Rwanda

US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate
+(250)-252-596-400-7000 (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; US Embassy Kigali, 2657 Avenue de la Gendarmerie (Kacyiru), Kigali

Vaccinations
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

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 type(s): C, J

Major Languages
Kinyarwanda (universal Bantu vernacular) 93.2%, French <.1, English <.1, Swahili/Kiswahili (used in commercial centers) <.1, more than one language, other 6.3%, unspecified 0.3%

Religions
Protestant 49.5% (includes Adventist 11.8% and other Protestant 37.7%), Roman Catholic 43.7%, Muslim 2%, other 0.9% (includes Jehovah’s Witness), none 2.5%, unspecified 1.3%

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

Cultural Practices

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

Telephone Code

250

Local Emergency Phone Numbers

Local numbers only

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) ([www.aataidp.com](http://www.aataidp.com))

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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