

About Lake Chahafi Resort; Location Lake Chahafi resort is located on the shore of lake Chahafi in Kisoro south eastern direction close to Rwanda border and has a twin lake called Lake Kayumbu. Located 11 Kilometres to Cyanika border and Kisoro airstrip and 17 and 22 Kilometres to Muhabura and Ntebeko gate at Mgahinga gorilla national park. Owing to the conditions of the road we budget for 40 minutes transfer to Mgahinga and 30 minutes to Cyanika border and Kisoro airstrip and 2hrs to Bwindi Souther sector (Nkuringo and Rushaga tracking gates).

Lake Chahafi is endowed with a lush vegetation cover of papyrus and water lilies that are home to rare birds like canary, Lesser Jacana, warbler and cisticolas etc Lying low between two swamp covers in southern and northern shores of lake Chahafi and papyrus around the lake, Chahafi is a birders paradise with the background of the outstanding Mt. Muhabura with early morning sun rise views and evening sunset views that are not to be missed.

The Northern shore at Murora Hill was a fortified base during World War I where the Anglo Belgian coalition force fought against the Germans who had attacked from Rwanda on January 1st 1915. Trenches can still be seen.

The Lodge;

The Resort is seated on 4 acres of land on a gentle slope towards the lake with Nine established cabins, a modern stand alone reception, and a cozy restaurant fitted with Glass and nicely shaped Volcanic rocks to make the clients stay cozy while having Breakfast, Lunch Or Dinner. The restaurant has a fireplace to keep clients warm just in case the weather changes. The weather in the area ranges from 15 degrees to highs of 25 degrees all the year round.

The Resort has a lush garden with a well-stocked bar and restaurant, Nine Cabins ecologically built with wooden floors erected on stilts and permanent en suite bathrooms and see through French doors to allow for outdoor views.

Out of the Nine Cabins five are double rooms fitted with king size beds provided with an extra bed to cater for those who wish to exclusively book and stay at the resort on a twin room arrangement. The cabins are furnished with bedside tables and lampshades and covered with thick layer beddings. Hot water bottles are provided to keep you cozy.

Two Cabins are furnished as standard twin rooms and also fitted with bedside tables, reading tables and veranda chairs to allow you relax as you enjoy the volcano views.

One triple cabin is by far the most spacious cabin with an area of 57 metres even when three people are staying in the cabin there is big room and no competition for space among the people staying.

The Resort has proper running water with both hot and cold showers and is connected to both hydroelectric and solar water heaters.

Activities:

Activities are done around the lake and in the Parks of Mgahinga and Bwindi Impenetrable parks.

1 hour to Mgahinga from Lake Chahafi Resort: this park is the smallest park but the most scenic park with a number of activities: gorilla tracking, Golden Monkey tracking, Hiking the volcanoes and Batwa Community trail.

1hr 45 minutes to Bwindi will require you an early start from our resort at 6 am. Wake up at 5 am finish your breakfast by 5:30 am and at 5:45 am set off to Bwindi before briefing at 8:30 am. The road conditions are not good so we always recommend an early start.

Activities around the lake Include:

Jacana/Sunset trail/World War one trail.

This activity can take up to three hours and starts at the lodge in a spacious boat luxury trip on the water looking out for otters, birds: Grey crowned crane, Jacana, pelicans etc and sightseeing of the rolling hills and the volcano.

It covers the Northern part of the lake and includes a visit to the world war one site where trenches can still be seen, and on the trail there is a community primary school that you will visit and see how children go about their lives in rural Uganda.

The activity will take you through villages, homesteads and farmlands and will complete the loop back at the resort where our friendly staff will be waiting to welcome you back for Dinner or Lunch and then you can refresh and sit on the veranda/campfire and enjoy watching the stars and listen to the crickets clattering. Entertainment is provided by the local dancers at the camp fire.

You are expected to see birds like Jacana, grey crowned crane, swamp fly catcher, malachite kingfisher, yellow billed ducks, African fish eagle, brack crane among other birds.

This excursion can be done from 9 am to 12 am for residents we do this to give ample time to enjoy their breakfast without rush or can be done in the afternoon from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Activity cost USD 30 per person. Drinking water is provided on the tour.

Twin Lakes Trail: Kayumbu and Lake Chahafi

The excursion will take up to three hours and starts at the Lake shore resort to the southern tip of Lake Chahafi where you will navigate by a boat with a guide through the papyrus and water lillies that are a habitat of spectacular birds. This southern side of the lake is surrounded with hills so much of what to see is open waters with possibilities of sighting the African Jacana, pied Kingfisher, hammerkop, grey crowned crane, common moorhen.

You will dock and cross over to see the twin lake Kayumbu and walk back to the lodge through the african village trading centre and see how the rural folk live their lives and while at the lodge you will find a team of staff and a women group ready to give you welcome back entertainment. If the trail is from 9 am to 12:00 pm you will be welcomed for Lunch and after you can relax on your verandah chair and read a book as you enjoy the beautiful views the resort offers on the lake and the volcano. This tour can also be done in the afternoon from 3pm to 6pm and thereafter Dinner will be served after your refreshment and a campfire will be set for you to enjoy the stars.

We recommend these excursions to enable the guests have a good experience of the surroundings and immerse themselves in the community rather than sleeping and rushing through to Mountain gorillas in the protected areas. See the animals, the birds, the forests, landscapes and interact with the community.

The experience is that one night of arrival before doing mountain gorillas and or golden monkeys is not enough for you to explore the surroundings of Lake Chahafi so two nights are recommended where you will have time to do the mini excursions and as well as enjoy surroundings. Activity cost usd 20 per person with a professional local guide and drinking water is provided.

Biking:

There are three biking trails around the resort the easy trail marked purple of distance 9.4 Kilometres or 5.8 miles of the low lake route.

Estimated time 1- 2 hours

Road quality: extremely rocky in parts but mostly compacted dirt paths

Scenery: lakeside views winding through varied farmland and lower hillsides

Difficulty: manageable for novice bike riders with some steep hills. **Fee USD 30 for 2hrs**

Distances

- Lake Chahafi resort to Mgahinga Muhabura gate 17 Kilometres 45 minutes drive
- Lake Chahafi resort to Mgahinga Ntebeko gate 21 Kilometres 1hr
- Lake Chahafi resort to Cyanika border 11 Kilometres 30 minutes
- Lake Chahafi resort to Kisoro airstrip 11 Kiolemters 30 minutes
- Lake Chahafi resort to Kisoro town 12 Kilometres 30 minutes
- Lake Chahafi resort to Bwindi Rushaga and Nkuringo gorilla 48 Kilometres 2hrs
- Lake Chahafi resort to kigali international airport 120 Kilometres 2hrs 30 minutes

Facilities at the resort:

- 9 individual cabins built as a studio with a patio/veranda over looking the lake and mt. Muhavura
- 5 double rooms with King size beds; 3 twin rooms and one tripple made of elegant hard wood Mvule/Elgon Teak and Mugavu
- Cabins are built with a mixture of permanent walls for the bathroom, ripstob canvass tent and wooden french doors to allow for scenic views on the surroundings.
- The Cabins are ensuite with smooth running showers both cold and hot and have thick layer beddings to keep you cozy, during the turn down the beds are sprayed to protect the rooms from bugs
- The cabins are fitted with mosquito nets much as we know that Kisoro has few mosquitoes but we dont take anything for granted, we provide a wake up call and we are always available for service.
- Fire Making facilities in the garden during or after dinner
- A Cozy restaurant and bar with a fire place and private lounge
- A stand alone reception designed for outdoor views with volcanic rocks from the Virunga mountains has a souvenir shop
- Free WiFi in the cabins, the garden and the restaurant
- Hotel owned dug out canoe and a big boat of up to 20 people
- Well stocked bar and restaurant
- Well secured and ample parking space

Fine Dining:

Set up of the meals can be in the restaurant, in the garden, at the patio or by the lakeside depending on guest preferences, availability of time and weather.

We provide full English breakfast a choice of fruits, a choice of Juice, hot meals of bacon, sausages, eggs done your way, potatoes etc

we provide packed Lunch for those going away for activities and a hot lunch for guests staying at the resort. Lunch orders are taken at breakfast and time for lunch is confirmed by the guests.. Dinner is a four course meal with a starter, Soup, main course and dessert we have a vegetable garden where we grow most of our vegetables and serve fresh food.

Transport

Owing to our proximity to Kisoro airstrip, Kigali International airport, Mgahinga gorilla and Bwindi National park. We arrange transfers from the resort to: Kisoro airstrip, Kigali international airport, Volcanoes national park, Mgahinga and Bwindi on request.

Lake Chahafi resort is prepared to be your reliable partner in this tourism destination area and is ready to do ground handling of visitors as and when need arises.

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