

NAMING BABY GORILLAS ON 6 SEPTEMBER



Kwita Izina has, since the first ceremony in 2005, become an unmissable annual tradition in Rwanda when dignitaries, park rangers, researchers, friends of gorillas, media and tourists gather at Kinigi in the Volcanoes National Park to take part in naming all the baby gorillas born that year.

Besides being a very moving, “bucket list” experience, naming them also helps with monitoring each individual gorilla in their family and habitat and highlight the plight of this endangered species and their habitats in the Virunga mountain range. Most of the baby gorillas are named according to the circumstances of their birth, their future expectations or the location where they were born.

Volcanoes National Park currently shelters over 340 mountain gorillas, which have been habituated into 10 families, namely the Titus, Kwitonda, Susa, karisimbi, Amahoro, Umubano, Sabyinyo, Agashya, Hirwa, and Uganda families.

This year the official ceremony will be held on **6th September 2019**, with a week-long schedule of activities planned, including beer brewing, basket weaving, music and food tasting experiences. After the naming ceremony all guests are invited to attend a gala dinner which is included in the US\$100 ticket price and can be booked within most of the hotels including the Kigali Serena Hotel and Lake Kivu Serena Hotel.

Lake Kivu Serena is located on the white sandy shores of the sixth largest lake in Africa and offers a range of activities to enjoy after your gorilla trek including its own private beach, boating, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, swimming, volley ball, tennis, fishing, hiking, biking and trekking as well as a spa.

For more information on these Rwandan properties or how to book a gorilla package including the Kwita Izina ceremony please email info@ethosmarketing.co.uk or visit www.serenahotels.com