



NEW SERENA HOTEL TO OPEN IN THE CONGO

Serena Hotels is delighted to be launching its brand-new [Goma Serena Hotel](#) in May 2020 in Northern Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The new waterfront hotel will have a Pan-African theme to it and offer 109 rooms all with views of Lake Kivu - Africa's 8th largest lake. It will be the only five-star hotel in this cosmopolitan city and is just 10 minutes from Goma International Airport. It will be an ideal base from which to go **gorilla trekking** wither in the Virunga National Park to the north or in the Kahuzi-Biega National Park. Guests can also enjoy chartered boat cruises on the lake and view indigenous wildlife like bonobos, African forest elephants, mountain gorillas and okapi in any of five national parks, all of which are World Heritage Sites. Adrenaline junkies can even take on the 6-hour hike up Mt. Nyirangongo and even spend a night on the summit of the active volcano!

Goma Serena Hotel will boast a family-friendly Olympic-size swimming pool and a state-of-the-art spa. Guests will love unwinding at the **Kahuzi-Biega Bar** and terrace serving cocktails and light bites to complement the panoramic lake views and live music. Dining will be a memorable experience at the **Lac Kivu Restaurant** which will serve up a rich selection of cuisine ranging from authentic Congolese specialties, themed menus and contemporary international cuisine. The **Bambara Lounge** is a private, residents-only lounge on the ground floor with a café service throughout the day. Guests can also enjoy a taster of Goma's nightlife at the sophisticated **Nyirangongo** nightclub with resident DJ playing a mix of authentic Congolese Lingala, African and contemporary music genres.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is known as the "Heart of Africa" and has had a tumultuous history between its civil war and mineral conflicts - but as the country has found stability and its tourism industry has started to boom. The DRC is roughly the size of Western Europe, has the second largest rainforest after the Amazon and is home to many rare endemic species such as the bonobos, okapi and mountain gorillas. It boasts incredibly diverse landscapes - including rainforests, mighty rivers, active volcanos and incredible mountains. "Bucket List" experiences include trekking mountain gorillas, scaling Mt. Nyirangongo with its large and volatile lava caldera lake, water sports on Lake Kivu and connecting with Congolese locals through their rich song and dance culture.

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