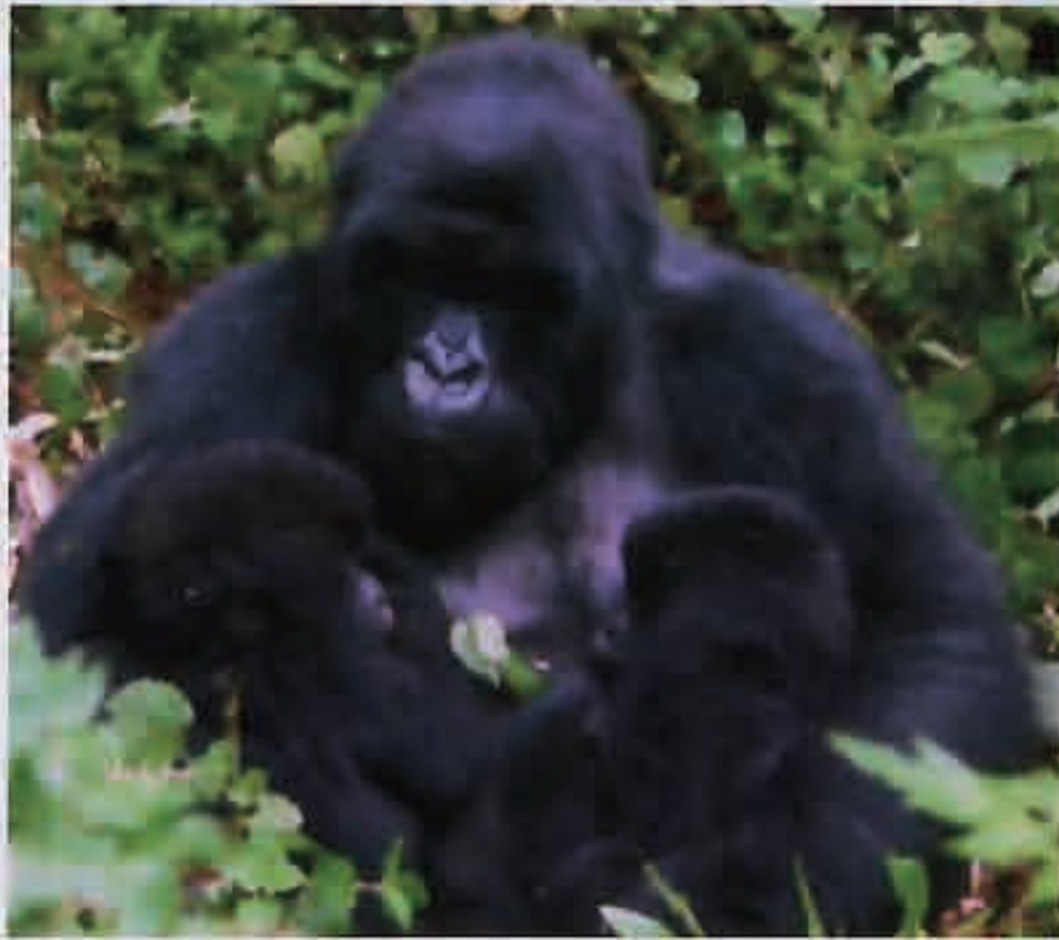




An elusive treasure in the Virungas is the little known Golden Monkey, the most endangered primate in Africa. It is a distinct species of *Guenon Cercopithecus kandu* and is endemic to the Albertine Rift. The Virunga troop is thought to be the only viable species left. The juveniles are small and fluffy and their infectious good humour make them charming to watch. They live near the lower reaches of the park and it is usually only a short walk to reach them.

Hiking or mountain climbing in the Virungas takes one through an ecosystem composed of four major vegetation zones: bamboo (base altitude), Hagenia and Hypericum forest (2600-3300m), Sub-alpine (3300-4000m), and Afro-alpine (4000m+)

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Hot-springs and the Musanze caves are also a feature of this volcanic area.



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These lush rain forest slopes create a dramatic natural setting for what is arguably the most poignant and memorable wildlife experience in the world.

Visiting the Virungas immerses one in the intimacy of the rich, green rainforest, alive with the calls of colourful birds and the chattering of primates.



Discover the beauty of the Virungas and interact with the playful and curious residents of the park.



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