

# Rwanda

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Rwanda. 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](mailto: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

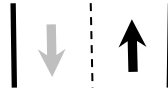
Opt for bottled water

### 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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