RWANDAN MIRACLE EXPERIENCE

Rwanda, the country of thousand hills is located in the heart of Africa connected to the East African region, recently towards end 20th century it experienced one of the tragedy situations of Mankind where more than 1 Million Tutsi were killed in just 100 days from April- July 1994, this happened in the face of the international community and worse to this the forces that could have intervened and did something to stop Genocide were pulled out of the country leaving Rwandans under the mercy of genocidal forces.

After the 1994 Tutsi Genocide, the country was in total darkness, mess, people desperate for the future, people completely divided on ethnicity basis and were suspicious of one another, in few words it was considered a failed state where light and development was only a mere dream which Rwandans felt it was only reserved for other countries excluding ours but through the values, heroism, resilience that characterized the RPF/A under the command of Major General Paul Kagame stopped Genocide and embarked on building a nation with Vision.

Rwanda under the tutorage of President Paul Kagame, has managed to rise from ashes to light through phases of emergency, rehabilitation, development and transformation to lead Rwanda to developing country/emerging and medium income earning countries, this is commonly seen in different indexes and reports worldwide putting Rwanda up as the easiest country to do business in Africa, cleanest country, safest country, living standards and life expectancy of its people to mention but a few. All these impeccable achievements are due to the outstanding leadership of President Paul Kagame.

It is in this regard that, BEYOND THE GORILLAS EXPERIENCE as a company that is committed to develop tourism beyond the gorillas, is interested in developing a new tourism product based on history and culture which is called RWANDA MIRACLE EXPERIENCE PACKAGE, this product will be much focused on telling the living styles of Rwandans, formation of Rwanda as a kingdom, details of the way how genocide was prepared and executed, how genocide was stopped by the RPF/RPA, The different success stories of policies and programs that changed people’s lives and Kigali city evening walk to discover the remarkable achievements of Rwanda.
DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT, PICK UP TO THE HOTEL

Arrival at the Kigali international airport, pick up by the BGE guide and transfer to the hotel in Kigali.

Kigali is a thriving city immediately notable for its cleanliness, orderliness and good hospitality. It offers tourists some of the best tour experiences on the African continent. It sprawls across numerous hills, ridges and valleys, and has a vibrant restaurant and nightlife scene.

Overnight at your Hotel in Kigali

DAY 2: TRAVEL TO HUYE AND VISIT TO ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

After Breakfast at 8am the BGE guide will pick you from the hotel and drive for 3 hours from Kigali to Huye, along the road Kigali to Huye the guest will be able to learn more about the heritage corridor. On the arrival to Huye, you will check in to the hotel, relax a bit and have lunch then from 2 Pm the guide will take you to the ethnographic Museum either by vehicle or walk on foot as this museum is located closer to town.

Ethnographic museum was built in 1989, and now exhibits one of Africa’s finest ethnographic collections displayed in seven galleries and all about historical, ethnographic, artistic and archeological artifacts accompanied by visual aids, giving visitors a rich insight into the culture of Rwanda

Upon the visitor’s entrance, he/she will experience a 2 hours guided tour learning the lives of Rwandans like weaving, live beading, agriculture, religion and beliefs, the architectural design, the different currencies used in different period and the presidents who ruled after independence up to now.

Overnight at your Hotel in Huye

DAY 3: HUYE CITY TOUR

After breakfast at 8am the BGE guide will pick you and do the Huye city tour by walking from the hotel to the city, the visitor will be able to visit the first National university of Rwanda that was constructed in 1963 a year after Rwanda got its independence combined with IRST the first institute to start the collection of Rwandan cultural facts, the University Teaching Hospital and the university big forest called Arboretum . After this tour the visitor goes for Lunch
At 2:30Pm after Lunch, the visitor will also visit the Groupe officiel de Butare (Indatwa n’Inkesha) the first school of children of high officials of the monarchy period and the detailed stories of Astrida and Ngoma sector on colonial residents at the time and the educated Rwandans and their way of living (quartier des evoluees)

Overnight stay at the hotel

**DAY 4: VISIT TO THE KING'S PALACE MUSEUM OF NYANZA AND HOME GROWN SOLUTION MUSEUM**

At 8am, the Guide will meet you and take you to Nyanza, the drive will take about 1 hour to King’s Palace Museum.

King’s Palace Museum offers a detailed look into the Rwandan monarchical system and its abolition in early 1960s due to colonialism. The palace was restored to its 19th Century state as a replica and was made entirely with traditional materials. Recently the Long horned royal cows "Inyambo" were introduced because cows formed an integral part of the Rwanda Culture and were initially the King’s symbol of prestige. Visitors are always fascinated by the procession of these royal cows which are famous for their impressive long horns, height gentle nature and the traditional poems.

Along the traditional palace is the 1931 modern palace where King Mutara III Rudagigwa resided until he passed away in 1959. It now serves to display Rwandan history from the 15th Century especially focusing on expansion of Rwanda as a kingdom.

On the neighboring hill of Mwima, One can also visit the mausoleum where King Mutara III, his wife Queen Rosalie Gicanda and King Kigeli IV Ndahindurwa were laid to rest.
HOME GROWN SOLUTIONS MUSEUM

The Home Grown Solution Museum is located in the building which was formerly supposed to be the palace of Mutara III Rudahigwa but he passed away before occupying it. The construction of the building started in 1957 and completed in 1959.

In May 2006 the building was transformed into a National Art Gallery until May 2018 when a new Museum of Art was opened up in the former state house located in Kanombe. For the moment, a new exhibition focusing on “Home grown solutions” as one of strategies and solutions used by the country for economic development and peace building aftermath of 1994 Genocide against Tutsis is under preparation.

After the tour of the Museum and Mausoleum you will go for Lunch, check in a hotel. And in the evening your guide will assist you to walk around the city of Nyanza, to see Nyanza market, old king’s courts, institute of legal practice (ILPD) both UMUGONZI w’INYAMBO and UMUGONZI w’Abannyi and King Mutara III Rudahigwa’s first stadium in Rwanda.

Overnight at Nyanza heritage hotel

DAY 5: HIKING ROYAL TRAIL

After having breakfast at 8am, the guide will take you for hiking the royal trail.

The ‘Royal Trail’ is a cultural route at the European premium level with a maximum variety. The ‘Royal Trail’ is a unique, outstanding trail in Africa. On the 10km route, hikers experience, in a compact manner, a combination of history, culture and Rwandan rural life.

Cultural history: The former Royal Palace, the National Art Gallery, built in 1959 by Robert Quintett for King Matura III Rudahigwa. The former King’s Palace built in 1932. Replicas of historic royal palace; the Ankole-cattle-breeding shop; bistro and park; Mausoleum of the Kings of Rwanda; Christ-Church built by Belgium missionaries in 1935.

Along this tour you will enjoy stories on this royal town and its surrounding villages, Nyamagana Lake and marvelous features.

Overnight at Nyanza Heritage Hotel
DAY 6: VISIT TO THE RWANDA LIBERATION MUSEUM

After breakfast the BGE guide will pick you from the hotel and drive 143.6 km from Nyanza to Gicumbi in the Northern Province, Gicumbi district is 80 kilometers northeast of Kigali at Mulindi w’Intwali lies the National Liberation Museum Park.

The visitor checks in at Gicumbi in any selected hotel, gets lunch and at 2:00pm starts the tour to the National Liberation Museum Park

This Museum tells the story of the Rwandan Liberation struggle that brought an end to the Genocide against Tutsis. This struggle was initiated by the political wing known as the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), led by its military wing, Rwandan Patriotic Army (RPA), from 1st October 1990 to 4th July 1994.

The Museum illustrates sequence of events before, during, and after the struggle through visuals that include texts and artefacts. One of the objects exhibits the bunker which protected the then Chairman of High Command, now President of the Republic of Rwanda, H.E Paul Kagame.

Other objects embody the Arusha Agreement, the Campaign against Genocide, radio Muhabura used by the RPF and RPA for mobilization, likeminded events as well as initiatives. Visitors are always fascinated by the longstanding bunker that sheltered H.E Paul Kagame along other officials’ bunkers.

After the tour to the National Liberation Museum Park the visitor drives to Kigali, checks in one of the hotel of his choice

Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 7: KIGALI GENOCIDE MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENOCIDE

In the morning after your breakfast your guide will take you to Genocide memorial. The Kigali Genocide Memorial is the final resting place for more than 250,000 victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

The Kigali Genocide Memorial includes three permanent exhibitions, the largest of which documents the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. There is also a children’s memorial and an exhibition on the history of genocidal violence around the world. The Education Centre, Gardens, and Genocide Archive of Rwanda form part of a meaningful tribute to those who perished, and it is a powerful educational tool for visitors who never knew the sad story of Rwanda.
MUSEUM FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENOCIDE

In the afternoon at 2:00pm, guest will go for Campaign Against Genocide museum located in the current parliamentary building in order for him/her to clearly understand the link between the Kigali genocide memorial and the campaign against genocide museum. The tour lasts three hours.

This campaign against Genocide Museum was opened officially on 13th December, 2017 by H.E Paul Kagame.

CAG Museum is built in the Parliamentary building which was once known as Conseil National de Development because this building hosted the Rwandan Patriotic Front politicians and the 600 men protection force (3BN) from 28th December 1993 as they were in the preparations for the installation of Broad Based Transitional Government and the National Transitional Assembly and these 600 men protection force the (3BN) were the ones given the order first on 07/04/1994 by the RPA Chairman of High Command Major General Paul Kagame to break out from their initial positions defend themselves and rescue victims of Genocide in their vicinity when campaign against Genocide began.

CAG Museum depicts in details how the Campaign Against Genocide Plan was executed by RPF/A following the withdrawal of UN troops leaving the targeted Tutsi under the mercy of the Genocidaires and how only the RPF/RPA forces who were in the war of liberation took the unilateral decision to stop Genocide, Rescue victims of Genocide and defeat the Genocidal forces. This CAG Museum also has its outer part comprised of meaningful monuments which will help you to understand the extreme rescue of victims of Genocide.

Overnight in a hotel in Kigali

DAY 8: VISIT TO MUSANZE AND TWIN LAKES

After breakfast the BGE Guide will pick you from the hotel in Kigali and drive to Musanze for about 2 hours and a half, go for Musanze city tour then after check in the hotel, have lunch at 1:00pm and continue to enjoy this beautiful town located in the vicinity of Volcanoes the home of mountain Gorillas.

In the afternoon at 2:00pm you will go for boat cruise in twin lakes Burera and Ruhondo located in 1 hour drive from Musanze these lakes were named so because they are located in the same area and their physical connection. Along this tour you will learn more about these magnificent lava dammed lakes, enjoy the best views of
Volcanoes, beautiful landscapes and sceneries and you will dress like a King or Queen while enjoying the lake breeze.

Overnight at any hotel in Musanze.

**DAY 9: AUTHENTIC VILLAGE WALK AND SUCCESS STORIES**

The success stories will include the visit to different typical homes in the village where you see the real life of Rwandese from their community. BGE guide will tell you all success stories in different aspects such as education, health care, economic development, in brief the guide will tell you what made Rwanda so remarkable on international scene.

Overnight at your hotel in Musanze.

**DAY 9: SHOPPING AND EVENING COCKTAIL**

In the morning, after breakfast the guide will pick you and go to the market and visit some art galleries in case you need to do some souvenirs. In the evening the visitor joins the Beyond Gorillas management for an organized evening cocktail.

Overnight at your hotel in Musanze.

**Day 10: Check out and flight**

The Morning of tenth day the visitor is transferred back to the Kigali International Airport by the Beyond Gorillas Experience Guide depending on the visitor’s Departure time which will remark the end of service for BGE team.