

Rwanda

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Rwanda due to an outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease, and at the Rwanda-Burundi border due to armed violence. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

+(250)-252-596-400 (Monday through Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.); EMER: +(250)-252-596-400, and dial 1; U S Embassy Kigali, 2657 Avenue de la Gendarmerie (Kacyiru), PO Box 28, Kigali, Rwanda; consularkigali@state

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>



Telephone Code

250

Local Emergency Phone

Fire 111, Ambulances and Medical Emergencies 112, Traffic accidents 113, Police 999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Rwanda: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Temperate; two rainy seasons (February to April, November to January); mild in mountains with frost and snow possible

Currency (Code)

Rwandan francs (RWF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E, F, and G



Type C



Type E



Type F



Type G

Major Languages

Kinyarwanda, French, English, Swahili/Kiswahili

Major Religions

Protestant and Roman Catholic

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

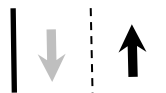
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Kigali Genocide Memorial; Volcanoes National Park; Nyungwe Forest National Park; Ethnographic Museum; Murambi Genocide Memorial; King's Palace Museum

Major Sports

Soccer

Cultural Practices

Personal space is often much tighter in Rwanda, so do not be surprised if conversations occur at closer distances.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping private guides \$5-10 (USD) per person per day is common. Hotel and lodge staff would appreciate \$5 (USD) per day.

Souvenirs

Imigongo art; tribal wall hangings, masks, weapons, and musical instruments; baskets with painted lids, embroidered cloth items

Traditional Cuisine

Brochettes — meat (typically goat, beef, chicken, or pork) or fish on a skewer, sometimes with vegetables, and roasted over hot coals; typically served with roasted potatoes, deep-fried bananas, or salad

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