

# Rwanda

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Rwanda. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<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 U.S. 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

+(252)-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: +(252)-252-596-400, and dial 1; US 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 Dept of State 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

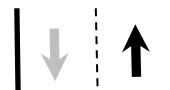
Opt for bottled water

### 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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