 Fly LHR-NBO arriving NBO at 9.55pm. Overnight in Serena, Nairobi

Nov.7. Nairobi - Livingstone and take up the trip you suggest to Muchenje in Chobe, Botswana
(we wish to pass on the Zambia/Victoria Falls part)

Nov. 8. Chobe

Nov.9 to Stanley's Camp

Nov.10 Stanley's Camp

Nov. 11 Stanley's Camp

Nov.12 Fly Kasane-Nairobi to Kigali to take up your suggested trip to Rwanda

Nov.13 Rwanda

Nov.14 Rwanda

Nov.15 (Sat.) Fly Kigali - Nairobi and connect to ???

Though we are quite uncertain about the following few days we have a very old friend who lives in Malawi that we might like to visit so, on Nov.15 or 16 would fly direct from NBO to either Lilongwe or Blantyre (to be determined)

About four days later we would then fly back to Nairobi to connect with our return flight to Heathrow
BA64 leaves NBO at 11.50pm

Best regards

Chris

From: Felix Koskei [felix@safari Afrika.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 3:12 AM

To: Brennan, Christopher E.

Subject: RE: Africa Trip

Hello Chris,

Hope you and Barbara are doing great. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,

Felix Koskei.



DETAILED ITINERARY.

KENYA, BOTSWANA & RWANDA SAFARI

FOR CHRISTOPHER & BARBARA BRENNEN X2

IN NOVEMBER 2014

KENYA.

06 Nov 2014 – The Nairobi Serena Hotel - Nairobi

RWANDA - GORILLAS.

07 Nov 2014 – Gorilla View Lodge - Volcan Nat. Park – Ruhengeri

08 Nov 2014 – Serena Kivu Hotel - Gisenyi

KENYA.

09 Nov 2014 – The Nairobi Serena Hotel - Nairobi

BOTSWANA – CHOBE & OKAVANGO DELTA.

10 Nov 2014 – Chobe Elephant Camp – Chobe Nat. Park

11 Nov 2014 – Chobe Elephant Camp – Chobe Nat. Park

12 Nov 2014 – Baines' Camp – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

13 Nov 2014 – Baines' Camp – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

14 Nov 2014 – Baines' Camp – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

KENYA.

15 Nov 2014 – Nairobi then departure

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KENYA

THURSDAY 06TH NOVEMBER 2014 – ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI, THE NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL.

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport - Nairobi on board flight..... athrs, go through the passport control then down to the luggage collection hall. Collect your luggage from the conveyor belt and walk out to the arrival concourse. Someone shall be waiting for you holding a folder written 'TRAVEL CONNECTIONS'.

Drive from the airport to **Nairobi Serena Hotel** and check in. Rest of the day at leisure.

The Nairobi Serena is a beautiful garden hotel. The hotel's clean white silhouette rises at the edge of Nairobi's extensive Central Park. Surrounded by its own tropical garden, the hotel's rather stark lines are softened by cascades of plants and flowers growing on terrace areas and individual balconies. From the gardens, terraces, swimming pool, and many of the rooms, there is a striking view of modern Nairobi's distinctive skyline, especially beautiful at night. The Mandhari is one of Nairobi's finest a la carte restaurants. The elegance of the food, fine linens and silver is perfectly complemented by the inspired use of Kisii stone from western Kenya. The popular and more informal Café Maghreb is North African in style with arched recesses displaying pieces of brass and copper, and colourful tapestry screens separating tables. The Kisima Bar is decorated to reflect the importance of water themes in Swahili coastal life. 'Kisima' means watering hole in Swahili. There are low divans and stools, Swahili implements and murals on the walls.

Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel - bed and breakfast.

FRIDAY 07TH NOVEMBER 2014 – NAIROBI, KENYA TO KIGALI, RWANDA (BY FLIGHT – 1.5 HRS).

Take your schedule flight from Nairobi, Kenya to Kigali, Rwanda.

RWANDA

Arrive at Kigali International Airport - Nairobi on board flight at hrs, go through the passport control then down to the luggage collection hall. Collect your luggage from the conveyor belt and walk out to the arrival concourse. Someone shall be waiting for you holding a folder written 'YOUR NAMES'.

Pick up at the airport and drive to Kigali to do tour of the city which includes the Memorial Museum and the craft centre amongst others.

After lunch drive to Ruhengeri, a 2 & ½ hour drive from Kigali. The drive is on a good paved road through the countryside with it's beautiful terraced hills that characterize the rural lifestyle of Rwanda. From here continue a further drive climbing up to Kinigi (the volcano area and habitat for the Gorillas). Check in to lodge.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, a bush lodge on the periphery of Volcanoes National Park offers good quality accommodation with panoramic views of the Virungas, barely a km away from the Park HQs. An oasis of serenity at the base of Sabyinyo volcano, all her 25 guest Cottages, built in contemporary African design using local materials, are en-suite and come equipped with a mini bar, coffee machine and hairdryer. Soft furnishings with modern African prints, motifs and colours as well as original artworks in recycled timber create a relaxing and refreshing ambiance. The lodge's grounds are beautifully landscaped with natural foliage and a startling variety of wild flowers. In the evenings, the Itorero, local Rwandan cultural dancers troupe, spices your stay with memorable Rwandan dances.

Overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge - fullboard.

SATURDAY 08TH NOVEMBER 2014 2014 - GORILLA TREKKING AT PARC NAT. DES VOLCANS.

This morning have an early breakfast at the lodge, then drive 2 Kms to the Gorillas Office for registration at 07:30hrs. Then accompanied by the Parc National des Volcans excellent guides, drive to the edge of the park. Have a briefing by the guides on how to behave in the forest and in the presence of gorillas. Afterwards, enter the forest for GORILLA TREKKING

Upon sighting the gorillas, you will stay with them for a magical hour as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting; raising their young. Coming face to face with a giant silverback must truly be one of the greatest wildlife experiences on earth!

The trek will vary in length and location of gorillas. It will take between 3 and 6 hours. Thereafter, walk back to the parking lot and drive to the lodge for lunch.

Drive to the shores of Lake Kivu

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel is located in the Rwandan resort town of Gisenyi, on the shores of Lake Kivu, the sixth largest lake in Africa. The hotel is ideally situated on a sandy beach, with the nearby Virunga Volcanoes providing a spectacular backdrop on one side and a panoramic view of the lake on the other. Accommodation comprises of 66 air-conditioned rooms, including 6 luxury suites, 23 family rooms and one room especially equipped for disabled guests. The restaurant offers a stunning view of the lake as you have breakfast, lunch or dinner. Lake Kivu Serena Hotel offers business facilities including a boardroom and three conference rooms available for business meetings, cocktails and banquets. The hotel also has a gym, outdoor swimming pool and two tennis courts.

Dinner and overnight Serena Kivu Sun, Gisenyi

SUNDAY 09TH NOVEMBER 2014 – KIGALI, RWANDA TO NAIROBI, KENYA (BY FLIGHT).

After breakfast drive back to Kigali. Transfer to Kigali Int. Airport for your flight to Nairobi.

KENYA

Pick up at Jomo Kenyatta Int. airport and transfer to the Nairobi Serena Hotel.

Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel - bed and breakfast.

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2014 – NAIROBI, KENYA TO LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA (BY FLIGHT) THEN TO CHOBE NAT. PARK (BY ROAD).

After breakfast take your schedule flight from Nairobi to Livingstone, Zambia.

BOTSWANA

Pick up at the airport and drive to Chobe Elephant Camp in Chobe, Botswana.

Chobe Elephant Camp is a newly built camp located on the edge of a rocky ridge overlooking the mighty Chobe River in the Chobe National Park, Botswana. Boasting sweeping views and spectacular game viewing opportunities; it's ideal for guests seeking an authentic stay at an eco-friendly lodge. Built from timber and using renewable resources, the camp has minimal impact on the environment.

The camp can comfortably accommodate 24 guests in 10 suites and 1 family room. The atmosphere is a traditional farmstead in the midst of the African wilderness. Complete with a splash pool, communal lounge area and private verandah, it truly is a rustic escape with spectacular views over one of Botswana's favourite game viewing areas.

Depart on a river cruise.

Take to the waters of the Chobe River with wild Horizons Chobe River Cruise. The Chance of seeing some game on the islands and riverbanks are good as are the likelihood of seeing some fantastic bird species as well as crocodiles and other wildlife. Elephant, buffalo, giraffe and hippo are common sightings with sable, leopard and numerous antelope also being regulars on guests check lists.

Overnight at Chobe Elephant Camp - fullboard

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2014 – CHOBE FOREST RESERVE.

Whole day in Chobe with activities.

Overnight at Chobe Elephant Camp - fullboard

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2014 - CHOBE TO OKAVANGO DELTA.

Transfer to Kasane Airport and take your charter flight to Baines' Camp.

Pick up at airstrip and drive to Baines' Camp.

This is Sanctuary's smallest and most intimate camp, with only five luxurious suites. Named after the 19th century explorer and painter Thomas Baines, this is Sanctuary's smallest camp with just five suites. An eco-friendly property built using only commercially grown wood, with over 150,000 recycled aluminium cans incorporated within the walls to provide insulation. The camp is raised above the permanent water of the Boro River while wooden walkways connect the main areas and luxury rooms. The swimming pool and the wide wooden deck that surrounds the main dining and sitting room is the ideal place to relax while observing the varied wildlife present here. See prowling lions looking for prey at the edge of the lagoon that the camp overlooks, or watch one of the many elephants who live in the area. The five suites at Sanctuary Baines' are opulent and luxurious, with ensuite facilities and four-poster beds. Traditional safari ceiling fans create a cooling breeze at even the hottest times of the year. Should you wish, your bed can be wheeled out onto the private wooden deck for a night under the stars, overlooking the shimmering waters of the Boro River where hippo can often be spotted. Or take an indulgent soak under the stars on your own private viewing deck in our opulent star bath. At Baines' Camp, the sky's the limit.

Overnight at Baines' Camp - fullboard

THURSDAY 13TH AND FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2014 – BAINES' CAMP

Both days at Baines' Camp with activities

You will have one elephant encounter on one of the days.

The adjacent bush around camp is rich with excitement: on game walks, day and nighttime drives, and mokoro excursions, guests can track a wide variety of big-game species, from Giraffe and Elephant to Lion and Leopard. Enjoy thrilling guided game drives in customized open-sided 4X4 vehicles. As Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is situated on a private concession, night drives are offered and are usually combined with the afternoon activity. The accompanying professional guides are among the best in Botswana. Explore the area on foot with skilled, armed professional guides and experience the bush from

a different perspective. The walks are highly educational and offer a completely different perspective of the Botswanan bush. Explore the Delta in a traditional dug-out canoe or mokoro (water levels permitting). Glide through reeds and lily ponds to get up close and personal with wildlife. As part of a unique learning adventure, visitors accompany our semi-habituated herd on daily foraging treks. Immersed in elephant life, warm bonds of kinship grow from a newly found appreciation of these gentle giants. Please note that no riding is offered. The main objective is to initiate a relationship between the guests and elephants. The activity encompasses a leisurely paced walk with a trio of semi-habituated elephants, becoming personally acquainted with them, observing and interacting with them and a picnic lunch in their company.

Duration: 4 hours in the morning culminating in a picnic lunch in the bush.

Maximum number of guests: 10 on an activity.

Currently, Grey Matters, Doug and Sandi Groves' Botswana-based company, supports the elephant trio: Jabu, Thembi and Morula.

You are invited to discover the elephants, from the bristled ends of their long tails to the tip of their powerful yet sensitive trunks. Marvel at their big ears, thoughtful eyes and enormous padded feet. Trace the textures of their skin and the silken polish of their ivory. Explore the astonishing bonds of kinship forged over more than a decade between the elephants and their guardians in a wilderness of mesmerizing beauty. A delicate blink of Morula's long lashes reveals her sensitive yet powerful personality. Jabu takes you, trunk in hand, with his bold and generous nature and together you slowly uncover the age-old secrets of the African elephant and the mysteries of the surrounding wilderness. Thembi, cute, boisterous and impossible to ignore, infatuates you and transforms your understanding of elephants to a deeper and more personal level. Elephants can live for 50 years, so when Doug and Sandi Groves adopted Jabu, Thembi and later Morula, rescuing them from culling operations that had left them orphans, they knew they were making a life-long commitment to the trio.

Jabu, short for Jabulani, a Zulu name, means happiness and indeed Jabu's zest for life is inspiring. Jabu is a proud and handsome bull, who enjoys his role as alpha elephant of the small herd. He is kind, playful, generous, big-hearted and dependable. Of the three elephants he is the most independent and confident. Jabu loves interacting and building solid relationships based on mutual trust and respect. He is predictable and unconditional in his giving.

Thembi, is a common Zulu name meaning trust. Thembi is the sweetheart of the herd and the smallest in stature. Perfectly formed, pretty and dainty, Thembi knows a few tricks for getting her way. Smart and very social, she loves to be the centre of attention.

Morula, is named after a beautiful African fruit tree. Her strongest personality trait is one of great gentleness; she is mild-natured, sensitive and easily bruised emotionally. She can be described as a wallflower but she blossoms beautifully when love and attention are focused directly on her. Morula weaves a powerful magic of her own as in her quiet and subtle way she captures your heart with her sincere, loyal and sweet nature.

Overnight at Baines' Camp - fullboard

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2014 – OKAVANGO DELTA TO KASANE (BY FLIGHT) THEN TO LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT (BY ROAD), THEN TO NAIROBI, KENYA (BY FLIGHT).

After breakfast take your charter flight to Kasane Airport. Pick up and drive to Livingstone Int. Airport for your flight to Nairobi Kenya.

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta Int. Airport, Nairobi and connect to your international departure flight.

COST: USD 10,384. - PER PERSON SHARING

Included in Kenya-

- All transfers
- Accommodation on bed and breakfast
- 2 regional flights: Nairobi to Livingstone to Nairobi

Included in Botswana-

- Accommodation and meals as per the itinerary
- Activities at Baine's camp including 1 four hour elephant encounter
- Shared Game drives
- All park entrance fees
- River cruise at Chobe
- 2 charter flights: Kasane to Baines' Camp & Baines' Camp to Kasane.

Included in Rwanda -

- Flights Nairobi/Kigali/Nairobi, tax inclusive
- Exclusive 4x4 Safari vehicle for your exclusive use.
- Experienced English speaking driver guide
- Meet and greet with airport transfers
- Kigali city tour
- 1 day gorilla tracking permit,
- Park entrance fees,
- Services of professional trackers/guides whilst tracking.

Not included -

- International flights i.e. from home to Nairobi and from Nairobi to home.
- Visa fees for Zambia, Botswana, Rwanda and Kenya
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Check in:

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Check out:

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Total rooms:

1

Room type:

Standard Guest Room

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INFORMATION INVOICE as of 05/11/14

Guest Name: Professor Chris Earls Brennen
Company Name: The Royal Society
Billing Address: Professor Chris Earls Brennen
Great Britain



Event Name: The Royal Soc - 2014/15 Programme-The
Event Date(s): 03/11/14 - 05/11/14
Event held at: De Vere Venues Chicheley Hall
Invoice Date: 05/11/14
PO No/Custom Ref No:
Room: Appleton

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| Date | Description | | Net Value | Total Charge | Payments |
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| 03/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | Vodka | 3.17 | 3.80 | |
| 03/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | Gin | 3.42 | 4.10 | |
| 03/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | 2x Sparkly water | 3.33 | 4.00 | |
| 03/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | Tonic | 3.33 | 4.00 | |
| 03/11/14 | 24 Hour Conference Rate | [NA Pkg. Trx] | 112.22 | 112.22 | |
| 03/11/14 | Bar Dinner Wine | Half Bottle of Wine | 8.12 | 9.75 | |
| 04/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | Bombay | 3.42 | 4.10 | |
| 04/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | 2x Tonic | 6.67 | 8.00 | |

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| 04/11/14 | Bar Dinner Beverage | Rum | 3.17 | 3.80 |
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By road

Chicheley Hall is situated about 7 miles from Milton Keynes, just 10 minutes from Junction 14 of the M1.

Directions from the M25: Proceed north along the M1 until junction 14. At the exit roundabout, join the A509 towards Wellingborough and Kettering. Turn right at the next roundabout, still following the A509. Pass over next roundabout onto a long, straight mile of dual carriageway. At the top of the hill, turn right at Chicheley Hill roundabout onto the A422 towards Bedford. After approximately 400 m, take the first right into Chicheley Road (signposted North Crawley), follow the road for approximately a quarter of a mile then turn left through the gates to Chicheley Hall

Please note that some satellite navigation systems incorrectly advise use of Hall Lane. The correct access is via the main entrance on Chicheley Road.

Follow the gravel driveway around the side of the buildings. Parking is available either on the cobbled courtyard at the side of the main house, or if this is full, please follow the gravel drive past the house (keeping the buildings on your right) and park in the green overflow carpark just beyond the buildings.

By taxi

Taxis can be pre-booked for railway station or airport pickup with [Eezycabs](#).

Ask to be dropped at the side entrance of the main house (white doorway, signposted Visitors Reception) if arriving in the evening to check-in. If arriving in the morning for a meeting in the Wolfson Centre, ask to be dropped at the glass atrium.

By rail

The nearest stations are:

- Milton Keynes Central: Regular fast trains from London Euston, Birmingham New Street and Manchester Piccadilly.
- Bedford: Direct trains from London St Pancras

Taxis from the railway stations to Chicheley Hall:

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- Bedford: taxi takes about 30 minutes, costs about £25 (reduced fare available if pre-booked with [Eezycabs](#))

By coach or bus

There are no direct bus routes to the village of Chicheley. The nearest bus stations are:

- Milton Keynes Coachway (about 15 minutes by taxi)
- Bedford Bus Station (about 30 minutes by taxi).

The [X5 bus](#), which runs between Cambridge and Oxford stops at both bus stations.

There are direct [National Express](#) bus services from Heathrow, Luton and Stansted airports to Milton Keynes Coachway.

By air

The nearest airports (with approximate timings) are:

- London Luton: 35 minutes by road or 30 minutes by rail to Bedford.
- Birmingham International: 1 hour 5 minutes by road or 50 minutes by rail to Milton Keynes Central.
- London Heathrow: 1 hour 15 minutes by road or 1 hour 45 minutes by rail (Heathrow Express to Paddington, underground to London Euston then rail to Milton Keynes Central).
- London Stansted: 1 hour 15 minutes by road or 2 hours 15 minutes by coach (no rail link).
- London Gatwick: 2 hours by road or 2 hours by rail to Bedford.

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By bike

The [Milton Keynes Redways cycle network](#) can be followed from the train station to Chicheley Hall.

Bicycles may be left in the old stables at Chicheley Hall.

Accessibility

There is one exterior step followed by another two steps into the main house via the side doors. A ramp is available.

The Wolfson Centre and the three meeting rooms in the main house are all wheelchair accessible, as are the sitting room, bar and Winton rooms.

There is a lift to the first and second floors of main house and there are two bedrooms which are allocated for wheelchair use.

For dining, there are two steps down into the Grand Hall. A ramp is available.

There is a disabled toilet in the Wolfson atrium and another on the ground floor of the main house.

About us

Learn about our mission to expand the frontiers of knowledge.

Fellowship

There are about 1,450 Fellows and Foreign Members.

Governance

The Council and Board manage the Society's activities.

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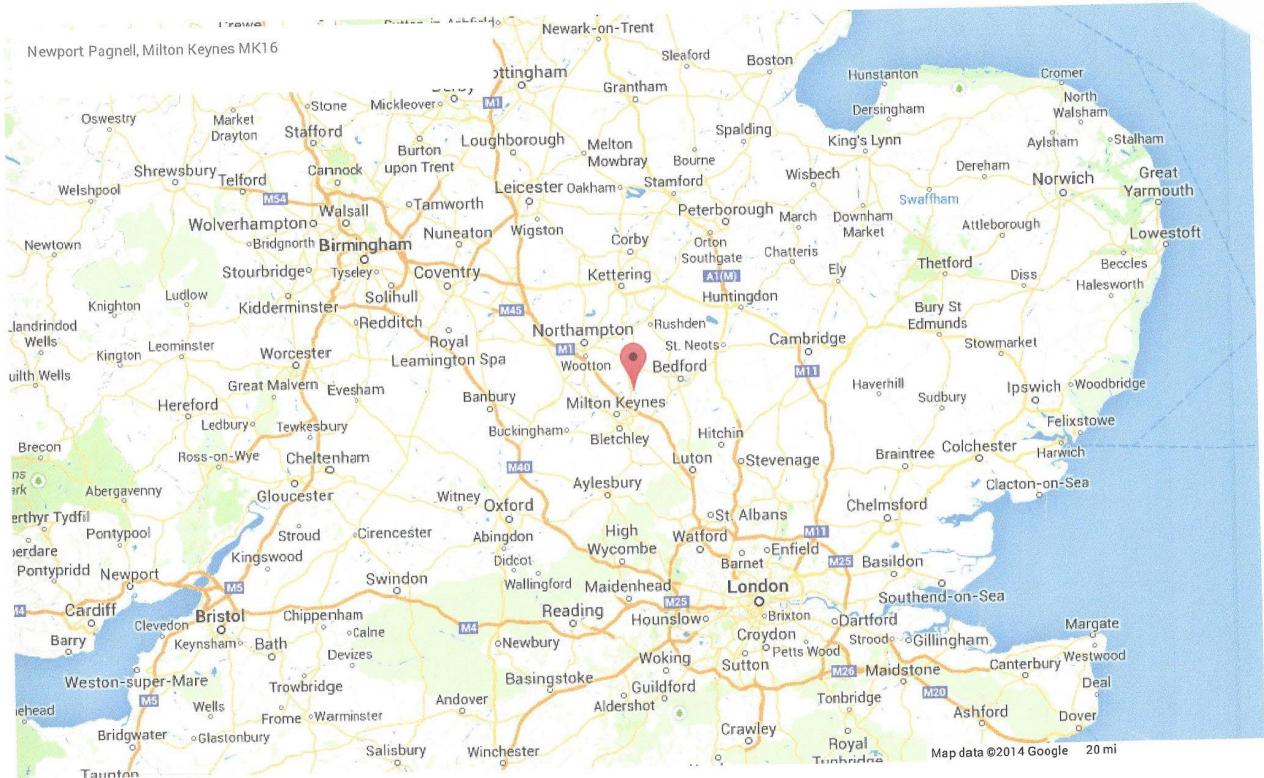
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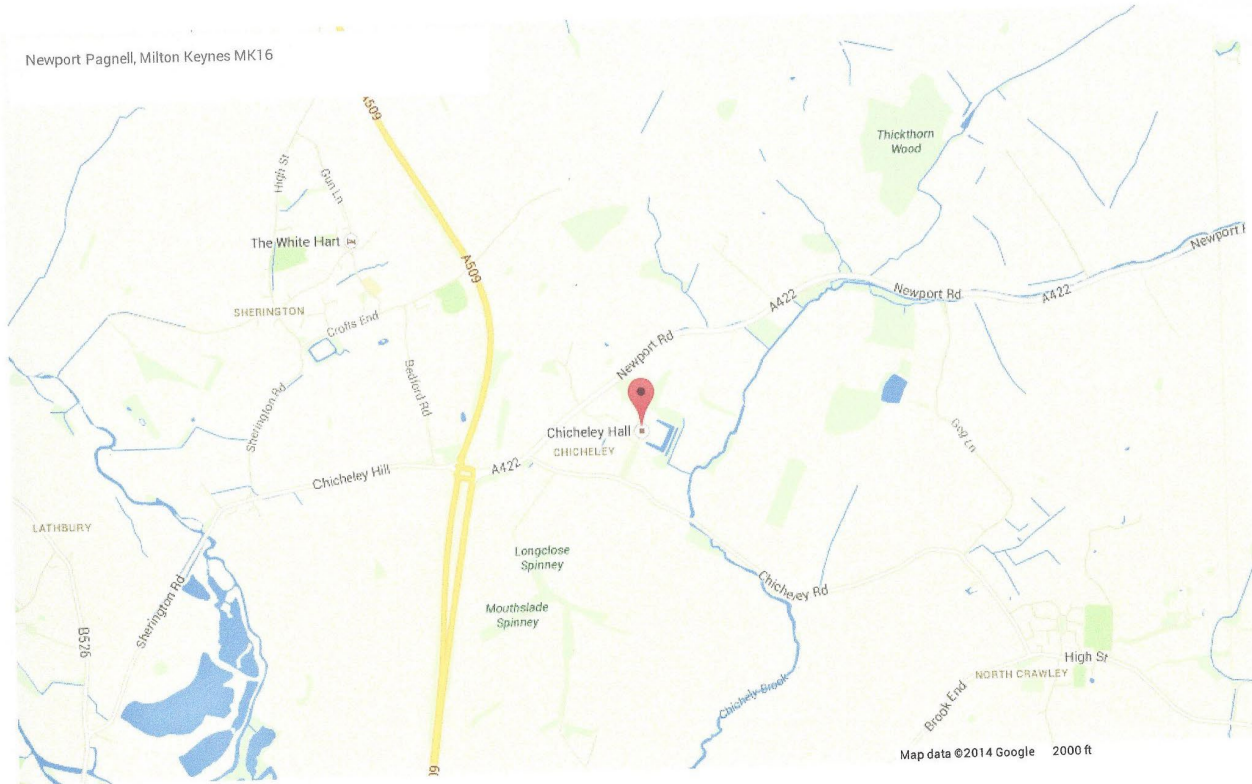
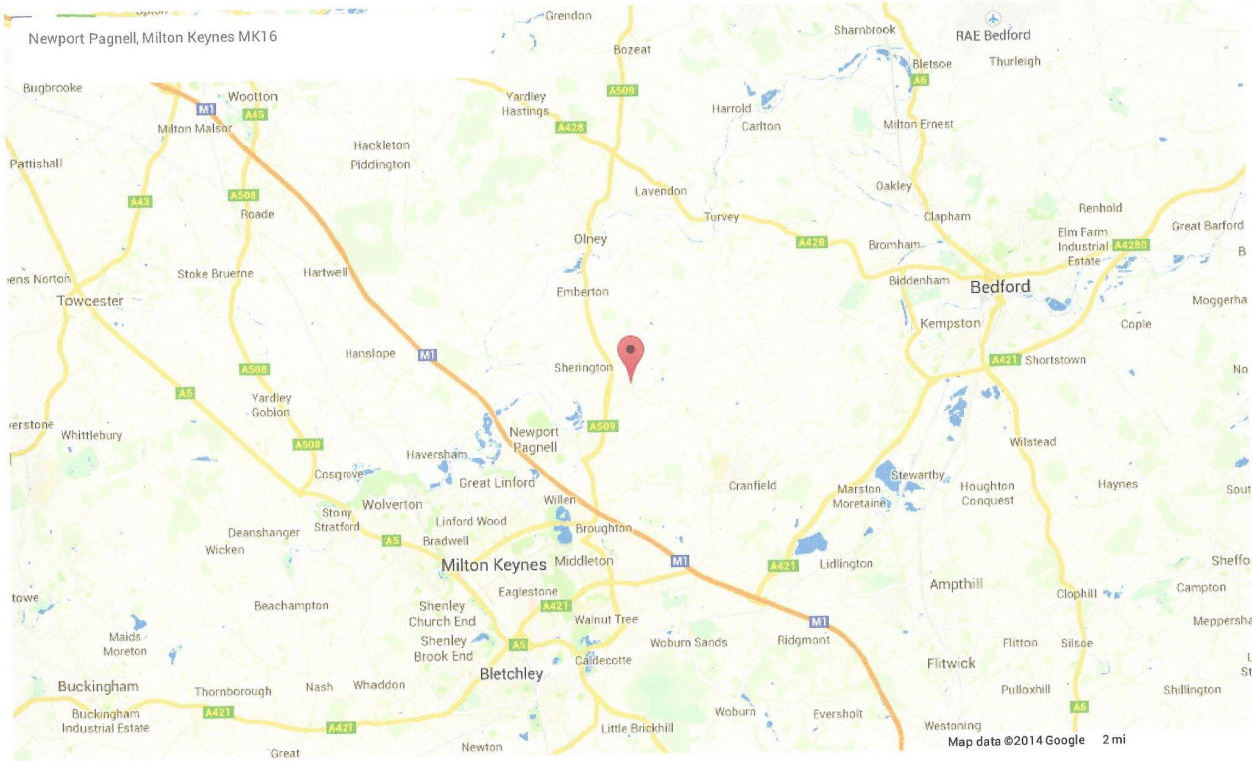
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SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS.

KENYA.

06 Nov 2014 – The Nairobi Serena Hotel - Nairobi

RWANDA - GORILLAS.

07 Nov 2014 – Gorilla View Lodge - Volcun Nat. Park – Ruhengeri

08 Nov 2014 – Serena Kivu Hotel - Gisenyi

KENYA.

09 Nov 2014 – The Nairobi Serena Hotel - Nairobi

BOTSWANA – CHOBE & OKAVANGO DELTA.

10 Nov 2014 – Chobe Elephant Camp – Chobe Nat. Park

11 Nov 2014 – Chobe Elephant Camp – Chobe Nat. Park

12 Nov 2014 – Baines' Camp – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

13 Nov 2014 – Baines' Camp – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

14 Nov 2014 – Baines' Camp – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

KENYA.

15 Nov 2014 – Nairobi then departure

KENYA

THURSDAY 06TH NOVEMBER 2014 – ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI, THE NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL.

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport - Nairobi on board British Airways flight BA065 at 2155hrs, go through the passport control then down to the luggage collection hall. Collect your luggage from the conveyor belt and walk out to the arrival concourse. Someone shall be waiting for you holding a folder written 'TRAVEL CONNECTIONS'.

Drive from the airport to **Nairobi Serena Hotel** and check in. Rest of the day at leisure.

The Nairobi Serena is a beautiful garden hotel. The hotel's clean white silhouette rises at the edge of Nairobi's extensive Central Park. Surrounded by its own tropical garden, the hotel's rather stark lines are softened by cascades of plants and flowers growing on terrace areas and individual balconies. From the gardens, terraces, swimming pool, and many of the rooms, there is a striking view of modern Nairobi's distinctive skyline, especially beautiful at night. The Mandhari is one of Nairobi's finest a la carte restaurants. The elegance of the food, fine linens and silver is perfectly complemented by the inspired use of Kisii stone from western Kenya. The popular and more informal Café Maghreb is North African in style with arched recesses displaying pieces of brass and copper, and colourful tapestry screens separating tables. The Kisima Bar is decorated to reflect the importance of water themes in Swahili coastal life. 'Kisima' means watering hole in Swahili. There are low divans and stools, Swahili implements and murals on the walls.

Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel - bed and breakfast.

FRIDAY 07TH NOVEMBER 2014 – NAIROBI, KENYA TO KIGALI, RWANDA (BY FLIGHT – 1.5 HRS).

Take your schedule Kenya Airways flight KQ470 at 0750hrs from Nairobi, Kenya to Kigali, Rwanda.

RWANDA

Arrive at Kigali International Airport at 0820hrs, go through the passport control then down to the luggage collection hall. Collect your luggage from the conveyor belt and walk out to the arrival concourse. Someone shall be waiting for you holding a folder written 'YOUR NAMES'.

Pick up at the airport and drive to Kigali to do tour of the city which includes the Memorial Museum and the craft centre amongst others.

After lunch drive to Ruhengeri, a 2 & ½ hour drive from Kigali. The drive is on a good paved road through the countryside with it's beautiful terraced hills that characterize the rural lifestyle of Rwanda. From here continue a further drive climbing up to Kinigi (the volcano area and habitat for the Gorillas). Check in to lodge.

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge, a bush lodge on the periphery of Volcanoes National Park offers good quality accommodation with panoramic views of the Virungas, barely a km away from the Park HQs. An oasis of serenity at the base of Sabyinyo volcano, all her 25 guest Cottages, built in contemporary African design using local materials, are en-suite and come equipped with a mini bar, coffee machine and hairdryer. Soft furnishings with modern African prints, motifs and colours as well as original artworks in recycled timber create a relaxing and refreshing ambiance. The lodge's grounds are beautifully landscaped with natural foliage and a startling variety of wild flowers. In the evenings, the Itorero, local Rwandan cultural dancers troupe, spices your stay with memorable Rwandan dances.

Overnight at Mountain Gorilla View Lodge - fullbaord.

SATURDAY 08TH NOVEMBER 2014 2014 - GORILLA TREKKING AT PARC NAT. DES VOLCANS.

This morning have an early breakfast at the lodge, then drive 2 Kms to the Gorillas Office for registration at 07:30hrs. Then accompanied by the Parc National des Volcans excellent guides, drive to the edge of the park. Have a briefing by the guides on how to behave in the forest and in the presence of gorillas. Afterwards, enter the forest for GORILLA TREKKING

Upon sighting the gorillas, you will stay with them for a magical hour as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting; raising their young. Coming face to face with a giant silverback must truly be one of the greatest wildlife experiences on earth!

The trek will vary in length and location of gorillas. It will take between 3 and 6 hours. Thereafter, walk back to the parking lot and drive to the lodge for lunch.

Drive to the shores of Lake Kivu

Lake Kivu Serena Hotel is located in the Rwandan resort town of Gisenyi, on the shores of Lake Kivu, the sixth largest lake in Africa. The hotel is ideally situated on a sandy beach, with the nearby Virunga Volcanoes providing a spectacular backdrop on one side and a panoramic view of the lake on the other.

Accommodation comprises of 66 air-conditioned rooms, including 6 luxury suites, 23 family rooms and one room especially equipped for disabled guests. The restaurant offers a stunning view of the lake as you have breakfast, lunch or dinner. Lake Kivu Serena Hotel offers business facilities including a boardroom and three conference rooms available for business meetings, cocktails and banquets.

The hotel also has a gym, outdoor swimming pool and two tennis courts.

Dinner and overnight Serena Kivu Sun, Gisenyi

SUNDAY 09TH NOVEMBER 2014 – KIGALI, RWANDA TO NAIROBI, KENYA (BY FLIGHT).

After breakfast drive back to Kigali. Transfer to Kigali Int. Airport for your flight to Nairobi on board Kenya Airways flight KQ 475 at 1840hrs.

KENYA

Pick up at Jomo Kenyatta Int. airport at 2110hrs and transfer to the Nairobi Serena Hotel.

Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel - bed and breakfast.

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2014 – NAIROBI, KENYA TO LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA (BY FLIGHT) THEN TO CHOBE NAT. PARK (BY ROAD).

After breakfast take your schedule Kenya Airways flight KQ 702 from Nairobi to Lusaka, Zambia departing at 0750hrs.

BOTSWANA

Land at Lusaka Int. Airport at 1145hrs. Connect to your Proflight PO 0708 departing for Livingstone at 1610hrs.

Pick up at Livingstone airport at 1720hrs and drive to Chobe Elephant Camp in Chobe, Botswana.

Chobe Elephant Camp is a newly built camp located on the edge of a rocky ridge overlooking the mighty Chobe River in the Chobe National Park, Botswana. Boasting sweeping views and spectacular game viewing opportunities; it's ideal for guests seeking an authentic stay at an eco-friendly lodge. Built from timber and using renewable resources, the camp has minimal impact on the environment.

The camp can comfortably accommodate 24 guests in 10 suites and 1 family room. The atmosphere is a traditional farmstead in the midst of the African wilderness. Complete with a splash pool, communal lounge area and private verandah, it truly is a rustic escape with spectacular views over one of Botswana's favourite game viewing areas.

Depart on a river cruise.

Take to the waters of the Chobe River with wild Horizons Chobe River Cruise. The Chance of seeing some game on the islands and riverbanks are good as are the likelihood of seeing some fantastic bird species as well as crocodiles and other wildlife. Elephant, buffalo, giraffe and hippo are common sightings with sable, leopard and numerous antelope also being regulars on guests check lists.

Overnight at Chobe Elephant Camp - fullboard

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2014 – CHOBE FOREST RESERVE.

Whole day in Chobe with activities.

Overnight at Chobe Elephant Camp - fullboard

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2014 - CHOBE TO OKAVANGO DELTA.

Transfer to Kasane Airport and take your charter flight to Baines' Camp.

Pick up at airstrip and drive to Baines' Camp.

This is Sanctuary's smallest and most intimate camp, with only five luxurious suites. Named after the 19th century explorer and painter Thomas Baines, this is Sanctuary's smallest camp with just five suites. An eco-friendly property built using only commercially grown wood, with over 150,000 recycled aluminium cans incorporated within the walls to provide insulation. The camp is raised above the permanent water of the Boro River while wooden walkways connect the main areas and luxury rooms. The swimming pool and the wide wooden deck that surrounds the main dining and sitting room is the ideal place to relax while observing the varied wildlife present here. See prowling lions looking for prey at the edge of the lagoon that the camp overlooks, or watch one of the many elephants who live in the area. The five suites at Sanctuary Baines' are opulent and luxurious, with ensuite facilities and four-poster beds. Traditional safari ceiling fans create a cooling breeze at even the hottest times of the year. Should you wish, your bed can be wheeled out onto the private wooden deck for a night under the stars, overlooking the shimmering waters of the Boro River where hippo can often be spotted. Or take an indulgent soak under the stars on your own private viewing deck in our opulent star bath. At Baines' Camp, the sky's the limit.

Overnight at Baines' Camp - fullboard

THURSDAY 13TH AND FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2014 – BAINES' CAMP

Both days at Baines' Camp with activities

You will have one elephant encounter on one of the days.

The adjacent bush around camp is rich with excitement: on game walks, day and nighttime drives, and mokoro excursions, guests can track a wide variety of big-game species, from Giraffe and Elephant to Lion and Leopard. Enjoy thrilling guided game drives in customized open-sided 4X4 vehicles. As Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is situated on a private concession, night drives are offered and are usually combined with the afternoon activity. The accompanying professional guides are among the best in Botswana. Explore the area on foot with skilled, armed professional guides and experience the bush from a different perspective. The walks are highly educational and offer a completely different perspective of the Botswanan bush. Explore the Delta in a traditional dug-out canoe or mokoro (water levels permitting). Glide through reeds and lily ponds to get up close and personal with wildlife. As part of a unique learning adventure, visitors accompany our semi-habituated herd on daily foraging treks. Immersed in elephant life, warm bonds of kinship grow from a newly found appreciation of these gentle giants. Please note that no riding is offered. The main objective is to initiate a relationship between the guests and elephants. The activity encompasses a leisurely paced walk with a trio of semi-habituated elephants, becoming personally acquainted with them, observing and interacting with them and a picnic lunch in their company.

Duration: 4 hours in the morning culminating in a picnic lunch in the bush.

Maximum number of guests: 10 on an activity.

Currently, Grey Matters, Doug and Sandi Groves' Botswana-based company, supports the elephant trio: Jabu, Thembi and Morula.

You are invited to discover the elephants, from the bristled ends of their long tails to the tip of their powerful yet sensitive trunks. Marvel at their big ears, thoughtful eyes and enormous padded feet. Trace the textures of their skin and the silken polish of their ivory. Explore the astonishing bonds of kinship forged over more than a decade between the elephants and their guardians in a wilderness of mesmerizing beauty. A delicate blink of Morula's long lashes reveals her sensitive yet powerful personality. Jabu takes you, trunk in hand, with his bold and generous nature and together you slowly uncover the age-old secrets of the African elephant and the mysteries of the surrounding wilderness. Thembi, cute, boisterous and impossible to ignore, infatuates you and transforms your understanding of elephants to a deeper and more personal level. Elephants can live for 50 years, so when Doug and Sandi Groves adopted Jabu, Thembi and later Morula, rescuing them from culling operations that had left them orphans, they knew they were making a life-long commitment to the trio.

Jabu, short for Jabulani, a Zulu name, means happiness and indeed Jabu's zest for life is inspiring. Jabu is a proud and handsome bull, who enjoys his role as alpha elephant of the small herd. He is kind, playful, generous, big-hearted and dependable. Of the three elephants he is the most independent and confident. Jabu loves interacting and building solid relationships based on mutual trust and respect. He is predictable and unconditional in his giving.

Thembi, is a common Zulu name meaning trust. Thembi is the sweetheart of the herd and the smallest in stature. Perfectly formed, pretty and dainty, Thembi knows a few tricks for getting her way. Smart and very social, she loves to be the centre of attention.

Morula, is named after a beautiful African fruit tree. Her strongest personality trait is one of great gentleness; she is mild-natured, sensitive and easily bruised emotionally. She can be described as a wallflower but she blossoms beautifully when love and attention are focused directly on her. Morula weaves a powerful magic of her own as in her quiet and subtle way she captures your heart with her sincere, loyal and sweet nature.

Overnight at Baines' Camp - fullboard

**SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2014 – OKAVANGO DELTA TO KASANE (BY FLIGHT)
THEN TO LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT (BY ROAD), THEN TO NAIROBI, KENYA (BY
FLIGHT).**

After breakfast take your charter flight to Kasane Airport.

Pick up and drive to Livingstone Int. Airport for your Proflight PO 0703 departing for Lusaka at 0940hrs.

Connect to your Kenya Airways flight KQ 702 departing to Nairobi Kenya at 1235hrs.

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta Int. Airport, Nairobi at 1615hrs and connect to your international departure flight.

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Nairobi to Kigali

Friday, November 07, 2014

Departure: 07:50 Nairobi, Kenya - Jomo Kenyatta International, terminal 1A

Arrival: 08:20 Kigali, Rwanda - International

Airline: Kenya Airways KQ475

Duration: 1:30

Fare type: Economy Restricted

Aircraft: Embraer 190

Baggage: 30 kilogram(s) per traveller

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Kigali to Lusaka

Sunday, November 09, 2014

Departure: 18:40 Kigali, Rwanda - International

Arrival: 21:10 Nairobi, Kenya - Jomo Kenyatta International, terminal 1C

Airline: Kenya Airways KQ475

Duration: 1:30

Fare type: Economy Restricted

Aircraft: Embraer 190

Baggage: 30 kilogram(s) per traveller

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Monday, November 10, 2014

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| Arrival: | 11:45 | Lusaka, Zambia - Lusaka International Note: includes 1 stop(s) |
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| Saturday, November 15, 2014 | | | |
| Departure: | 12:35 | Lusaka, Zambia - Lusaka International | |
| Arrival: | 16:15 | Nairobi, Kenya - Jomo Kenyatta International, terminal 1C | |
| Airline: | Kenya Airways KQ702 | Duration: | 2:40 |
| Fare type: | Economy Restricted | Aircraft: | Boeing 777-200/200ER |
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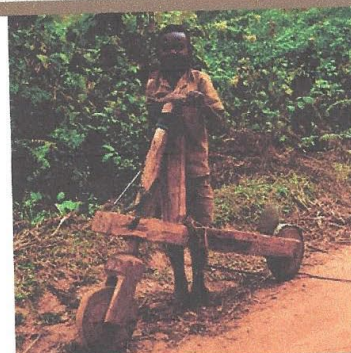
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Gorilla trekking safaris in Rwanda

The Virunga Mountains that straddle the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are home to around 480 mountain gorillas, more than half of the world's entire population (the rest live in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda). In Volcanoes National Park, the Rwandan part of the Virungas, ten gorilla groups are now habituated for gorilla safaris, more than anywhere else in the world.

Look into the eyes of a large silverback gorilla and he'll look back with a thinking, intelligent gaze, mindful that you're another individual. Any apprehensions or nerves you might have had during your trek will melt away the minute you see your gorilla family. Gorilla trekking safaris offer a magical encounter that transcends any other 'wildlife' experience we know.

[Click for information on Volcanoes National Park, or read on for more about the truly awe-inspiring experience of tracking to see mountain gorillas their natural environment...](#)



Rwanda is small, and easy to get around.

Planning your gorilla trekking safari

When to go gorilla trekking

Gorilla trekking safaris can be done throughout the year. The hiking itself can be more arduous in the rainy seasons from April – May and in November, but at an altitude of 2000m and more, it can of course rain here at any time of the year. For more detail, see Rwanda's climate.

The most popular times for gorilla tracking are during the drier months, between December and February, and from about June to mid-September.

Permits for gorilla trekking

Inevitably, securing permits for trekking gorillas over these popular periods can be difficult at short notice, so you should plan well ahead. We will make all the arrangements for buying your permits.

A maximum of 80 gorilla tracking permits are available each day. Permits cost US\$750 per person per visit, which may seem a lot but don't begrudge it; this money provides Rwanda with a compelling economic reason to conserve the park and, amongst other things, pays for a 24-hour guard for each gorilla group. (Armed teams constantly track each habituated group – like royal bodyguards in the UK!).

There is some talk of reducing the cost of gorilla permits in the future during the low, rainy season so contact us for further information on this if you're thinking of taking a gorilla trekking safari in April, May and November.

How fit do I need to be to track gorillas?

You don't have to be super-fit for a gorilla tracking safari but it does help if you have a general level of fitness, if only to enhance your overall enjoyment of the experience. Walking will be at a slow pace with time for breaks if needed. Depending on which group you track, and the time of year you go (gorillas tend to move down the mountains in the

rains), you might find yourself walking on some pretty steep slopes for several hours. On the other hand, you could reach your group after a 30-minute stroll. It's best to prepare for the most active option however, and if nothing else, a few hill walks before you leave would be beneficial.

The gorilla trekking experience in Volcanoes National Park

Whilst a gorilla trekking safari is likely to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for you, the staff at Volcanoes National Park have been doing this for several years and run a very smooth operation, hence treks to the mountain gorillas are well-organised and clearly structured.

What it's like on a gorilla trekking safari

On the day of your gorilla trekking, you'll set off very early in the morning to track to the apes from the edge of the forest. Your driver/guide will take you from your lodge (see places to stay in Volcanoes National Park) to the park headquarters in Kinigi village. The guides here speak excellent English and are very good. They will be taking you to a specific group of 'habituated' mountain gorillas, which they know well and are used to human visitors.

You'll be divided into parties of 8 and after a briefing on safety and gorilla trekking etiquette, you'll be driven to the start of the trail to reach your mountain gorilla group. Your guide will then lead you along generally clear paths up into the forest, in radio communication with the trackers that stay with the group so that they can be located. The altitude is over 2,500m, so although the pace is unhurried, the hike is tiring and can be steep in parts, taking from 30 minutes to a few hours. Don't be surprised if you feel a bit breathless at this altitude – this is perfectly normal.

Most trekkers are a little apprehensive – a large silverback male gorilla can weigh up to 200kg, or three times the weight of the average man, but the apprehension usually vanishes when you see the group. Often the gorillas will be spread around a small area of dense vegetation. They'll continue with their feeding and interactions, nonchalant about their visitors, though watching you with interest. Occasionally one, often a playful youngster, will approach you with curiosity – sometimes coming so close that you'll have to move away.

Gorilla tracking etiquette

Mountain gorillas share 98% of our DNA and as such are very susceptible to catching human infections, particularly respiratory ones, but they don't have our immune system to deal with them – a common cold could eventually prove life-threatening. Various rules for gorilla trekking are therefore in place to help protect these precious primates. Only one group of tourists can visit the mountain gorillas each day and once you've found them, you'll have just one precious hour in their company. If you have a cold, flu or other contagious infection, you shouldn't go gorilla trekking.

You should keep a distance of 7m from the gorillas, although of course the gorillas themselves are unaware of this and will often get very close, in which case you should try to move away.

When you're with your group, you should try not to make sudden movements and to keep your voices low so that the group remains relaxed. Although these mountain gorillas are now used to seeing people, do bear in mind that they are still wild animals and can sometimes react unexpectedly, so always heed your guide's and trackers' instructions.

You won't be allowed to eat or drink when you're with the gorillas.

What kit should you take for a gorilla trekking safari?

Paths on gorilla treks can be slippery, muddy and steep so sturdy walking boots are essential. Some people take thick gardening gloves because of the brambles and nettles en route and you should wear long trousers rather than shorts. A waterproof jacket may come in handy and take some water and a snack in case it's a long trek. You might also find a walking stick or pole helpful.

For a small fee, porters are available at the trailheads to carry your backpacks and offer a hand during tricky parts of the hike. Even if you don't really need them, hiring a porter is a helpful way to contribute directly to the local economy and chatting to them en route can enhance your experience both of local life and of your gorilla trek.

Photography on a gorilla trekking safari

If you're a keen photographer, taking your own pictures of mountain gorillas is one of the most magical photo sessions you'll ever experience. Do bear in mind that the light can be poor in the rainforest and that use of flash is not permitted. You might also need to protect your camera against heavy rain.

Mountain gorilla groups in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park















The various groups and their locations will obviously change from time to time: mountain gorillas often climb higher in the dry season and descend during the rains, they might move on due to pressure from wild gorillas and individuals will often join other groups. When tracking gorillas, it's possible to request to visit a specific group once you are at the park headquarters, but this can never be guaranteed. Currently these are the ten groups habituated for gorilla safaris in Volcanoes National Park:

- The **Sabyinyo Group** has about 12 individuals, including two silverback gorillas, and is usually found relatively close

to the edge of the forest (about 20–40-minutes' walk), between Sabyinyo and Gahinga.

- **Agashya Group**, also known by its former name Group Thirteen, usually lives close to the Sabyinyo Group but can range very far and high. It has about 25 gorillas with 2 silverbacks.
- Usually living between the Karisoke and Visoke (sometimes called Bisoke) peaks are the **Amahoro Group**, with about 17 individuals, and the **Umubano Group**, which currently has 11 members. Both are usually further away from the headquarters than the Sabyinyo and Agasha groups, but easier to reach than the Susa Group.
- Originally studied by Dian Fossey, the **Susa Group** is the largest, with about 40 individuals, including 3 silverbacks. In the summer months in particular it can be a tough trek to reach this group high up on Mount Karisimbi, but it's well worth the effort because of their number and because, uniquely, it has two sets of twins, a very rare occurrence in the world of gorillas.
- The **Karisimbi Group**, which split from the Susa group a few years ago, also lives in the Mt. Karisimbi area of Volcanoes National Park and is also suited to visits from more serious hikers. Both of these groups can potentially involve a full day's trek.
- The **Hirwa Group** has around 11 members including one silverback and another pair of twins. Together with the two pairs of twins in the Susa group, these are the only known surviving twins of mountain gorillas in the world.
- The eighth group, the **Kwitonda Group** has 18 members and was habituated in the DRC. They crossed the border into Rwanda in 2005, and were carefully tracked and are now also being visited on a regular basis, although they are known to range far.
- The **Bwenge Group**, named after their silverback, has 11 members and can be a tough trek, as can the **Ugenda Group**, whose name means "on the move" – its 11 individuals often move to new areas.

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In Rwanda, you can only track mountain gorilla in Volcanoes National Park (Parc National des Volcans), a part of the wider Virunga (mountains). At least 480 mountain gorillas inhabit this (Virunga) complex and live at altitudes ranging from 2,300-4,500 m ranging within the southern part of Virunga National Park (DRC), and the Volcanoes National Park northern Rwanda, while a few use the Mgahinga National Park, southwestern Uganda.

In Rwanda, Gorilla's families or groups are divided into two those which are for the study/ research purposes and these are only accessed by scientists and researchers. These include: Beetsme, and Pablo's Shida's and have the largest number of individuals.

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1. SUSA Group (SUSA A Family) - the gorilla group that was famously studied by Dian Fossey.

It derives its name from the SUSA River which flows through their home range. This family is the hardest to trek as it tends to range high into the mountains but RDB's Tourism & Conservation trackers will know well in advance where the group is located the day before in advance for the next trackers. Sometimes tourists have been barred from tracking the group because of its distant location. This group is very impressive with a family

SUSA Group



size now of 28 gorilla members

with

3 Silverbacks. It was the largest gorilla group before it split into two. The group had 42 individuals and when one visited it, all you could see where Gorillas all over. The group is well known for the young twins named

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...for both. As we watched the mother, Nyabitondore, care for the two, Kapano and Byishimo, at times we thought she would go insane from the task. But today you can enjoy the two bouncing around and playing as if nothing ever happened.

2. Karisimbi Family (Susa-B)

This is the family that split from the Original Susa (Susa-A) family and now it's called Susa-B or Karisimbi Group. It contains 15 individuals and it always stays in the slopes of Karisimbi Volcano (4507M), which the highest peak of Rwanda. The Karisimbi Group is better suited to visits for more serious hikers. It appears that they have established their home range high up on the slopes of the Karisimbi caldera. Thus, a visit to this group may well end up as a full-days trek. The group sometimes migrates to higher altitude and hence makes tracking difficult. However, RDB tourism and conservation guides know where to find the group a day before. Tracking this gorilla family may sometimes be prohibited because of its distant location.

3. Sabyinyo Gorilla Group

Sabyinyo is an easily accessible group led by the powerful silverback Guhonda. Guhonda, the largest silverback of all the groups, who is well known for his massive physical appearance. Guhonda has kept his main challenger, Ryango, out of his group as a lonely silverback. There are fewer members within this family than in the other groups however they are equally impressive as a family.

The group was named after the Sabyinyo volcano which means "old man's teeth". Sabyinyo is one of the groups closest to the park's edge with 8 individuals: 1 Silverback (the biggest in the park); 3 Adult females; 1 Non adult female; 2 Juveniles and 1 Baby.

Sabyinyo Group



4. Amahoro Gorilla Group

Meaning "peaceful group", Amahoro, is the most peaceful of all the gorilla groups. The group has 17 individuals: 1 Silverback; 2 Blackbacks; 5 Adult females; 2 Sub adult males; 2 Juveniles and 5 Babies. However, peace comes at a price. Ubumwe, the group's silverback is so peaceful, easy going and calm, he has lost group members to Charles in the Umubano group. To reach Amahoro one must endure a fairly steep climb however the climb is well worth it once in contact with this tranquil group.

Amahoro Group



5. Umubano Group

Meaning "neighborliness", Umubano a family of 11 individuals: 1 Silverback; 1 Sub adult male; 3 Adult females and 6 Babies. Umubano were originally Amahoro members but broke off after the dominant silverback (Ubumwe) was challenged by Charles, now the leader of Umubano.

As Charles matured into a silverback of the same rank as Ubumwe, he could not stand being given orders and decided to stage a fight and challenge Ubumwe. The fight went on for weeks and then months. Finally, Charles managed to snatch from Ubumwe a few females and formed his own group; thus Umubano was formed. Since then, he has commanded respect and recognition from Ubumwe. We have observed, on various occasions, interactions between the two silverbacks, but no fighting has been seen since the great battle ended.

Umubano Group



6. 13 Group (aka Agasha Group)

When first habituated this group had only 13 members hence its name. Now the group has approximately 25 members: 1 Silverback; 12 Adult females; 2 Sub adult female; 3 Juvenile and 7 Babies. Formerly this group was commanded by Nyakarima who was challenged by Agashya meaning "the news". Agashya indeed made news by first watching and estimating Nyakarima's strengths and eventually challenging him to a fierce fight by taking off with his whole group. This was a shock to Nyakarima and an unprecedented event in observed gorilla history. Agashya then moved up the volcano to secure his group and make sure Nyakarima did not track them. Agashya has since increased his group's numbers by snatching from other groups and assimilating other lone gorillas, rapidly increasing the group from 12 to 25 individuals.

Agashya is known, at the first sign of trouble, to take his whole group up to the top of the volcano. Once, while we were taking a group of tourists to see Group 13 this exact scenario unfolded. Agashya felt that there was another silverback who was about to challenge him. In response, he took the group up the volcano. Every time we thought we were close to see them, Agashya would move the group further uphill. We did not reach them until the very top, where we finally got a chance to see them. By the time we got back to the car we had walked for 12 hours. While it was an exhausting day, it was magical to see gorillas at the top the world.

13 Group



7. Kwitonda Family

This 18-member group is led by a silverback known as Kwitonda which means "humble one" and has two silverbacks and one blackback. Having migrated from DRC, this group tends to range far making it a moderately difficult trek. Together with Susa B this is one of the difficult groups to track



8. Hirwa Group (meaning "lucky one")

This group came into the lime light on the 17th of June 2006 when trackers witnessed its formation by the merging of some members from two different existing families, namely from Group 13 and Sabyinyo making a very small group then. As luck would have it, other gorillas joined the group and now Hirwa has 9 individuals: 1 Silverback; 3 Adult females; 2 Sub adult females and 3 Babies.

Despite being the newest group on the block, Hirwa exhibits strength and holds its own amongst all the other established groups.



9. Bwenge Family

The family size of this group is 11 individuals with Silverback. It is mostly found on the Slopes of the Karisoke Volcano. The group is led by a silverback named Bwenge and was formed in 2007 when he left his natal group and was gradually joined by females from other groups. This group has had some hard times; this is because there were some deaths of 6 infants. However now the group is growing strong with 2 successful births in the last few years and a strong capable silverback leader. The trek to see the group is tough and one has to hike up the hill or like 3 hours (gaining approximately 600m in elevation). The trails are sometimes muddy and very steep. Apparently it was also the group that was featured in the movie "Gorillas in the Mist".

10. Uganda Family

This Group is found in Karisimbi area of Rwanda. The Family Size consists of 11 gorillas with 2 silverbacks. Its name means "being on the move" and was named because it was always moving from one area to another. Since it's not in one place, tracking it may be some how difficult and involves also moving from one place to another to locate them.

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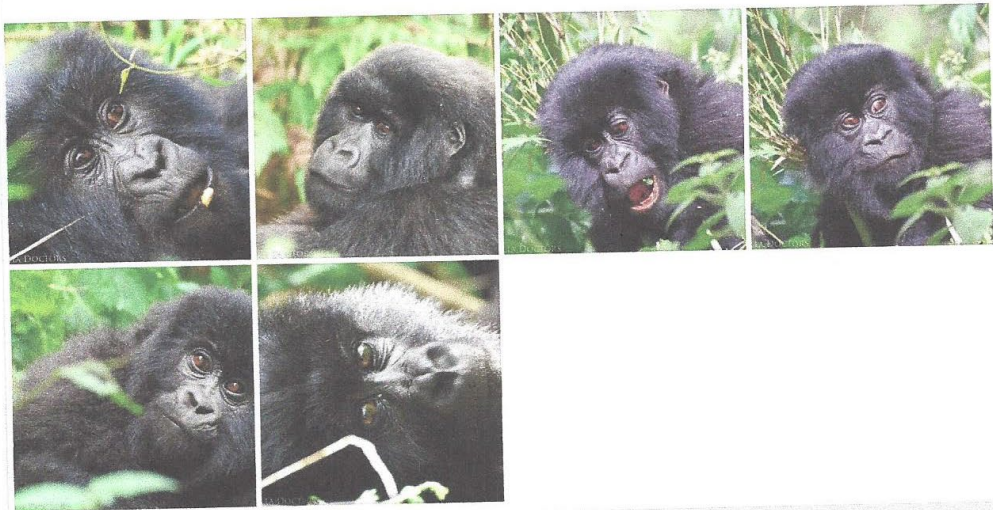
Agashya Group in Volcanoes National Park

By Gorilla Doctors · Updated over a year ago

From Dr. Jean-Felix Kinani in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda:

I trekked to Agashya group for a Routine Health Check on February 5. The group was found in the Nyabigoma area of the park at an altitude of 2557 meters. Agashya, the dominant silverback was feeding during the time of my observation, and moving with the infant gorillas of the group. Infants Inyungu and Isano were playing and very active. Adult female Turiho appeared fine, but was aggressive to any of the gorillas that tried to play with her infant Iwacu. Sacco, the 2.5-year-old infant of adult female Isoni, appeared to be healthy and thriving despite his mother leaving the group on January 20. Sacco has been sleeping with silverback Agashya in his night nest since his mother left. He is becoming more independent and he was feeding abundantly during my observation. Trackers reported that after his mother left, Sacco had stopped playing and became depressed. Recently however, he seems to be more active and stays close to Agashya for protection and companionship. Ubudehe, another infant whose mother left the group a few months back, is also staying close to Agashya. Gasozikeza, Inyungu, Iwacu and Ingabo were all resting during my observation but seem to be in good health.

All of the gorillas in Agashya group were observed and were visually in good health.



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Gorilla Doctors Hi Wendy Morgan, No, it's not unusual. There have been quite a few cases where the mother either passed away or left the group and the silverback (and suspected father) stepped in to provide protection and companionship for the infant.

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Gorilla Doctors Hi Cheryl Fee, Urumuli and Isoni probably left the group to avoid consanguinity, as many females do.


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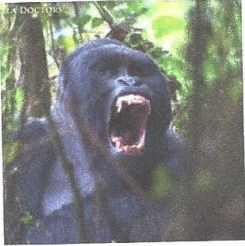
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Respiratory Disease breaks out in the Agashya Gorilla Group

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On August 28, the trackers in Volcanoes National Park announced that Agashya, who is the prominent silverback of the Agashya group, was actually coughing however he was not doing badly. The Gorilla Doctors inspected him frequently and discovered he was active and ok in spite of a cold. Later on 8th of the very month, another gorilla within the group, was discovered coughing by the trackers. 4 days afterwards, Elisabeth Nyirakaragire the Veterinary Warden of Volcanoes National Park reported that 4 additional gorillas were suffering from respiratory disease. In particular, Isano was fatigued, consequently Elisabeth asked for a veterinary examination.

On 14th September the Agashya group had 6 gorillas coughing among which were Dusangire, Gasozikeza, Gusura, Agashya, Ubudehe as well as Isano. Gasozikeza was actually coughing very much, compared to the others; however he was feeding as well as tinkering with Gusura, Dusangire plus Ubudehe. Isano was also coughing although was lively and moving together with the rest of the

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group. Trackers stated he had become better. Agashya, who previously was coughing for 3 weeks, remained coughing; however he was feeding as well as moving effectively. Not one of the gorillas looked really sick.

On 18th September among the group Gasozikeza, Ubutware, Turiho, Ubudehe as well as Isano were actually still coughing, however still behaving normally. For that reason it was decided that these cases weren't serious to warrant an treatment. Outbreaks of Respiratory diseases are generally due to a self-restricting viral infection. At times gorillas having viral infections obtain a additional bacterial infection and turn into serious illness. In such cases the doctors get involved by offering antibiotics to assist the gorillas recuperate.

On 25th September it was observed that 6 gorillas continued coughing among which were Intambwe, Intambwe, Intango, Ubutwari, Inkundwa, as well as Turiho. Among the Eleven gorillas that were affected at this point, Ingabo, Isano, Gusura, Agashya plus Ubudehe, appear to have well recovered. The young Ubutwari was also coughing quiet a lot as well as picking at his nose, however he was walking with Agashya and also feeding well. Regardless of accounts that Intango seemed to be not using at all her left-arm, she appeared well and was actually moving with the two arms.

Trackers continue to observe the gorillas to gather information about their general health status as always and gather the stool of the unwell gorillas so that the veterinaries can try to discover the pathogen triggering this outbreak.



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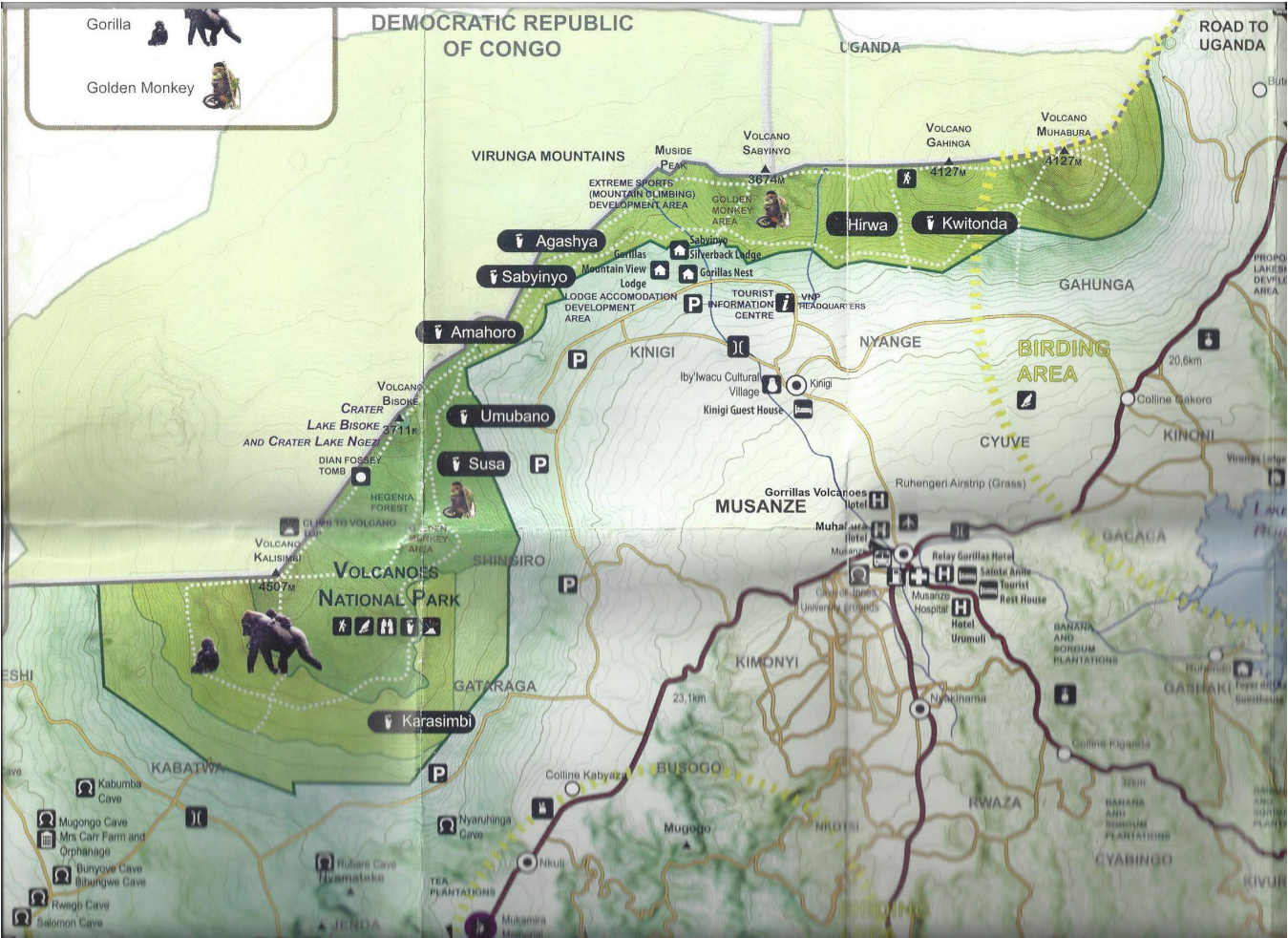
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8:20 am arrive at Kigali Airport, aboard **KQ 470** where you will be met by a *Thousand Hills Expeditions'* representative.

Then visit the genocide memorial site at Gisozi

Lunch at a local restaurant

Afternoon drive north to Ruhengeri for 2hr30min

Dinner and overnight Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

DAY2: 8 Nov 2014

Early breakfast then drive to the park offices

0700hrs, you will be allocated a gorilla tracking group followed by a briefing by your trackers then drive to where the trail starts from.

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Dinner and Overnight at Lake Kivu Serena hotel

DAY 3: 9 Nov 2014

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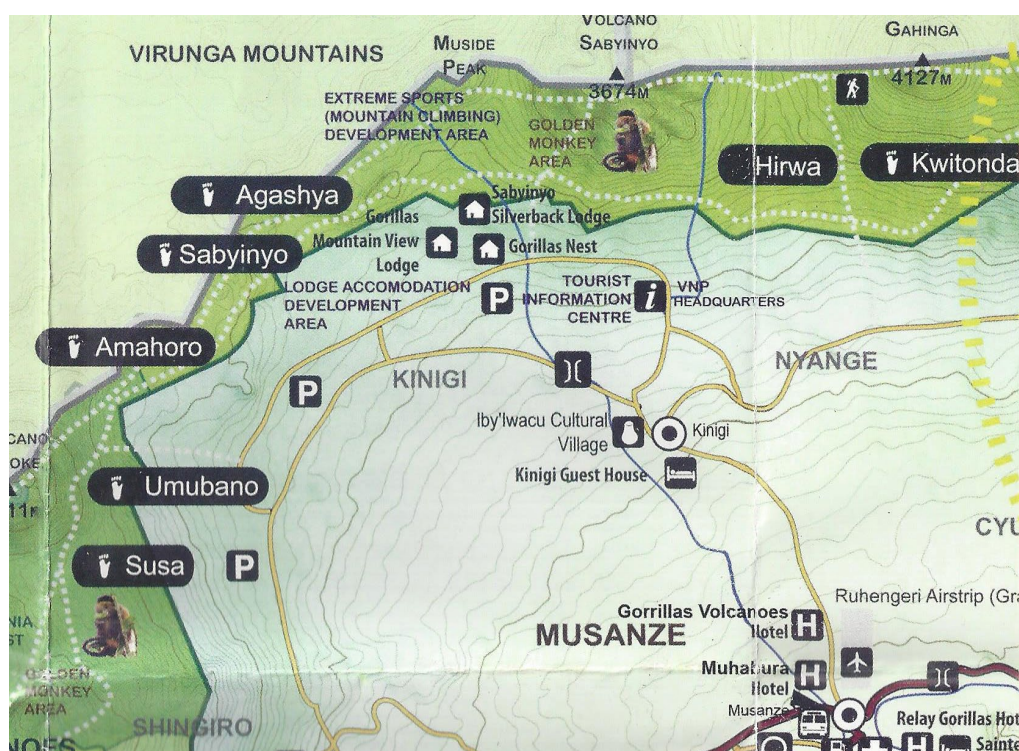
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From "Gorilla Encounter" in "The Far Side of the Sky":

Terrible ghosts haunt this country and this mountainside. Ghosts of almost a million people slaughtered during the Rwandan genocide of 1994, moderate Hutus as well as 70% of the Tutsi then living in Rwanda. All this while the world stood by and did nothing. The endangered mountain gorillas of the Virunga Mountains might also have been victims of the senseless slaughter if it had not been for the remarkable and pioneering work the anthropologist, Dian Fossey. As fellow anthropologist Jane Goodall has written "if Dian hadn't done what she had, there would be no gorillas left in Rwanda to study.". Dian conducted the first field study of these mountain gorillas. She lived and worked beside them in these mountains (near where the Susa group is marked on the map below) and recorded her experience in her best seller "Gorillas in the Mist". She was murdered by unknown assailants and her grave in the mountains near where she worked has become a place of pilgrimage and a popular hiking destination. One of her favorite subjects, a silverback called Digit, was murdered with her and lies in an adjoining grave.

The hike to visit the mountain gorillas in the wild is an extraordinary experience because of the fantastic opportunity to interact with these magnificent animals in the wild and to observe them close up for a period of an hour. It is a guided hike into the higher reaches of the volcanic Virunga Mountains that range up to 12,000ft and straddle the border separating the central African countries of Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The three countries have established contiguous national parks in order to preserve this unique environment: they are called the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda, the Mgahinga National Park in Uganda and Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Most of the visitors come to the Rwandan park since travel there is more convenient and safer and the facilities are better developed. The Ugandan park is harder to access and less developed while conditions in the Congolese park are very unsettled and potentially dangerous.

A line of volcanoes on the international borders (including the 11,959ft Mount Sabyinyo) overlook the park area that is mostly bamboo forest. The bamboo provides the fodder for the 800 or so gorillas that live there in small groups of up to 25 or so animals. In the Rwandan Park there are currently 8 gorilla groups that are habituated to humans and can be visited by tourists; another four gorilla groups have not been habituated and are restricted to research study.



Map of the Volcanoes National Park showing the habituated gorilla groups.

The 8 habituated gorilla groups that can be visited in the Rwandan Park at present are shown in the above map in their rough area of activity. Dian Fossey's original study group are represented by their descendants in the Susa groups, Susa A and Susa B, that are the result of a split in 2010. The present habituated groups are:

- Susa A Group with three silverbacks, Kurira, Kika and Igisha, and 29 gorillas. The group lives on the slopes of mountain Karisimbi. One of the females, Nyabitondore, is the daughter of Picasso, a gorilla that was studied by Dian Fossey; another female, Isonga, is the daughter of Poppy, also studied by Fossey. A peculiarity of this group is that it has had two sets of twins born in recent years. The last birth occurred when Nyabitondore gave birth to male and female twins which she has subsequently successfully raised.
- Susa B Group with the silverback Kuramba and 11 gorillas.
- Sabyinyo Group with the enormous silverback Guhonda and eight gorillas. Guhonda is thought to be the largest in the world. He loves to beat his chest to demonstrate his power. The group is usually located in the depression between the peaks of Mount Gahinga and Mount Sabyinyo around 1 to 1.5 hours walk from the trailhead.
- Agashya Group (or Group 13) with silverback Agashya and 25 gorillas. This group gets its name from the fact that it was the

thirteenth group to be habituated in this area (see below for more detail). It is the group that the author visited.

- Amahoro Group with silverback Ubumwe and 17 gorillas. Amahoro means peace, reflecting the easy-going nature of this family, the silverback being particularly relaxed and approachable. The antecedent of this group was one led by the silverback Amahoro who died in 2002; the original group then split into that led by Ubumwe and one named Umubano led by the silverback Charles. Ubumwe has been having intermittent spats with Charles since then and there has been a loss of members in that direction. The Amahoro Group is usually located on the slopes of Mount Visoke around 1 to 1.5 hours walk from the trailhead.
- Umubano Group with silverback Charles and 9 gorillas. Previously part of the Amahoro Group, when the old silverback died, Charles was not prepared to submit to the second ranking male and, after months of tension and fighting, he decided to leave the group, taking two females with him. Under his ambitious leadership, the three have since been joined by other females. The group is usually located around 0.5 to 1 hour walk from the trailhead.
- Hirwa Group with the silverback "SB" and 12 gorillas. This Group has 12 members most of whom came from the Sabyinyo and Group 13 groups after the new alpha SB triumphed in a big silverback battle on Jun.17, 2006. The Group, renowned for being peaceful and easy-going, is usually located around 1 to 2 hours walk from the trailhead.
- Kwitonda Group with silverback Kwitonda and 17 gorillas. Their original home range was over the border in the Democratic Republic of Congo but they migrated to Rwanda in 2005 with sixteen members. The Group was already habituated when it arrived although the silverback is notoriously shy. The Group is usually located around 2 to 3 hours walk from the trailhead.

In addition there are four non-habituated research groups named, Beetsme, Pablo, Shinda and Bwenge.

We describe here a hike that visited the Agashya Group (or Group 13) in November of 2014. When first habituated this group had only 13 members (hence its name). Now the group has approximately 25 members: 1 silverback; 12 adult females; 2 sub-adult females; 3 juveniles and 7 babies. After the death of the silverback Murith in 1992 all of the females left to join other families leaving just three young males, Munani, Nyakarima and Kwarinda. These three stayed on their own for several years until Munani became a silverback. Subsequently Nyakarima left to join another family and Kwarinda died after a fight. Munani managed to obtain one female, Safari, from the Sabyinyo group and later two other females, Gukunda and Cyazuzo. From there he was able to rebuild the family to 8 individuals.

Munani died of natural causes in 2002, leaving the group without a silverback. The lead female, Safari, took over the leadership for five difficult months. Nyakarima reappeared and a new silverback, Agashya, meaning "the news", arrived on the scene with three friends. Agashya made news by first watching and estimating Nyakarima's strengths and eventually challenging him to a fierce fight by taking off with his whole group. This was a shock to Nyakarima and an unprecedented event in observed gorilla history. Agashya then moved up the volcano to secure his group and make sure Nyakarima did not track them. Agashya has since increased his group's numbers by snatching from other groups and assimilating other lone gorillas, rapidly increasing the group from 12 to 25 individuals. Nyakarima is now a lone silverback. Agashya is known, at the first sign of trouble, to take his whole group up to the top of the volcano. Once, when taking a group of tourists to see Group 13 this exact scenario unfolded. Agashya felt that there was another silverback who was about to challenge him. In response, he took the group up the volcano. Every time the tourists came close, Agashya would move the group further uphill. The tourists finally got a chance to see them near the top of the mountain. By the time they got back to the trailhead, they had walked for an exhausting 12 hours.

The Agashya group of 25 gorillas is usually located about 0.5 to 1hrs from the trailhead and in November 2014 consisted of

- Silverback: Agashya
- Females: Safari, Gukunda, Cyazuzo, Kwisanga (mother of Ingabo), Munezero, Infango, Rugendo, Ahazaza, Akago, Isani
- Juvenile: Icyozuzo
- Infants: Ingabo, Karema, Inkundwa, Izano, Dusangire, Gasipildira, Urumuli, Tunha

We describe a November 2014 trek to visit this group. We note that one way in which individual gorillas can be identified is by the pattern of creases on their flat nose just above their nostrils. Photographs of the individuals in a group often come with a small diagram of these crease patterns but I confess I found it hard to distinguish these myself.

Trailhead

The city closest to the gorillas is Musanze (formerly Ruhengeri), the regional capital and second largest city in Rwanda located at 1°30.228'S 29°38.307'E and an elevation of 6033ft. While an airport is currently planned for Musanze (primarily to serve the tourist trade), the most convenient itinerary at present (2014) is to travel by road from the Rwandan capital of Kigali. Kigali can be reached by air from several nearby route centers including Nairobi. The journey from Kigali to Musanze along Route RN4 travels a distance of 58mi (93km) over a good paved road through productive farmland. It is a scenic drive of about 1.2hrs. The roads beyond Musanze and up toward the park are considerably rougher. The Volcanoes National Park Headquarters at Kinigi (at 1°25.937'S 29°35.691'E, elevation 7615ft) is about 7.5mi from Musanze along Route RN8 on a fair, paved road. The Kinigi National Park Headquarters are where you meet with your guides on the morning of your trek to visit with the gorillas.

We stayed in the midrange Mountain Gorilla View Lodge (at 1°25.630'S 29°33.359'E, elevation 8029ft) that is about 3.5mi (5.5km) west of the Park Headquarters. About 1.5mi (2.5km) ENE is the upscale and expensive Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge at

1°24.776'S 29°34.085'E and an elevation of 8344ft.



Map area of the author's gorilla trek.

The demand for participation in a trek to the gorillas is high and so it is almost essential that you acquire a reservation prior to day of your hike and usually weeks in advance. The orientation at the Kinigi Headquarters (at 1°25.937'S 29°35.691'E, elevation 7615ft) occurs about 7.00am on the morning of the trek. This involves registering your presence with the National Park Office. The rangers then allocate you to a specific gorilla group. The scouts whose job it is to follow the 8 habituated groups night and day (and year round) keep the headquarters staff informed of the rough location of each of the groups. With this information the staff are able to estimate the probable length of the hike to see each group on that particular day. Headquarters then assign the visitors to a specific group; I got the impression that they take into account the perceived fitness and age of each visitor in deciding upon that allocation. There is a strict limit of one group of visitors to each gorilla group on any day and a visitor group is limited to a maximum of 8 individuals. Moreover, each visit is limited to a period of one hour in the presence of the gorillas.



Volcanoes National Park HQ and Mount Sabyinyo



Start of the trek

Care must be taken to bring with you appropriate clothing and equipment for the trek. Lightweight safari shirt and pants with long sleeves and legs are best along with hiking shoes or boots. Since rain (or pushing through wet foliage) is likely you might also bring a lightweight rain jacket. Conversely a hat and sunglasses are important in the case of hot sun. Gloves (and the long sleeves) are recommended as protection against the stinging nettles that are common in the bamboo rain forest. A lightweight backpack is also useful to carry your bottled water and other gear (though this should be kept to a minimum).

Once the allocations have been decided you then meet in your small group of eight (or less) with your principal guide(s) for the day. Most of them speak good English and, perhaps, French. They give you a brief description of the gorilla group to be visited and its recent history; this includes photographs of each of the current members of the group and the pattern of the nose creases for each individual. Then you are given instructions regarding the visit, the need to obey all instructions from the guides and not to use flash photography or make any loud noises or rapid movements. No contact with the gorillas is permitted (especially with the young gorillas) because of their vulnerability to human diseases; if you have a cold or fever you are not permitted to participate in a trek. You should not make direct eye contact with the gorillas but rather bow your head and emit a purring noise if there appears to be an imminent confrontation. With all these preliminaries completed you then reboard your vehicle for the journey to the trailhead for your particular trek.

The chosen trailhead is likely accessed over very rough 4WD track. Nevertheless, since the nearby farms extend right up to the boundaries of the park in most places there is likely to be a crowd of children waiting to greet you. In addition to the guides and trackers (in dark green uniforms) there will also be a group of potential porters in blue jumpsuits. They will be there in the hope of being hired by tourists to carry their backpacks and help them over and across obstacles. A porter costs \$10 per hike and is well worth it; moreover, this income greatly helps the local economy and, with all the other financial contributions from visitors, helps to enlist the local population in the protection of the park and the gorillas against poaching and other predations. Once equipped with porters (who also provide walking sticks) your group is ready to begin the hike.

Hike

Our allocated trailhead lay just a few hundred yards ESE of the Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge along a rough dirt road through populated farmland. It seemed a well-used trailhead where a group of some 20 potential porters waited with a group of children including several young infants. I estimate the location was about 1°25.089'S 29°34.522'E and an elevation of 8150ft on the slopes of the 11,959ft Mount Sabyinyo. Once assembled and provided with porters we started up a gently sloping trail through farmland with Mount Sabyinyo volcano directly ahead of us. The slope gradually increased as we began to leave the farmed fields behind. After less than a mile we arrive at the low stone wall and ditch that mark the edge of the forest in the park. The wall helps prevent incursions of the local population into the park and to dissuade the wildlife from roaming onto the farmland. At this point we were unexpectedly joined by a small group of well-armed soldiers who seemed to appear from nowhere. Our guides explained that the soldiers were there as extra protection against armed poachers but I wondered whether they were also there to deter any potential incursions from across the nearby border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (either by the Congolese army or by rebel groups in that country).



Author and a ranger guide



View back down mountain near forest entry point

It was easy to climb the wall, cross the ditch and enter the dense bamboo of the National Park; having done so, we immediately found ourselves in the dense bamboo forest with only indistinct animal trails to follow. One of the trackers preceded us, occasionally hacking away at path-blocking bamboo branches. We had gone only a short distance before we were told to be quiet and move slowly. And there ahead of us were two juvenile mountain gorillas grooming one another. It was a truly incredible moment. Even more so as we advanced a short distance and caught sight of the silverback, Agashya, sleeping in a bamboo grove surrounded by about a dozen females and infants. I estimate our gorilla encounter occurred about 1°24.46'S 29°34.74'E at an elevation of 8700ft and less than a mile from the trailhead. Thus we had ascended only about 550ft during our approach hike.



Agashya waking up



Juvenile group member

It was not long before Agashya woke up and decided to move a short distance north in order to feed. Most of the troop followed as he led them through the forest to a spot where it appeared there was good bamboo to eat. Meanwhile several of the young gorillas who had been frolicking a short distance away came bouncing by, playfully knocking each other over as they went. Apparently the bamboo includes fermented material and some of the gorillas end up quite inebriated as a result. Certainly these young gorillas were behaving just like young humans after a night out.



Gorilla group members

Soon Agashya settled down for another sleep with many of his troop spread out around him including youngsters who climbed on his back without incurring any wrath. Our guides led us to locations where we had excellent views of this non-activity though in doing so we paused at the edge of one path just as a young gorilla was charging through the bamboo to join the main group. In doing so he passed very close to me and flung out his arm as if to say "get out of my way". The brief and inconsequential contact he made with me will remain a very special memory from this incredible encounter.



Agashya at rest



Barbara photographs Agashya

As the end of our hour approached, Agashya and the group moved off again, now through denser undergrowth with stinging nettles and less chance to get good views of the gorillas. I felt as though I might abruptly bump into a gorilla with little warning or intention. But then, sadly our hour was up and we began to make our way back toward the same place where we had crossed the boundary wall and ditch. Just before that we encountered an overgrown brick chimney, very strangely all that remains of the homestead of a man called Condit who had long ago built this refuge in the territory of the mountain gorillas. How and why was not known but I whispered thanks that this homestead was short-lived.



Gorillas in the bamboo forest

Just outside the wall we paused for reflection and for drinks. We exchanged emails and impressions of this extraordinary experience. We thanked our guides and porters and said goodbye to the army patrol that had joined us. We were elated by what we had experienced and chatted excitedly as we hiked downhill to the trail and then the trailhead. There the same group of children awaited our return and asked nicely for handouts though without the aggression one can experience elsewhere in poorer countries. It had been a truly amazing and unique experience like no other this earth has to offer. Though very expensive (\$750 per person for one encounter) it was definitely worth the money, especially since the financial contribution provides major support for the survival of this magnificent species.



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EARLS CHRISTOPHER BRENNEN
Nairobi - Kigali - Nairobi - Lusaka - Nairobi
E-Ticket number 706-5418728263
Issuing Airline: KQ
Ticket status: E-Ticket processed 01SEP14

ANN BARBARA BRENNEN
Nairobi - Kigali - Nairobi - Lusaka - Nairobi
E-Ticket number 706-5418728264
Issuing Airline: KQ
Ticket status: E-Ticket processed 01SEP14

FLIGHT INFORMATION

NAIROBI to KIGALI
Kenya Airways | KQ470 confirmed
Friday, November 07, 2014 | duration 1:30
Dep: 07:50 AM Nairobi, Kenya | Jomo Kenyatta International NBO | Terminal 1A
Arr: 08:20 AM Kigali, Rwanda | International KGL ← 7.50 am
Confirmation Number: Kenya Airways 2HVVBH
Flight Number: Kenya Airways - KQ 470
Fare type: Coach
Aircraft: Embraer 190
Meal: MEAL (NON SPECIFIC)
Baggage: 30 kilogram(s) per traveler
Last check in: information not available
Earls Christopher Brennen
Meal preferences: No special meal
Ann Barbara Brennen
Meal preferences: No special meal

KIGALI to LUSAKA
11/9/2014
Dep: 06:40 PM Kigali, Rwanda | International KGL
Arr: 12:05 PM +1 day Lusaka, Zambia | Lusaka International LUN
KIGALI to NAIROBI
Kenya Airways | KQ475 confirmed

Sunday, November 09, 2014 | duration 1:30

Dep: 06:40 PM Kigali, Rwanda | International KGL
Arr: 09:10 PM Nairobi, Kenya | Jomo Kenyatta International NBO | Terminal 1C

Flight Number: Kenya Airways - KQ 475
Fare type: Coach
Aircraft: Embraer 190
Meal: MEAL (NON SPECIFIC)
Baggage: 30 kilogram(s) per traveler
Last check in: information not available

Earls Christopher Brennan
Meal preferences: No special meal

Ann Barbara Brennan
Meal preferences: No special meal

Change of plane required. Time between flights = 11:00

NAIROBI to LUSAKA
Kenya Airways | KQ702 confirmed

Monday, November 10, 2014 | duration 4:55

Dep: 08:10 AM Nairobi, Kenya | Jomo Kenyatta International NBO | Terminal 1C
Arr: 12:05 PM Lusaka, Zambia | Lusaka International LUN

Technical Stop(s): Harare, Zimbabwe | International HRE
Please check the visa requirements

Flight Number: Kenya Airways - KQ 702
Fare type: Coach
Aircraft: Boeing 777-200/200ER
Meal: MEAL (NON SPECIFIC)
Baggage: 30 kilogram(s) per traveler
Last check in: information not available

Earls Christopher Brennan
Meal preferences: No special meal

Ann Barbara Brennan
Meal preferences: No special meal

LUSAKA to NAIROBI

Kenya Airways | KQ702 confirmed

Saturday, November 15, 2014 | duration 2:40

Dep: 12:55 PM Lusaka, Zambia | Lusaka International LUN
Arr: 04:35 PM Nairobi, Kenya | Jomo Kenyatta International NBO | Terminal 1C

Flight Number: Kenya Airways - KQ 702
Fare type: Coach
Aircraft: Boeing 777-200/200ER
Meal: MEAL (NON SPECIFIC)
Baggage: 30 kilogram(s) per traveler
Last check in: information not available

Earls Christopher Brennan
Meal preferences: No special meal

Ann Barbara Brennan
Meal preferences: No special meal

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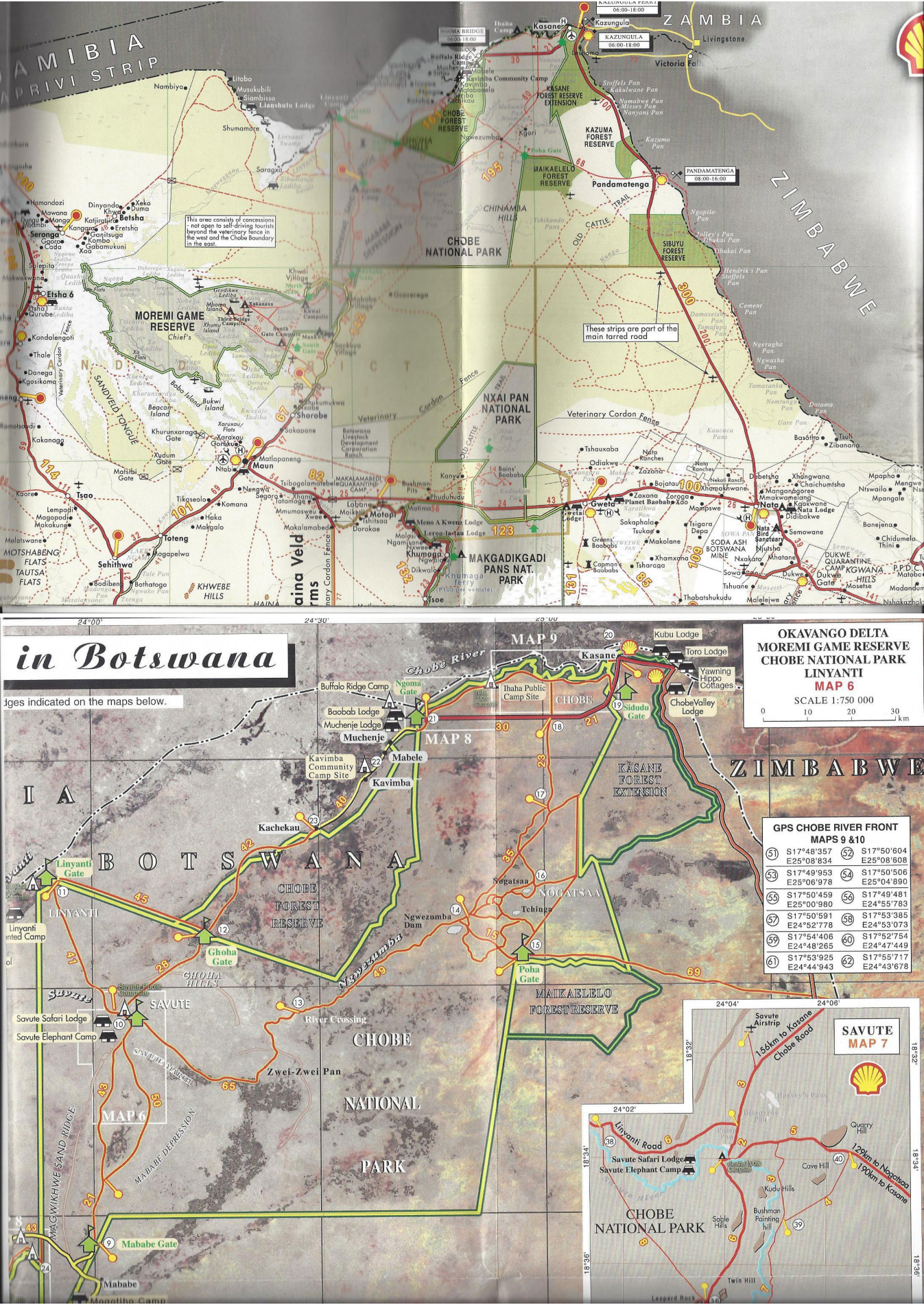
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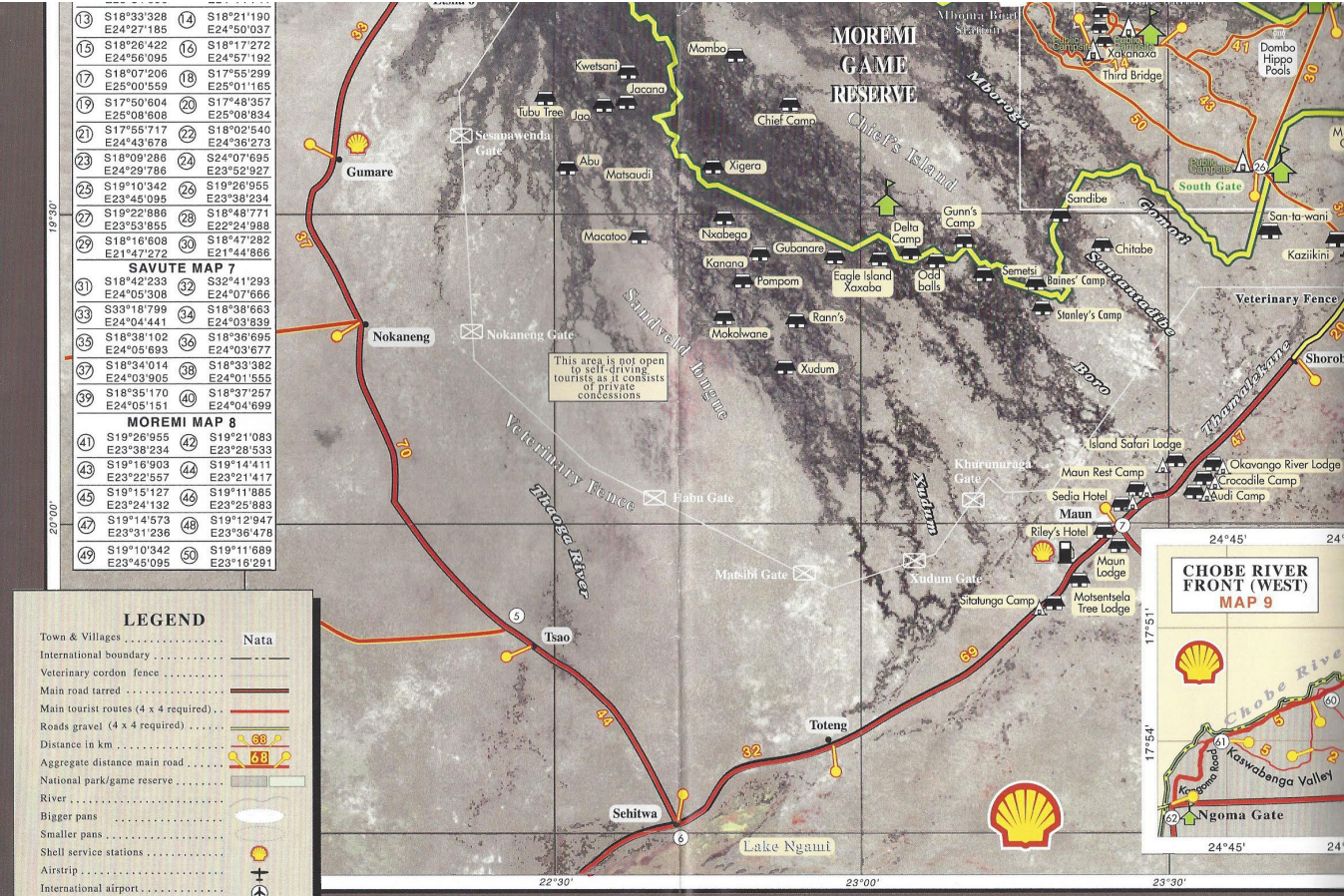
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SANCTUARY RETREATS

Welcome to Baines' Camp!

We have put this leaflet together to help you settle into your room and find your way around the camp. Please take a few minutes to read through these notes.

Orientation folders

On the main dresser, you will find two leather folders. One contains an orientation of Baines' Camp, including information on the concession we share with Stanley's Camp, the local community and the activities we have on offer.

The second folder contains writing paper, postcards and envelopes, which you are welcome to make use of during your stay with us. Please note that we do sell postage stamps should you wish to make use of the postcards provided. You will also find some information about the Living With Elephants Foundation and the helicopter that can be arranged for you in consultation with one of the managers.

Laundry

We offer a complimentary, same-day service. Please put all laundry, together with the laundry list (which can be found in the stationary folder) into the cane basket in the bathroom. Our housekeepers will remove your laundry each morning while you are out on your activity, and return it to you that same evening.

There may be occasions when your laundry is not ready that evening (i.e. due to inclement weather), in which case it will be returned to you the following morning.

Power sources

The lodge runs on 2 separate power source – direct current from the generator, and battery power supplied from the inverter. Your lights and fan run 24 hours a day, as they work off a battery source. There are two plug points provided for charging camera batteries and using the hairdryers. The first of these is located in the main bedroom by the corner seat; the second by the cane laundry basket in the bathroom. Adaptors are located in the top drawer of the dresser.

Please note that the plug points are run by generator power, which will be available at the following hours:

6am – 10.00pm

Please do not use the plugs located under your bed – the power source there is different, and using these plugs may result in temporary loss of all power to your room.

Insect repellents

Peaceful Sleep is an insect repellent that is sprayed onto the body. This can be found in the top right hand drawer of the main dresser. It is advised that you spray yourself liberally with Peaceful Sleep before you go on game drive in the afternoon and again before coming through to dinner. It is during the evening that the risk of being bitten is

greatest. An Africology citronella insect repellent can be found in the container between the basins in the bathroom. This is made using 100% natural essential oils and great for using on your face and neck.

The housekeepers will drop your mosquito nets around the beds while you are enjoying dinner. If you find you have a lot of insects in your room, you are welcome to use the Doom spray (in the drawer with the Peaceful Sleep) to help control the problem. Please do not use this product on your skin.

You will see a few spiders around your room. Most of these are flat spiders that live on the walls or in crevices. These spiders are harmless to you and wonderfully efficient in dealing with mosquitoes, so we recommend you try to live with them, rather than exterminate them!

Other points of interest

- On the bottom shelf underneath the safe, you will find a watercolour painting kit, which we hope will encourage you to follow Thomas Baines' example and create your own interpretation of African landscape. Please feel free to try your hand at a painting, using the paper located in the second drawer of the main dresser.
- A shoe-shining kit is also located at the bottom of the wardrobe. Please leave your shoes in the box for the housekeepers to clean for you.
- The mini bar is stocked daily with mineral water. Please advise management if there are any additional drinks you would like to have placed in the bar.
- Please note that we do not have telephone, cell phone facilities. Urgent messages to friends and family can be given to management who will contact our office in Maun. Our colleagues in Maun can phone through on your behalf.
- We do have a wireless internet facility available at Baines for your convenience. If you are traveling with your laptop or a device with internet connectivity, please feel to use this in the main area of the lodge.
- The water in your rooms is treated and filtered so is safe for brushing teeth, showering etc. However, it is recommended you use the mineral water provided for drinking. If you have a sensitive stomach or are concerned about the quality of the water, please use the bottled water for cleaning teeth.
- The water used in the ice machine and for washing vegetables/fruit is purified and filtered, so is 100% safe to consume.

Safety in camp

- There is a safe provided in your room for locking away valuables.

DIGITAL ELECTRONIC SAFE OPERATING INSTRUCTION

1. Open the door
2. Press the reset button on the inside of the door until you hear a short beep
3. Key in your new pin code (3 digits) while the orange reset light is still on.
4. Press key (A) to confirm new code.
5. Turn the knob to close the door.
6. To open, key in the new pin number press the (A) button and turn the knob while the green light is showing.

After 3 consecutive incorrect attempts, the safe will automatically shut down for 20 seconds. Please wait before try again.

- A hand held radio will be placed in your room every evening for use in an emergency situation, or if you need assistance in any way. To operate, please turn the RIGHT knob to ON (volume control). The left knob will be set to channel 1. Hold down the rectangular button on the left and speak clearly into the radio about 3inches from your mouth. Once finished speaking release the button and wait for reply. Please call for manager's assistance by calling "Baines Camp, Baines Camp for Room 5 "(e.g.) While waiting for a response please remember to release the button on the left, only pressing it in when you wish to speak. Once you have spoken to the manager and have finished the conversation, please do turn your radio to OFF.
- The air-horn, located next to your safe, is used to alert management in an emergency situation, particularly if you are experiencing a serious medical problem. Please do not use in any other circumstances.
- Please do not walk unescorted at night for any reason – we do not have an electric fence around our camp, and animals often roam through the camp on their nightly forays. Our night watchmen will be on duty to escort you to and from your room after dark and will arrange pick-up / drop-off times with you when you come back from your evening drive.
- During the night, there may be hippos and other animals passing close to your room. Please don't panic – they will not climb up onto the deck to investigate as they are more frightened of you than you are of them. Enjoy the sounds of Africa knowing that you are very safe in the comfort of your bed.
- Please note that when walking around camp during the day, there is still a possibility that you will encounter animals, particularly elephant. In such instances, please walk slowly and calmly to the nearest building. Do not take your eyes off the animal and don't make any sudden movements or loud noises. Do not try to get close to any wild animal; rather let them move off before you try to walk past.

Meal times and activities on offer

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| Wake up with tea/coffee at your room | 05:30am |
| Breakfast in the main dining area | 06:00 am |
| Morning Activity | 06:30am |
| Buffet style lunch | 12:00pm |
| Tea time | 16:00pm |
| Afternoon Activity | 16:30pm |
| Dinner | 20:00pm |

Please note all meal times are flexible, and can be adjusted according to your needs. If you would like a private dinner while you are here please do let us know and we will arrange something special for you.

Morning and afternoon game drives in open-sided Land cruisers are on offer. Morning drives usually depart the lodge at 6:30am, arriving back in camp between 10:30am – 11:00am.

Afternoon drives depart the lodge at 3:30pm and arrive back in camp between 6:30pm – 7.00pm.

We can offer guided walks, which provide a great opportunity to see the smaller details of this incredible ecosystem and also to experience the sounds and smells that are often missed on the vehicle. We recommend that you walk in the morning as the tracks of nocturnal animals are visible then and the weather is cooler.

During the flood season, we also offer boat safaris and mokoro trips. With these activities the focus is more on the water environment and enjoying the tranquility of the delta, than for game viewing (although elephant, hippos, and sometime lion can be seen from the boat). Motor boat trips are also an idea way of enjoying a peaceful Africa sunset, often in the company of few hippos'. Mokoro trips (i.e. traditional dug out canoe) are ideally suits to the morning when is it still cool, although they can be arranged at any time that suit you. Please speak to your guide or a member of the management team to find out which activities are currently available.

If you are interested in booking the elephant walk or helicopter flight, please speak to one of the managers who will advise of relevant costs and all details pertaining to the activity.

*We hope you enjoy your stay with us!
Please feel free to contact Management if you have any queries.*

*Your hosts,
Lesh, Flo, & all the staff of Baine's Camp.*

Dinaka

Welcome to "Dinaka", the namesake of your suite which is centred around Thomas Baines' *"Gold and ivory elephants charging over quartose country"* painting. The true meaning behind the canvas is found in its name, which indicates the wealth that was to be found in Zimbabwe i.e. in the elephants' ivory tusks and the gold-bearing rocks.

Africa was seen as a land of opportunity and Thomas Baines exchanged his carefree lifestyle for four years, between 1868 and 1872, in order to exploit the gold deposits of Zimbabwe. This not only gave him a means to provide for himself but also gave rise to exciting opportunities to paint and travel further.

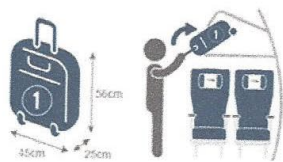
Baines joined forces with Henry Hartley, a renowned explorer of Botswana and Zimbabwe; they reached the borders of Zimbabwe in June of 1869 where they were held up with the red tape of obtaining formal permission to proceed. Their arrival could not have been at a more inconvenient time due to political issues within the Ndebele tribe.

During this uncertain period the ongoing search for gold continued, and Baines successfully pegged his first claim in September 1869. Shortly thereafter all the Europeans (hunters, prospectors and tourists) were ordered to leave Zimbabwe as the Ndebele leaders were in a delicate political phase and wanted no foreigners in the country. There was no alternative for Baines but to move south. This led to flared tempers as he and his fellow Europeans encountered increasing heat and battled against the outbreak of disease.

While they waited for the Ndebele to resolve their kingship issues, Baines remained upbeat and was known for his entertaining personality. He once again took up his brush and began selling his works to willing purchasers, as he was in need of finance both in his professional and personal capacity.

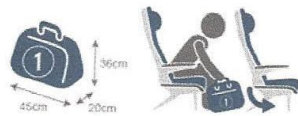
Now that you have had a brief insight into Thomas Baines' life, we hope you enjoy your stay in Dinaka and discover all the wealth that Baines' Camp has to offer you.

Good Night



You must be able to lift your cabin bag into the overhead locker by yourself.

1 personal bag



Your personal bag must be placed under the seat in front of you when travelling in:

- a standard economy seat
- a shorthaul business seat (Club Europe) and
- a longhaul premium economy seat (World Traveller Plus).

Extra baggage allowance

You can pay to take extra bags with you. It's cheaper to plan and pay in advance online, and if you change your mind, you can get a refund before you check in.



[View your full baggage allowance](#)

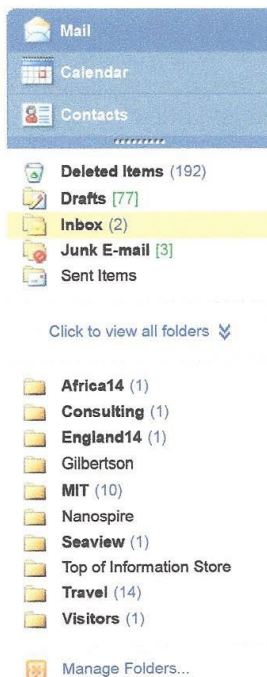
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| Arrive | Sun 16 Nov 2014 | 05:40 | Heathrow (London) Terminal 5 |
| 0 stops, 08 hrs 50 mins, World Traveller Plus, Confirmed | | | |
| This flight is operated by British Airways | | | |
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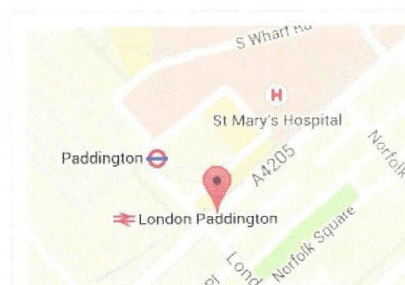
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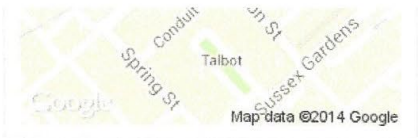


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| Check-in time 2 PM | Check-out time 10:30 AM | Hotel GPS coordinates 51.516, -0.175 |
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| Room: | Double Room |
| Occupancy | Christopher Brennen, 2 adults |
| Check in date | Sunday, November 16, 2014 |
| Check out date | Wednesday, November 19, 2014 |
| Preferences | Non Smoking, Double Bed |

Please note: Preferences and requests cannot be guaranteed. Special requests are subject to availability upon check-in and may incur additional charges.

Includes: Free WiFi

Room details 1 small double bed. 14 square meters. Desk. In-room safe. Wireless high-speed Internet access (surcharge). Wired high-speed Internet access (surcharge). Television Internet access (surcharge). Flat-panel television. Cable/satellite television channels. Direct-dial phone. Voice mail. Clock radio. Complimentary bottled water. Coffee/tea maker. Private bathroom. Makeup/shaving mirror. Handheld showerhead. Hair dryer. Complimentary toiletries. Trouser press. Complimentary newspaper. Iron/ironing board (on request). Air conditioning. Climate control. Non-smoking only.

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| Room charges | Sunday, November 16, 2014 | \$151.13 |
| | Monday, November 17, 2014 | \$231.61 |
| | Tuesday, November 18, 2014 | \$231.61 |
| | Tax recovery charges and service fees | \$122.86 |
| | Total | \$737.21 |

Your contact details brennen@caltech.edu, [6266881381](tel:6266881381)

Thank you for paying using your Visa ending in 2267. Your booking is guaranteed. You'll need to pay any additional charges and fees incurred during your stay at the hotel in their local currency.

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Date : 19/11/14
Folio Number : 63571

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Christopher E. Brennan*

Canyoneering in the San Gabriels and Beyond

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Wednesday, May 28, 2014

7:00 PM

L A County Eaton Canyon Nature

1750 N Altadena Dr, Pasadena, CA ([map](#))

A talk by Chris Brennen at the Pasadena Chapter of the Sierra Club.

No need to RSVP here. I posted this only to make our meetup group members aware of Chris's talk. If you are in southern California, make the time to attend. Chris is an amazing human being who has been exploring San Gabriel canyons for several decades. Many have benefited from the beta he has shared. Many have followed in his footsteps, but none can ever fill his shoes.

[Join or login to comment.](#)

John Caffrey

As we descended Bailey canyon, I asked Chris , when he did it the first time, whether he left rope at each drop so he could reverse and get out if need be. He told me no, we were lucky that day and on a lot of other days too. A few years back I had just finished Lytle Creek and a guy came up and told me about this guy who had pioneered so many canyons in the San Gabriels. I told him I had done a couple canyons with Chris, but I thought his granddaughter, Troy, twelve years old, was an even better canyoneer(bit of exaggeration that).

April 29

Dean Kirchner

WOW... Great oppoutinity to meet the man who has provided so much to the SoCal Canyooneering community. Really looking forward to it.

1 · April 29

Want to go?

[Join and RSVP](#)

10 going

Rich Carlson
ACA SENIOR
INSTRUCTOR,
ORGANIZER
EVENT HOST

Kinda figured I should join. ;-)

Mike C. +1

To keep up with canyoneering events local to me.

Augie Medina

To take advantage of every opportunity to do this wonderful activity and continually improve skills.

**GERARDO
MINAKATA**

JL

Outdoors enthusiast; I love canyoneering.

Scott Kelley

Started canyoneering in Southern California. Looking forward to getting to Utah.

Dean Kirchner +1

Rich hoover

Welcome to the Canyoneering Meetup Group

Canyoneering Meetups provide many opportunities for diverse groups of canyoneers to get together to practice skills learned in ACA courses and elsewhere, meet new friends and have fun doing canyons.

We believe that bringing people together is good for the sport. It brings people into the community; encourages sharing of ideas, information and techniques; and improves safety and ethics.

The group is based in Cedar City, Utah, but we host events throughout Utah, California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Mexico, Costa Rica ... and anywhere else in the world where there are beautiful canyons to explore.



Join us

Join us and be the first to know when new Meetups are scheduled



Who do I know here?

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Welcome Canyoneers

Upcoming 18

Past

Calendar

Featured Meetup

ART of Canyoneering

Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites
1575 West 200 North, Cedar City, UT (map)

"The class was awesome! Rich is an amazing instructor. He's patient, his instructions are clear and he makes sure everyone understands before moving on to the next step. I learned so much in this course. If I only remember half, I'll still be way ahead. I highly recommend this course to anyone." "My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the course..." [LEARN MORE](#)

Hosted by: Rich Carlson (ACA Senior Instructor)

Fri Jun 13
8:00 AM

RSVP

9 spots left
2 going

6 comments

Deposit:
\$195.00 per person

What's new



Advanced Workshop--Multi Pitch Rappelling

Red Ledges Day Use Area
Diamond Fork Rd., Diamond Fork Canyon, UT (map)

Advanced Canyoneering Training Workshop series Topic: Multi Pitch Rappels Date: Friday 23May14 Price: \$119.00 Instructors: Steven Jackson ACGA Certified Guide and ... [LEARN MORE](#)

Hosted by: Steven Jackson (DarkHorse Leadership), and Clark Wiscombe (Darkhorse Leadership)

Fri May 23
8:30 AM
RSVPs closed
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Price:
\$119.00 per person
RSVP deadline:
May 20, 2014 8:30 AM

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Canyoneering in the San Gabriels and Beyond

L A County Eaton Canyon Nature
1750 N Altadena Dr, Pasadena, CA (map)

A talk by Chris Brennen at the Pasadena Chapter of the Sierra Club. No need to RSVP here. I posted this only to make our meetup group members aware of Chris's talk. If... [LEARN MORE](#)

Hosted by: Rich Carlson (ACA Senior Instructor)

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2 Day Canyon Rescue Course - Utah

Blanding, UT
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2 Day Canyon Rescue Course Dates: May 30 - 31, 2013 Price: \$295.00 per person Class Limit: 10 (minimum 3 students to hold course) Contact: [masked] E-mail: [masked]... [LEARN MORE](#)

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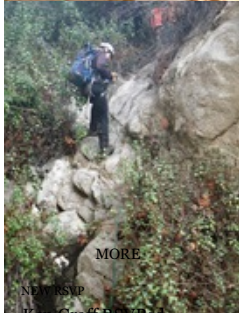
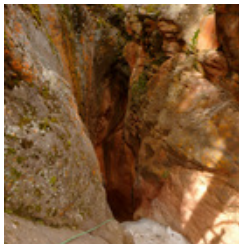
6 Canyoneers | ★★★★★

Come out after work to learn how to rappel or to improve your current skills. We will have ropes set up from 5ft to 80ft and we'll use them to discuss safety and... [LEARN MORE](#)

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Middle Fork of Upper Deer Creek - 3B VI

3 Canyoneers



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Yes for Zion
Canyoneering Rendezvous
9h ago

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3 days ago

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Lawrence Baker
wrote a group review
3 days ago

NEW COMMENT
Matt Bartley
commented on ART
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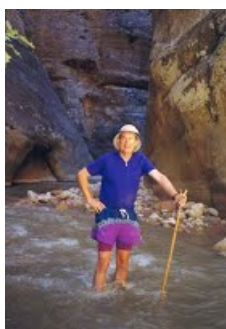
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Shoreline Group

Hi Everyone – The Sierra Club Shoreline Group’s October 15th meeting will be held at 6:30 at the Guilford Public Library. Christopher Brennan will give a presentation on canyoneering – a new adventure activity that involves descending narrow and steep canyons, often into places where no one else has ever stepped foot! Mr. Brennan helped pioneer the sport in the southwest. A



description of his video presentation is below.

Canyoneering in the Southwest and around the World

Christopher Earls Brennen, Pasadena,
CA

Canyoneering (called canyoning in Australia and Europe) is a growing adventure activity all over the world. It involves descending narrow and sometimes steep canyons using technical rock-climbing equipment in order to negotiate the steeper sections, often in or beside waterfalls. The author, who helped pioneer the sport in the southwest, will describe some of his many adventures in the huge, vertical landscapes of Arizona, the narrow canyons of Utah and the earthquake-fractured mountains of California.

The tour will not only visit expected places like Zion National Park, Death Valley and Yosemite’s Haunted Canyon but also some wondrous hidden gems like Neon Canyon in Escalante National Park. Mostly the photographs will tell the story of an amazing canyon landscape (and waterscape) not only in the USA but later in canyons further afield, in Mexico, Costa Rica and Australia. The extraordinary variety and beauty of the canyons of the world is illustrated by visits to the semi-subterranean Matacanes canyon near Monterrey, Mexico, to Karijini National Park in western Australia and to the lush, tropical canyons of Costa Rica.

The author’s internet books on the canyons of the southwest, “Adventure Hikes and Canyoneering in the San Gabriels” and “Adventure Hikes and Canyoneering in the Southwest” have



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