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Insider Access & Day Experiences
RWANDA



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Our selection of **day experiences** encompass a wide selection of full and half day excursions allowing guests a tailor made experience to suit their individual interests.

Our **insider access** works to satisfy our guests' demand to delve into the culture of the country they are visiting – to understand, interact, and ultimately, to expand their own horizons and privy to the excitement of rare and authentic experiences in Rwanda.



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Insider Access



Kigali Fashion Tour

Rwanda is fast becoming Africa's fashion capitol; meet one of the up and coming Rwandese fashion designers on this exciting excursion and get measured for your very own item of tailored clothing to take home with you.



Mukungwa Sundowner River Canoe Trip

Glide gently down the Mkungwa River through the foothills of the Volcanoes National Park - one of the best ways to connect with rural Rwandan life. At the end of the trip enjoy a sundowner overlooking the Virunga Mountains.



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Day Experiences

Question Coffee Master Class

Rwanda grows some of Africa's finest coffee and this class will take you through the step by step process of how coffee is grown, harvested, roasted and then brewed.



The Women's Bakery

This project was created to train women from the area how to bake and set up their own business—they now have six successful bakeries across Rwanda. Join the ladies and learn how to bake a delicious loaf.





Kigali Genocide Memorial

A meaningful and moving tribute to the Tutsi victims of the Genocide in Rwanda - this visit will show you how the genocide came about, what happened during that time and how the country resolved the conflict.



Kandt House Museum

Originally the house belonged to Richard Kandt who was the first colonial governor of Rwanda for Germany. Walking through the house gives you an insight into the colonial era and Richards acts whilst he was governor.



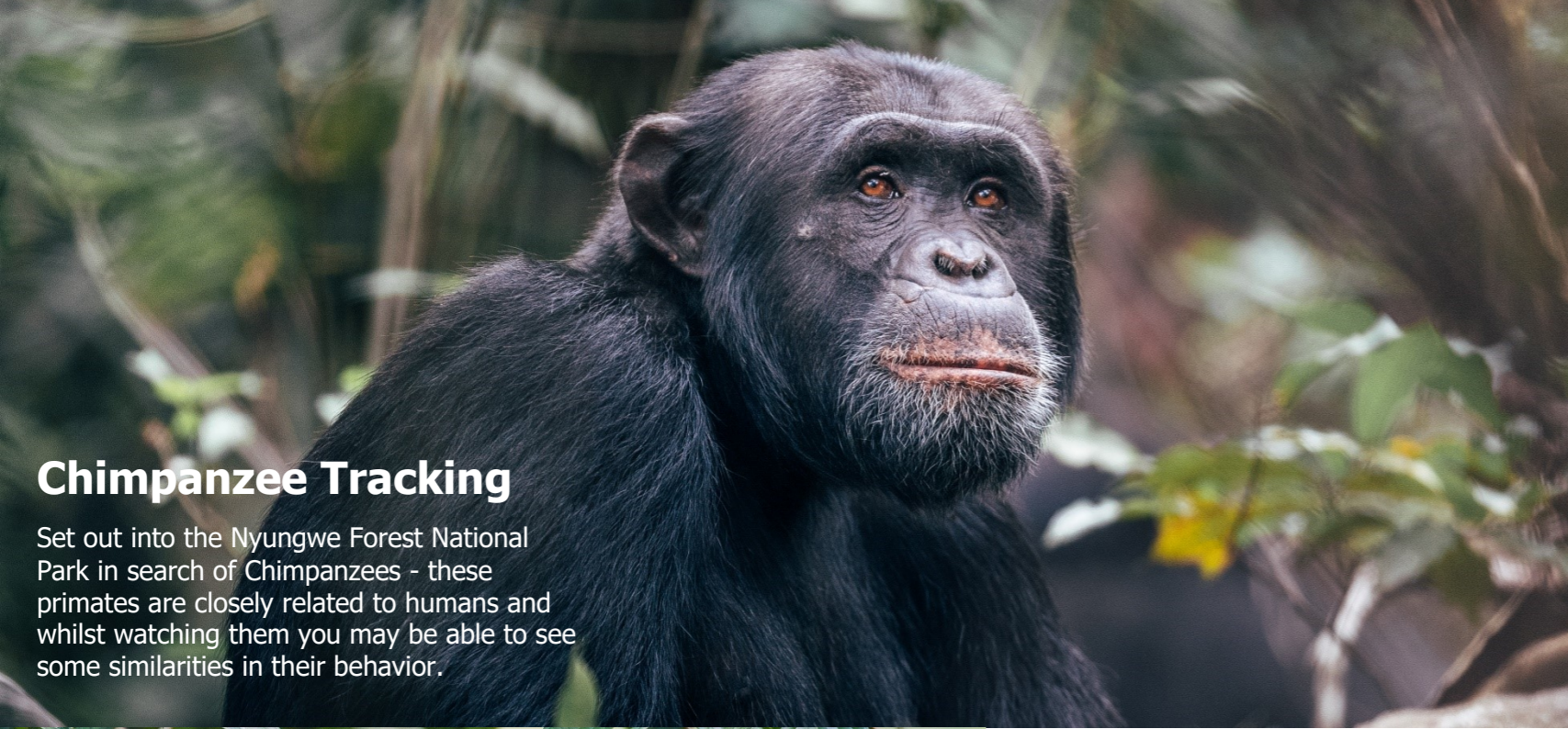
Nyamirambo Women's Centre

The center created work for over 50 women making beautiful accessories, children's clothing and home decor. Take a walk around, meet the ladies, see how the project has positively impacted their lives and perhaps buy something to take home with you.

Reconciliation Village

Spend a day at the Reconciliation Village on the outskirts of Kigali and witness the true capacity for human forgiveness. The village is home to both perpetrators and survivors of the genocide that live side by side and built the village together. Hear their stories, learn their ways and enjoy a meal together.





Chimpanzee Tracking

Set out into the Nyungwe Forest National Park in search of Chimpanzees - these primates are closely related to humans and whilst watching them you may be able to see some similarities in their behavior.



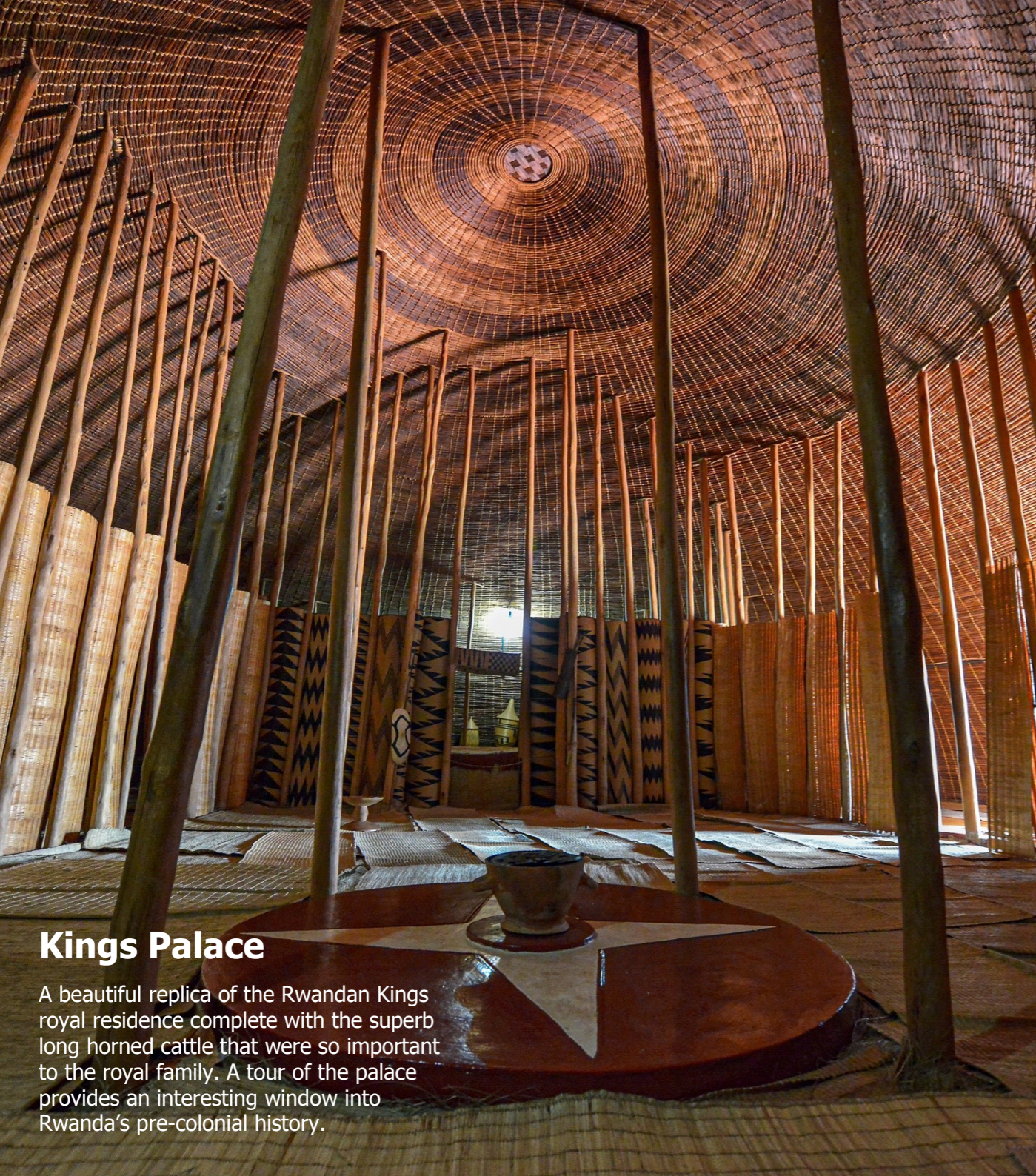
Bird Walks

The Nyungwe Forest is home to over 300 species of different birds, 27 of which are endemic to the Albertine Rift in which the forest is located making this a birders paradise.

Colobus Monkey Tracking

Nyungwe Forest National Park has some of the biggest troops of colobus monkeys anywhere in Africa - often several hundred individuals strong. Explore the forest in search of these beautiful, gentle primates.





Kings Palace

A beautiful replica of the Rwandan Kings royal residence complete with the superb long horned cattle that were so important to the royal family. A tour of the palace provides an interesting window into Rwanda's pre-colonial history.

National Ethnological Museum

A gift from the King of Belgium to the people of Rwanda in the late 1980's the museum is now one of Africa's finest ethnological collections and provides for a fascinating tour.





Nyungwe Forest Canopy Tour

A must do when in the Nyungwe Forest the canopy walk takes you high above the treetops, accessing a view that is normally reserved for the primates and the birds.



Waterfall Hike

Hike up through the Nyungwe Forest to one of the beautiful waterfalls that tumbles down between the trees. On the way spot some of the prolific birdlife and many species of primates that reside here.

Gisakura Tea Plantation

Some of Rwanda's best tea is grown on the edge of the Nyungwe Forest National Park - explore the plantation and learn to harvest and process tea then enjoy a delicious cup at the end.





Hiking the Virunga Mountains

Spend a day hiking up either Mount Bisoke, Mount Gahinga or Mount Muhabura, all of which are part of the Virunga Mountain Chain. Ascending up the mountains will take you through the various vegetations zones, passing wildlife on the way. At the top of Mount Bisoke you are greeted by a beautiful crater lake and at the top of Mount Gahinga there is a crater swamp with several species of unique sub-alpine plants. Mount Muhabura is the highest and steepest of the three and gives you breathtaking views out over the mountain range and the twin lakes in the distance.



Gorilla Tracking

With only just over 1000 individuals thought to exist in the wild gorilla tracking should be on everyone's bucket list. Spend one hour with these incredible creatures in their natural habitat and see just how human like they really are.

For those that want an exclusive experience ask us about the **Private Gorilla Tracking** - guests track with their friends or family only and the briefing is given at the lodge rather than at the Gorilla tracking HQ.



Community Walk

Take a walk through the villages in the foothills of the Volcanoes National Park and immerse yourself in the local culture; meet the medicine man, learn how to weave mats and taste some of the local banana beer and home cooked food.



Golden Monkey Tracking

A unique species that is endemic to the Virunga Mountain Chain the golden monkeys are beautiful and provide a nice counterpoint to the gorilla tracking.



Visiting the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Karisoke research Centre

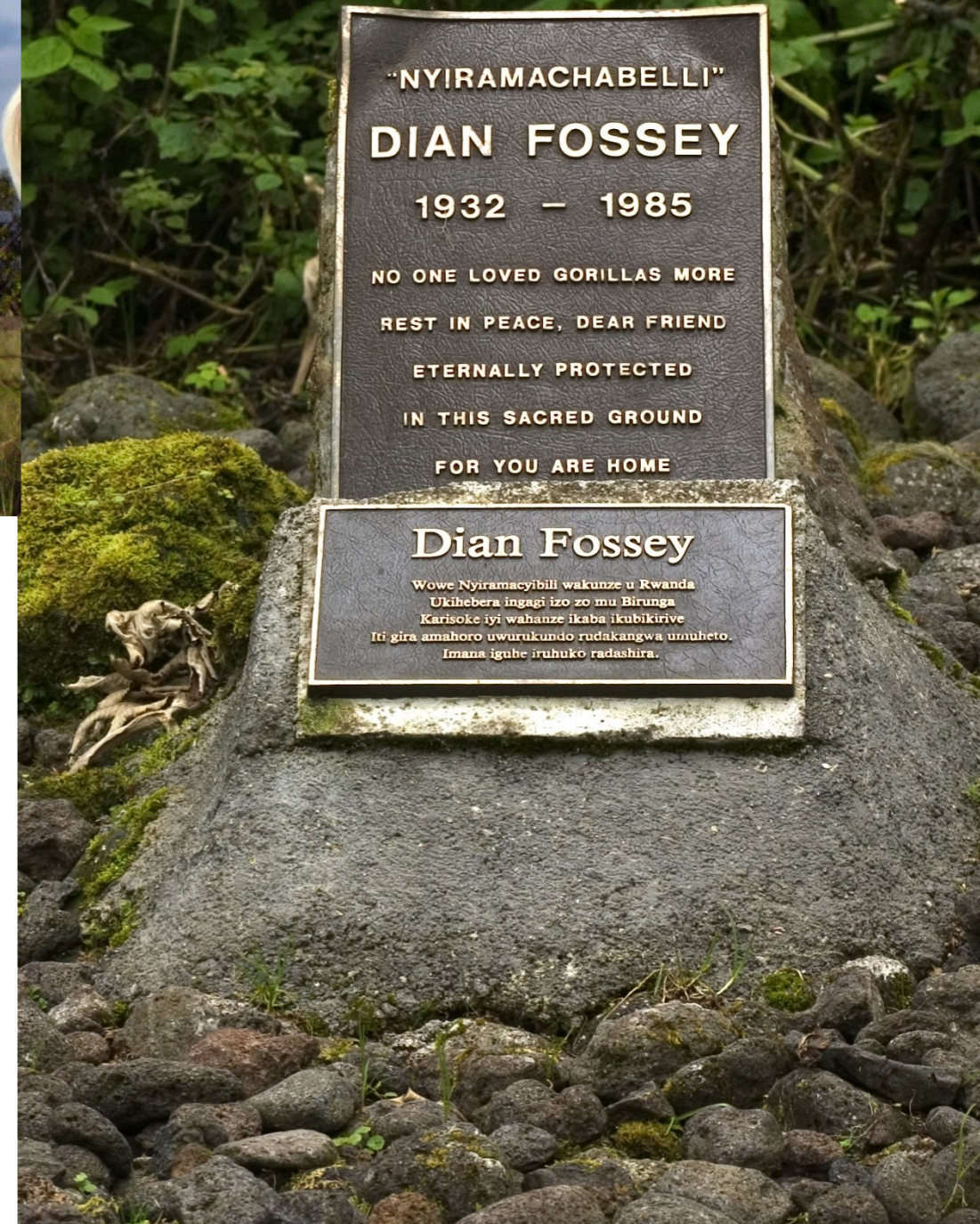
The Karisoke Research Centre was set up by Dian Fossey in 1967 as a base from which the researchers could work. Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the centre and meet some of the scientists and conservationists that are working to protect this incredible species.

There is also the option of a regular tour of the centre which will take you through the main areas such as the museum.



Dian Fossey's Grave

Dian Fossey devoted her life to the conservation of mountain gorillas and visiting her grave and where she primarily worked and lived is a interesting and moving experience.



Musanze Caves

A haven for Rwandese people during times of war the Musanze Caves have a long and fascinating history. The caves extend for over 21 kilometres into the mountains and have over 31 entrances.



Iby'iwacu Village

The Iby'iwacu Village was set up by ex-poachers who realised the importance of conserving the gorillas and the other species that live in the forest. The village displays a number of cultural homes and a King's Palace.

Exploring the Twin Lakes

This afternoon activity gives you a glimpse into life in the rural countryside of Rwanda.

Explore the area on foot only on a half day afternoon walk.

Or set off for a walk around the lakes then jump into a canoe halfway round and paddle out onto the water. Enjoy superb views of the Virunga Mountains and finish off the afternoon with a cold drink watching the sun set behind the mountains.

The final option is to walk around the lakes in the morning, be transferred to an island in the middle of the lake for lunch then in the afternoon canoe down the Mukungwa River.

Whichever option you choose it will give you a window into Rwandan rural life as you pass through villages and farmlands; don't forget to wave to the friendly fishermen.

