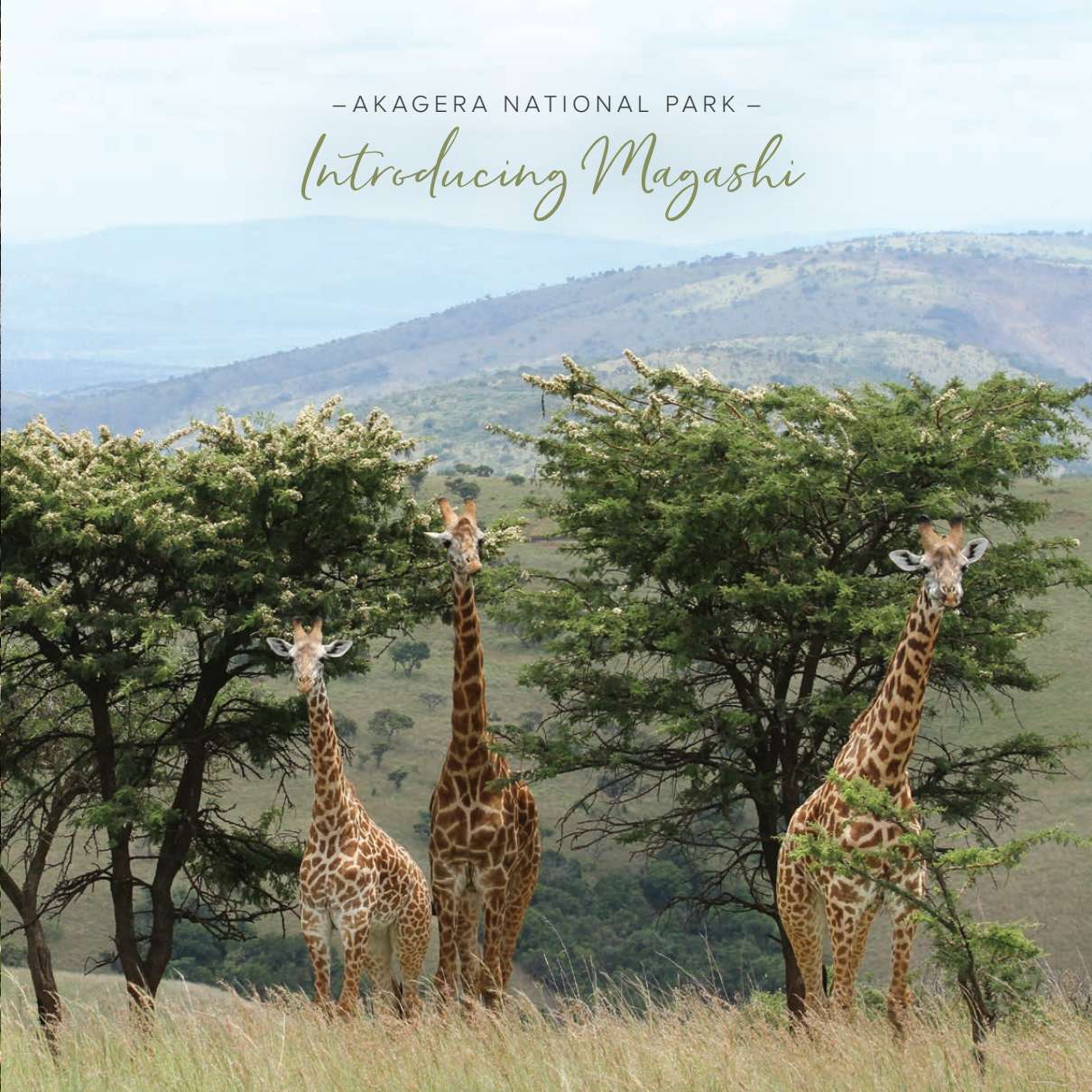


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Rwanda than mountain gorillas.
It is one of Africa's most diverse
regions just waiting to
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— AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK —

Introducing Magashi

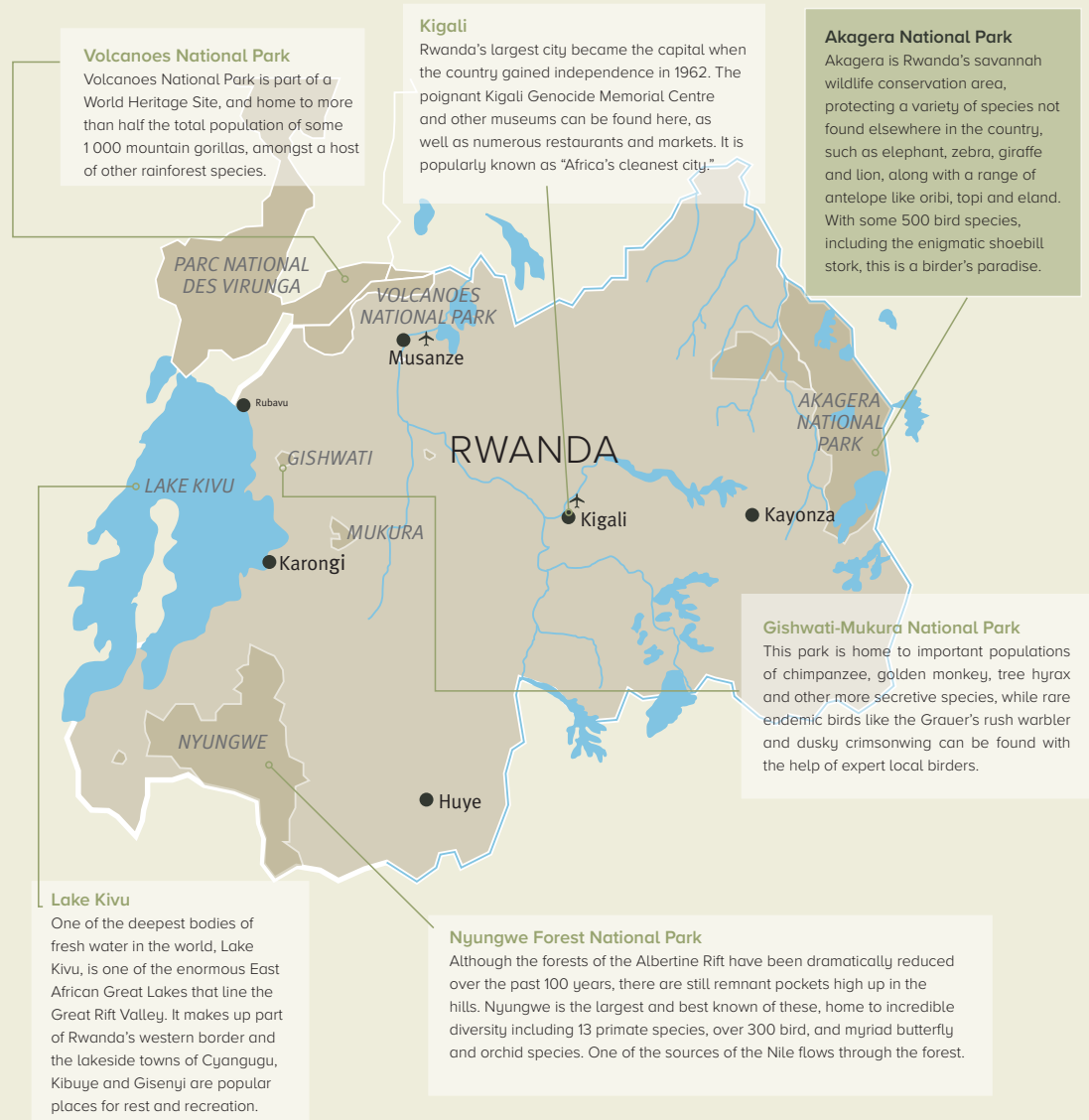
Rwanda, situated along the Albertine Rift, is internationally known for its Endangered mountain gorillas.

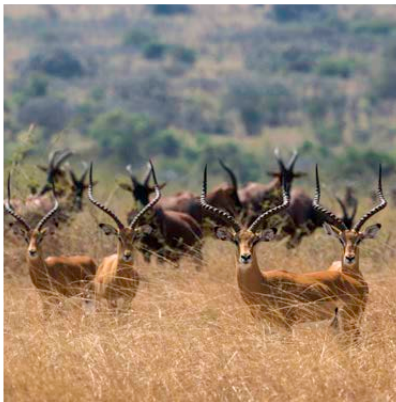
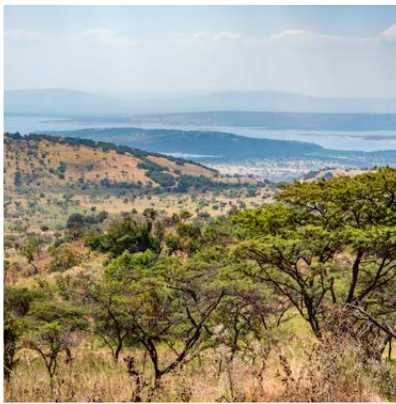
But, there is so much more to this country. It is renowned as one of Africa's most biodiverse regions with a huge variety of species crammed into its small area.

Having helped change the face of gorilla tourism and conservation through the launch of Bisate Lodge in mid-2017, we are now excited to reveal another part of the country, one that is unknown to most international travellers: the scenic big-game savannah of Rwanda's east. Located on the border with Tanzania, Rwanda's Akagera National Park is filled with Africa's most charismatic savannah species – elephant, lion, black rhino, giraffe, zebra, hippo, leopard and much more.

It is perhaps East Africa's most picturesque and diverse savannah wilderness, incorporating rolling hills, wooded savannah, floodplain, lakes, swamps and sought-after species such as the sitatunga and rare shoebill stork.

It is here that Magashi is situated ... this intimate six-tented camp is set on the shores of Lake Rwanyakazinga, where diversity and density of species meet.





— REVEALING RWANDA —

Introducing Magashi

Magashi is a place that celebrates diversity:

- Diversity of habitat
- Diversity of life
- Diversity of experience

It is a place where we celebrate the culture and history of the people of Rwanda.

It is a place where, helped by our guides, every guest has the chance to be a conservationist.

DIVERSITY OF Habitat

At 100 000 hectares, Akagera National Park has a broad range of habitats, with an associated diversity of fauna and flora. Much of the Park comprises some of the most scenic savanna in East Africa – open plains, woodlands and grassy low mountains.

The habitat as a whole differs widely from the rainforests of Volcanoes National Park, making Akagera a wonderful complement to Rwanda's western areas.

A third of Akagera is a wetland system, varying from floodplains and lakes to papyrus marshes with water meadows completing the mosaic of this critically important habitat.

DIVERSITY *of Life*

The Park's scenic diversity provides the ideal habitat for a range of wildlife such as buffalo, lion, leopard, elephant, giraffe, spotted hyaena, zebra, topi, roan, eland and more. Characterised by large water bodies there is ample space for one of Africa's highest hippo densities, and some very large crocodiles, as well as specialised species such as the rare sitatunga and shoebill stork.

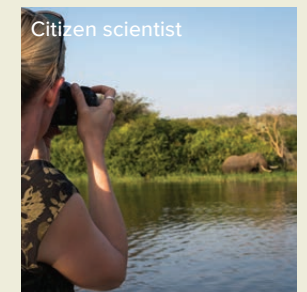
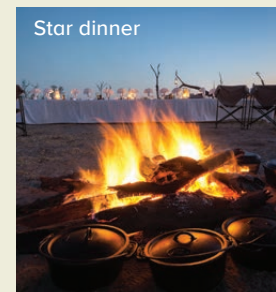
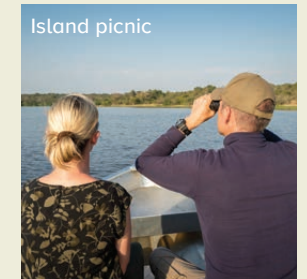
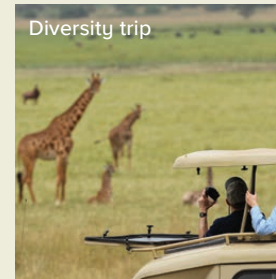
While sightings of the spectacular shoebill can't be guaranteed, the Park boasts 500 species of birds, including another sought-after near-endemic: the red-faced barbet.

Thanks to African Parks and the Rwanda Government, the park now hosts a healthy population of the rare Eastern black rhino, reintroduced to Akagera in 2017.



DIVERSITY *of Experience*

Magashi is situated in the productive north-eastern corner of Akagera. Its position on the Magashi Peninsula allows easy access to floodplains, beautiful Lake Rwanyakazinga, a high-altitude plateau, hills and grassy plains. Guests are able to view wildlife on expertly-guided game drives, walks and boating trips.



A PURPOSE-DRIVEN
Camps

Our aim is to support the wildlife in the northern area of Akagera, focusing on targeted aerial surveys for the rare shoebill, sitatunga and the reintroduced population of Eastern black rhino. By operating Magashi we aim to make Akagera financially self-sustaining for the first time in its history.

At Magashi our guests are encouraged to join us in our purpose by becoming “citizen scientists” – participating in predator identikit and movement studies.





Some quick facts

Magashi

Magashi is named after the peninsula on which it stands, looking out over the lake towards the Mutumba Mountains in the west. On the peninsula's western side, waterbuck, impala and warthog can often be seen grazing, while on the eastern side, eland frequent the lakeshore. The shore itself offers views of hippo, large crocodiles and a chance of elephant bulls, while the core of the Amahoro lion pride is encapsulated by this spit of land.

The camp

Six spacious and airy tented guest rooms offer uninterrupted views over the lake, while Magashi's main area comprises a luxurious lounge, dining and bar area, wine cellar and pool, as well as an expansive viewing deck with convivial fire pit. The architecture and interiors pay homage to traditional Rwandan culture.

Best time to visit

Despite its proximity to the Equator, Rwanda's climate is moderate as opposed to tropical, thanks to its relatively high altitude. In general it has two rainy seasons: around February to May, and from October through December. These are separated by two dry seasons: June to September, during which there is often no rainfall at all, and a less dry period from December to February. The mountainous north-west is generally cooler than the lower-lying east, where Magashi is situated. Game drives in Akagera National Park provide good wildlife viewing all year round.

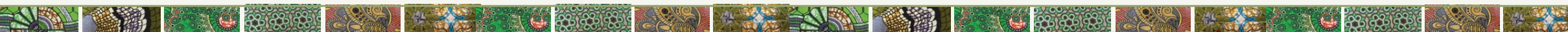
Access

Getting to Akagera is part of the journey, whether by road or even a scenic flight by helicopter. The road transfer from Kigali takes approximately two-and-a-half hours to the northern gate of Akagera. On the drive, look out for the area's iconic Ankole cattle on the farms dotting the road to the park. The game drive from the gate to Magashi takes between 45 and 120 minutes, depending on wildlife sightings and photographic opportunities.

To ensure that all logistics run as smoothly as possible, there is one set daily departure time from Kigali to Magashi, and one set departure time from Magashi to Kigali. Operated as a shuttle service, guests may travel with other parties in the vehicle. The following times are the most suitable, to ensure that our guests experience everything that Magashi has to offer:

- Shuttle transfer to Magashi departs Kigali Serena Hotel at 08:00.
- Shuttle transfer from Magashi to Kigali arrives at the Serena Hotel at 14:00.

If guests are unable to connect with the daily scheduled departure from Kigali at 08:00, it will be possible to book a 12:00 departure from Kigali on request. Note that a "minimum two" rate applies on this shuttle. On this departure, an afternoon activity at Magashi is not guaranteed due to the later arrival in camp.



Northern gate communities

This picturesque area with rural households and ankole cattle was formerly part of the Park, and small herds of impala, topi and zebra can still be seen here.

Muhana Plain

Although limited in size, this floodplain almost always hosts an amazing mix of game: waterbuck, zebra, giraffe, impala, buffalo, warthog and Bohor reedbuck.

Mutumba Plateau

The rolling grasslands of this, the highest point in the Park, are in stark contrast to the savannah lowlands and can deliver sightings of two of the most sought-after bird species: red-faced barbet and ring-necked francolin.

AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK

Magashi

Park HQ

Home to the park HQ as well as Akagera Game Lodge and Ruzizi Lodge. This is in close proximity to the southern access gate.

Kilala Floodplain

This open plain is one of the most productive and scenic parts of the Park and holds large mixed herds of various antelope especially topi, zebra, waterbuck, eland, buffalo and giraffe.

Rwankazinga wetlands

The vast wetlands on the northern side of Lake Rwankazinga hold the rare shoebill and some of the Park's highest densities of sitatunga.

Magashi Peninsula

Accessible only to guests at Magashi Camp, this peninsula hosts some of the densest concentrations of impala and eland and hence comprises the majority of the home range of the Amahoro lion pride.

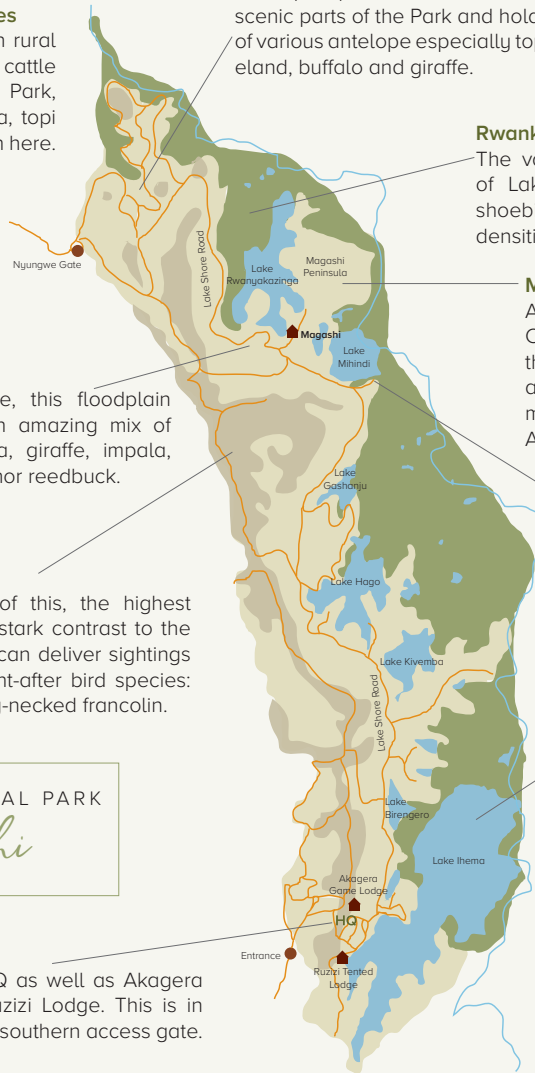
Hippo Beach

La Plage aux Hippopotame lies at the 'outlet' to Lake Mihindi, this enclave playing host to a high density of hippo and some huge crocodiles.

Lake Ihema

Site of the old *pecherie* (fishery; previously located on its shores) and offering boat excursions for game and bird viewing.

-  Papyrus Swamp
-  Park Land Hills and Highlands
-  Park Land Low lying
-  Lakes



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