

Amazing Walking Safaris Around the World for Adventurous Travelers

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For most travelers, a safari is a once-in-a-lifetime trip, an epic splurge underscored by ultra-luxurious lodging, sublime food, sundowners, and guided wildlife viewing from the comfort of an oversized 4x4. But this classic narrative is changing in select destinations as game drives compete with a growing number of action-packed walking safaris, inviting travelers to become one with the animal kingdom. Relying on highly skilled naturalists, the adventurous can now engage in mindful encounters with some of world's most incredible animals beyond the confines of a Land Rover.



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Mountain Gorillas in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda

In Rwanda's northernmost reaches, 12 habituated gorilla troops dwell within the mystical, mist-shrouded mountains of Volcanoes National Park. Through special permits, visitors can embark on guided treks in search of Earth's largest living primates, ultimately resulting in one-hour of face time with these critically endangered animals.

With newborns in some troops, multiple silverbacks in others, each family is unique in size and dynamic. And given the gorillas' constant movement within this land of plenty, hikes range from an easy two-hour journey along the foothills to a half-day near-vertical climb through dense forest, blanketed in stinging nettles — no two are alike.

Count on luxury outfitter Micato Safaris, which received top marks in [Travel + Leisure's 2021 World's Best Awards](#), to handle all the minutia required in making this life-changing safari possible, including accommodations, internal transportation, and requisite advance permits, plus the guidance of a personal safari director.