**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 (official, universal Bantu vernacular) 93.2%, French (official) <.1, English (official) <.1, Swahili/Kiswahili (official, 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**

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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))
- **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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