

# Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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## IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 (695<sup>th</sup> day)

Location: Fort Portal, Uganda

Driven km up to date: 67 650.



PHOTOS



VIDEO

## NEWS

This month, we have discovered **Rwanda**. This is a French-speaking country in which we have enjoyed driving on the right side! The population density is extremely high, resulting in a significant pressure on the territory, exploited nearly entirely. Rwanda has made us dizzy with its swinging roads: its nickname of "land of a thousand hills" suits it perfectly. Very organized, it is a clean country (plastic bags are prohibited), in which the tough hand of President Kagame and the important police and military presence helped reunite the nation and put aside the horrors experienced during the 1994 genocide. The genocide museum in Kigali is striking.

In **Gisenyi**, we saw **Ania, Kevin and their daughter Malina** and had the privilege to stay in their home with a beautiful terrace over Lake Kivu.

**Françoise and Alain** surprised us by joining us to travel the country in Pavan: lunches side by side the 4 of us in the car, magnificent volcanoes in **Musanze, Lake Kivu** and its nice Inzu lodge, **Kibuye** hills, **Nyungwe** primates, and a combo of the best pizza place and the best butchery in Kigali (Thanks Roland!).

We also did entered the Democratic Republic of **Congo** to visit the **Nyiragongo volcano**. Its bubbling lava crater greatly impressed us. Goma, adjacent town to the volcano, is rather poor and unstable, with a strong presence of international NGOs and UN peacekeepers. We were warmly welcomed by the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), especially by Christopher and Marco.

We are now in Uganda, where we are still discovering many lakes and where we have just passed the Equator!

## FUNNY PICTURE



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## INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Be in the boat of fishermen who are paddling and loudly singing;
- Spend a night on the Nyiragongo crater in the DRC;
- Be in the midst of a horde of hundreds of black and white wild colobus monkeys;
- Bike up and down the hills of Kibuye.



**CURRENT MOOD :** We are planning the rest of our journey up through Africa and thinking more about the after-travel period, but in a relaxed way and while thoroughly enjoying our everyday adventure and bananas...



**COUNTRIES VISITED :** Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, France, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

**COMING :** Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Israël, Jordan, Europe.



## MAP - ITINERARY :

*since the last newsletter*

★ Departure

★ Arrival



1. Nyiragongo volcano (RDC)
2. Musanze (RW)
3. Gisenyi (RW)
4. Nuyngwe park (RW)
5. Queen Elisabeth (UG)

