



## **Packing List for Virunga**

### **Mikeno lodge**

Nestled into the forest, the climate in Rumangabo is fair. It does get warm so light trousers/shorts and a t-shirt/light shirt is fine but in the evening and during the cold season (July and August) one does need a fleece and long pants.

### **Nyiragongo**

Walking up the volcano it gets hot, but as you get to the top, it gets very cold. Shorts/long pants and a t-shirt are good for the walk up with a raincoat or ponchos handy as well as a fleece for when you are near the summit. Good walking boots are a must. On the day of your ascent, please make sure that you take a spare set of clothes to change into in case of rain. A minimum of three liters of water per person is recommended aside from cooking water. One also should bring a few snacks for the breaks to boost energy and remember your sunscreen and hat. In the Nyiragongo Pack sold by the park, we provide the following: A jacket, fleece, a warm shirt and a poncho, with a warm sleeping bag and fleece liner, water and a cook with lunch, dinner and breakfast.

### **Bukima**

At a higher altitude than Mikeno, during the day the temperature is fair to getting mildly cold. In the evening, it is cold, so a warm fleece and long trousers are recommended. For the gorilla trek, you will need to wear a long sleeve shirt, long pants and good walking shoes with socks that you can tuck your pants into, to stop the pesky safari ants from entering your trousers. We recommend that you take a raincoat/poncho with you, just in case you get caught in the rain.

### **Lulimbi**

This is at a lower altitude and therefore warmer. In the day it gets hot, so shorts or light pants, T-shirts or light shirts, preferably not white or dark blue or black. The evenings cool down but are not cold. We suggest that you wear long trousers and a long sleeve shirt in the evenings. For the walking activities, walking boots, sunblock and hats/caps are recommended.

## **Tchegera**

At a lower altitude, it is warmer. T-shirts, shorts and light foot wear. Bring a swimming costume for canoeing and other activities. It is cooler in the evenings, so you may need a fleece.

### **Must haves:**

- Good walking boots and socks
- Warm fleeces
- Woolly hat
- Long pants
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Light shirts
- Long sleeve shirt/t-shirt
- Rain Jacket
- Cameras and Binos
- Cap or hat
- Zip lock bags to keep your extra clothing dry on the way up the Volcano
- Sun cream
- Insect repellent
- Head Torch
- Swimming Costume for Tchegera
- DRC works in US\$
- Reservation Summary printed
- Visa application printed
- A yellow fever vaccination card with your name on it.

### **If you would like to bring a few things for the people, these items are always welcome.**

- Footballs/volley balls – for the rangers and the schools. They love them.
- Soft, bouncy or beach balls
- Skipping ropes
- Fun children's sports games
- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Pens
- Chalk
- Rulers
- Sharpeners
- Rubbers/Erasers
- Hotel soaps, shampoos etc for the female rangers
- Kindergarten play items/old stuffed toy