




INCENTIVE PLANNER'S GUIDE

2024





*Welcome to Remarkable Rwanda!
Here is your guide to plan an unforgettable
incentive trip when visiting the land of a
thousand hills.*

Welcome to **Remarkable Rwanda**

Rwanda is a thriving destination for incentive travel backed by an endless amount of unique experiences. The country's tourism landscape features impressive lakesides and breath taking aerial views of mountain chains.

Encounter the majestic mountain gorillas through a once in a lifetime trekking experience in the volcanoes national Park.

Experience memorable safari game drives in akagera national Park, one of the most well preserved national Parks in africa.

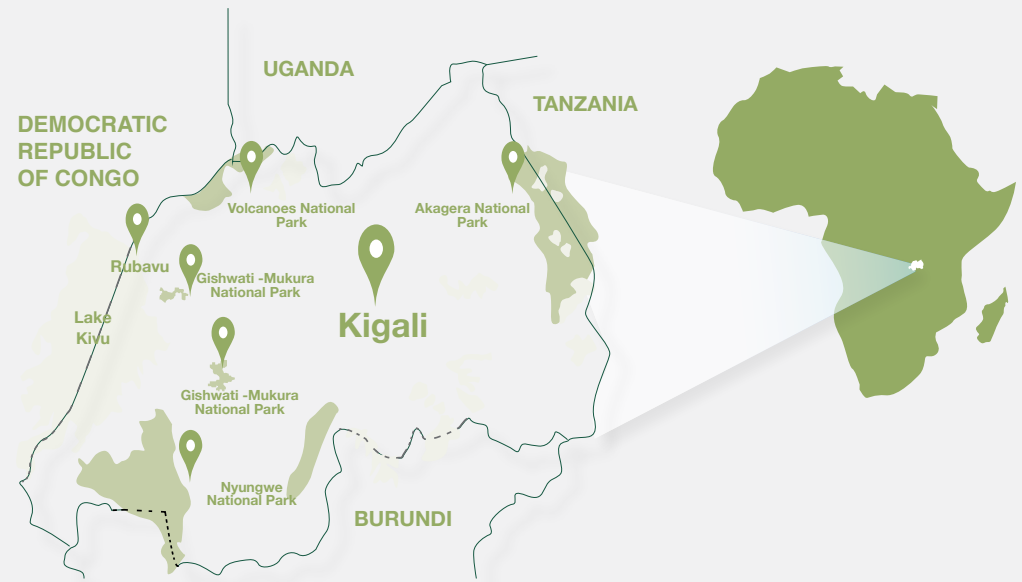
You may also explore uninhabited islands on the lush coastline of lake Kivu while kayaking or boating.

Dazzle your team by treating them to a canopy walk through Nyungwe National Park, which is the oldest conserved tropical rainforest in africa.

These are some breathtaking experiences, to name but a few that remarkable Rwanda has to offer when you visit.

Rwanda has a wide range of five-star hotels and luxury eco lodges, a budding shopping and art scene, vibrant nightlife, and one of the continent's greenest, safest, and cleanest countries - Rwanda makes a perfect choice for a rewarding trip.

Welcome to Remarkable Rwanda, the land of a thousand hills and a million smiles. Enrol now and discover Africa's best-kept secret destination.





Fast Facts on **Rwanda**

Capital:
City Kigali

Population:
13,697,803

Total area:
26,338 sqm

President:
Paul Kagame

Official languages:
**Kinyarwanda, English,
French & Swahili**

Visa:
**upon arrival for all
passport carriers**

Climate:
**Temperature all year round
(24°-27°C)**

Airlines:
**RwandAir, Kenya Airways, Ethiopian
Airlines, Brussels Airlines, KLM,
Qatar, EgyptAir, Turkish Airlines**

Currencies:
**Rwandan Franc and all major
currencies are accepted**

Telephone country code:
**+250 (Telecommunication
is among the best in Africa)**



How can RCB assist you

Rwanda Convention Bureau (RCB) represents the best interests of Rwanda's MICE industry and offers free impartial advice, guidance, and support to international incentive planners through every stage of planning.

Established in 2014, RCB's mission is to promote Rwanda as a premier destination that meets the need of your future meetings, incentives, conferences or event activities in Rwanda. We are members of ICCA (the International Congress and Convention Association), UFI (Global Association of the Exhibition Industry) and SITE (society of Incentive & travel executives).

Thus, RCB is the one-stop centre for information, assistance, and unbiased advice on organising an incentive trip in Rwanda and it delivers comprehensive services to help individuals and/or groups plan their incentive trips.

Our services:

- Connect you with local DMCs
- Organise Familiarisation trips for International DMCs
- Work with the private sector (accommodation, venues, transport- Ground and air, and Professional conference Organisers to come up with a suitable itinerary for the FaM trIPs)
- Market and brand Rwanda as a destination.



Kigali City



Founded in 1907 as a small administrative outpost with limited linkages to the outside world, Kigali has grown into a modern metropolis – the heart of the emerging Rwandan economy and the safest and cleanest capital city on the continent of Africa.

Remarkable Rwanda's primary entry point is through its vibrant capital city, Kigali and it serves as the gateway to the land of a thousand hills.

Before heading for your wonderful travel adventures, you will not be able to resist a tour of this dynamic city covered by the lush greenery, colourful streets, and the impressive landscape.

A haven for all things arts and culture, a stroll through the downtown core is a must for purchasing unique souvenirs. Rwandan culture translates itself

through unique handcrafted objects and decorative pieces made of carved wood and clay.

One of the best things about Kigali is that it is safe by foot at all times of the day.



Accommodation in Kigali





*Kigali offers a range
of three to five-star
accommodation options*



Radisson Blu

KIGAZE MURI KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE



Radisson Blu Hotel & Kigali convention centre is conveniently located 11 minutes (5.9 km) drive away from Kigali International airport, the bustling city centre and government institutions.

The hotel features 291 rooms and suites for business and leisure travellers, which offer private balconies and free high-speed Wi-Fi.

Two on-site restaurants, including one with all-day dining, serving up continental and Rwandan favourites as well as a Breakfast Buffet.

The lounge Bar is an informal and relaxed bar overlooking the swimming pool, with extended opening hours, it is ideal for a light bite or a relaxing nightcap.

After a day exploring Kigali, guests can maintain their workout regimen in the Fitness centre and relax in the outdoor swimming pool or the spa.

Radisson Blu Hotel & Kigali convention centre is the only hotel in Rwanda and third hotel in sub-saharan africa to receive executive level safe hotels certification.

Furthermore, it is the only hotel in Rwanda to provide carbon-free meetings.

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Experience the excitement of Rwanda's capital city with a stay at the **Kigali Marriott Hotel**.

Conveniently situated near the central business district, the hotel features 254 spacious rooms, luxury amenities, event and conference facilities.

Kigali Marriott Hotel provides a 5-star home away from home for business and leisure travellers.

Guests will experience the comfort of the rooms or suites, which feature floor-to-ceiling windows, pillow top bedding, marble bathrooms, and flat-screen TVs.

Additional amenities include an outdoor pool, a spa and a fully equipped gym.

Marriott Kigali offers several restaurants with an array of international cuisine and a Bar.

Those planning events in Rwanda will be thrilled with their versatile venues, including the lovely gardens.



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Kigali Serena





Located in the heart of Kigali, only a 10-minute walk from the central business district is the **Kigali Serena Hotel**. With its distinctively rich blend of Rwandan heritage, art and culture, together with its contemporary decor, the 148-room hotel offers a private and peaceful retreat.

There are guest rooms to suit every budget, ranging from standard to executive rooms and presidential suites.

Amenities include free Wi-Fi, flat-screen satellite tv, minibar, and 24-hour room service. Guests have the option to check-in as early as 12:00 pm.

Guests at the Kigali Serena Hotel have access to a wide range of leisure amenities including a swimming pool in tropical surroundings as well as the hotel's own Spa.

The treatments on offer at the spa include Mayan inspired hot stone massages and nature-based body wraps. With its state-of-the-art 500-seat auditorium and its magnificent ballroom, the Kigali Serena Hotel is a multi-purpose venue.

The hotel has two restaurants serving delicious meals as well as an executive lounge bar and the Piano Bar, where guests can enjoy a refreshing cocktail accompanied by classic jazz in the background.

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The Retreat





The Retreat is a 20-room luxury boutique hotel owned and managed by the owners of the popular Heaven restaurant located in the same cosy Kiyovu neighbourhood.

The retreat is Kigali's first eco-friendly resort featuring solar electricity and locally crafted furniture.

The superior King suites are the most luxurious and spacious king rooms, with front and rear private patios double sink with teak vanities, indoor rain showers and outdoor showers with comfortable seating on the back terrace.

This boutique hotel also features beautiful and similarly designed deluxe rooms.

all rooms include 24-hour reception and security, coffee and tea and fiber internet.

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FOUR POINTS
BY SHERATON



Experience Rwanda's capital from the **Four Points by Sheraton Kigali**. It's strategically located in the city's financial district and in close proximity to several embassies. This convenient four-star hotel is the perfect base to explore everything Kigali has to offer.

With 154 modern rooms and suites, you can enjoy floor-to-ceiling windows, flat-screen TVs, ergonomic workspaces and complimentary high speed internet access. After a long day in Kigali, taste a delicious meal in one of our three restaurants and bars, reenergize at our 24-hour state-of-the-art fitness center, take a refreshing dip in our outdoor pool or pamper yourself with a rejuvenating massage.

You'll appreciate our flexible meeting spaces, delectable catering and sophisticated AV equipment when planning for an event with us. Make more of your stay and allow us to assist you in exploring what the country of a thousand hills has to offer from the renowned canopy walk to the exciting mountain gorillas.

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Offering a prime city centre location, the **Park Inn by Radisson Kigali** is the premier hotel choice in Rwanda's capital city. The hotel is within easy reach of government buildings like the Presidential Palace and the Kigali Genocide Memorial Center. The international airport is just 12 kilometres away, and airport shuttles to and from the hotel are available.

Our 161 modern rooms and suites include amenities like free high-speed Wi-Fi and vibrant furnishings, so you can stay connected in comfort. When it comes to dining, the Live Inn Room Restaurant offers a modern, cosy atmosphere, along with a delectable range of international dishes. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Park Inn by Radisson Kigali features 161 rooms for business or leisure travellers, complete with free Wi-Fi and in-room coffee and tea facilities.

Easily make the perfect business event come to life thanks to our adaptable and versatile event facilities comprising meeting, training and conference rooms spread across 500 square metres. Our space can host any type of event, from focused meetings for two to 18 people to large groups of up to 400 attendees.

Our facilities are happy to provide you with complimentary Wi-Fi, natural daylight, air conditioning, well trained staff and an environmentally conscious carbon offset program.

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Experience Kigali



Learn about our history

Kigali Genocide Memorial.

The people of Rwanda embrace peace and reconciliation as an essential pillar of their development and are committed to fighting the ideology of Genocide.

The Memorial sites found throughout the country are moving testimonies of the history of our country. Inaugurated on the 10th anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, the Kigali Genocide Memorial is where 259,000 victims have been laid to rest.

This memorial also serves to educate about Genocide in the 20th century.



Campaign Against Genocide Memorial

Located in the Parliament building grounds, this museum depicts in detail how the Rwanda Patriotic Front/Army (RPF/A) put an end to the 1994 Genocide against the tutsi.

The museum focuses on the Rwandan liberation struggle, telling stories from a military perspective.



Tours

Kigali City tour

The Kigali city tour offers a unique opportunity to explore Africa's picturesque and immaculate city of Kigali, set amidst the rolling hills of Rwanda. This day/night tour can serve as a break from other adventure activities such as gorilla trekking, cultural tours, and more. Kigali is also a major business hub and a centre for various commercial and conference activities. With a pleasant climate all year round, a tour of Kigali can be enjoyed at any time.

Sightseeing the clean and green #Kigali city aboard the double decker open rooftop bus is your ideal introduction to Rwanda.

Explore #Kigali and beyond.

Daily city tours offers, 3hrs tour:

Get in touch: info@kigalicitytour.rw





Nyandungu Urban Wetland Eco-Tourism Park

The Nyandungu Eco-Park provides a space for residents and visitors to the city to explore and learn from nature, and is part of Rwanda's efforts to harness eco-tourism to restore biodiversity and conserve urban wetland ecosystems.

The wetland features a 10km network of walking and cycling paths, viewing areas, picnic areas, an information centre, and a restaurant among other facilities.

Key Facts about Nyandungu Wetland

- 121.7 hectares in size, including 70 hectares of wetland and 50 hectares of forest
- Home to more than 62 local plant species
- Home to more than 100 bird species



Sports activities

Golf

The Kigali Golf Course is a beautiful Gary Player Design; built slightly on over 50 hectares, this 18-hole Championship course is built to be enjoyable for all golfers from amateurs to professionals.

The Kigali Golf Course is built not to cater only for the golfer but to offer a fun-filled experience for the entire family, with Tennis and Squash Courts, Swimming Pool, Health Club, and a Club House that offers spectacular views of the course.



Cricket

Gahanga Cricket Stadium (GCS) was opened in October 2017.

The not-for-profit cricket ground consists of an ICC international standard wicket with pavilion and a bar; as well as community facilities. It has won and been nominated for several prestigious architecture and engineering awards.

Aside from cricket tournaments, the Gahanga Cricket Stadium can also be used as space to organise social events.



Tour

Nyamirambo Women's Center

Nyamirambo Women's Center (NWC) mission is to provide education and training to disadvantaged women so that they can gain better opportunities for employment.

As part of NWC's strategic plan to promote women in tourism, the Centre has started a Responsible Community-Based Tourism (CBT) initiative in the form of a community walking tour.

The community-based tour runs in the urban environment in Kigali, particularly in the lively neighborhood of Nyamirambo. It gives visitors an insight into the business, social events and everyday life of the nearby community.

Visitors can obtain a first-hand experience of Rwandan people and culture. The tour benefits the women at NWC and the larger community.

In addition to the guided walking tour, a sisal basket weaving workshop and traditional cooking classes are available



Recreation

Fazenda Sengha

Fazenda Sengha is an outdoor recreation center in Mont Kigali, Rwanda, that offers a variety of activities for families and groups. These activities include horseback riding, ziplining, archery, quad biking, bungee trampoline, pétanque, picnic areas, beautiful gardens, and stunning views of the Nyabarongo valley and the Virunga Mountains.

Fazenda Sengha is also a popular spot for team building events and corporate retreats. The center has a number of facilities that can be rented for these events, including a meeting room, a restaurant, and a bar. It is open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily.

Additional details about Fazenda Sengha include that it is located about 15 minutes from Kigali's city center, is a working farm where you may see animals such as horses, cows, and chickens, has friendly and helpful staff, serves delicious and affordable food, and has stunning views.



Coffee Tour with Question Coffee

Question coffee creates unforgettable coffee experiences for guests interested in a sneak peek into how Rwanda’s award-winning coffee is brewed and produced.

Coffee Farm Tour

For those in search of a farm tour in Rwanda’s coffee lands, we offer day-trips out to coffee cooperatives.

While on these trips, you will meet farmers and see coffee production first-hand, from farmers’ plots to the washing station and drying tables.



Specialty Coffee MasterClass

For those interested in an immersive, one-of-a-kind coffee experience, Question coffee offers a master class of the coffee supply chain that doesn’t require taking a step beyond their coffee shop.

From the coffee trees in their garden to their state of the art coffee quality lab, you will get to taste each region of Rwanda and create your own coffee to take home.

Distillery Tour & Tastings @ 1000 Hills Distillery

1000 Hills distillery is east africa’s first craft distillery. They offer a one hour guided tour, learning about their liquors, liqueurs and the triple distillation process.

After the tour, inside The Distillery restaurant, you will sit down for a guided tasting of all their Made in Rwanda products.

These include a single Malt Whisky, vodka, light spiced rum, coffee liqueur, Macadamia nut liqueur and London dry Gin.





Car free zones (Imbuga City Walk)

Rwanda is taking a leading role in the fight against urbanisation's 'asphalt and concrete jungle' by pedestrianising several streets in Kigali and implementing similar projects in secondary cities. This sets a precedent for other cities across the African continent. The pedestrianised streets provide an inviting space for residents of Kigali and secondary cities to socialise, explore, window-shop, and relax.

Over the past two years, Kigali has implemented several initiatives to make the city more pedestrian and cycling-friendly. In addition to the **Imbuga City Walk** in the central business district, the **Biryogo green tea corridor**, located in Kigali's oldest and liveliest neighbourhood and the **Remera Weekend car free zone**, have become popular destinations. This area also includes car-free zones for children and weekends, in the most densely populated residential area of the city. Rwanda has also introduced car-free days twice a month and periodic night runs to convert streets into 24-hour public spaces, greatly improving the overall atmosphere and sense of community in the city.

Free Wi-Fi 24 hours, Coffee shops, Recreation, made in Rwanda exhibitions for trophies to foreign conference delegates. Imbuga city walk offers ample open air space for conference side events like open air Dinner and conference related exhibitions.





Shopping experiences

Kigali Culture Village

A traditional cultural market where local artisans exhibit and trade their goods.

Explore multiple elements of the Rwandan culture as you browse and shop through a wide selection of goods; ranging from crafts, fashion, jewellery, and selected local and international food delicacies.



CAPLAKI Craft Village

Discover a unique collection of arts and handcrafted items at Caplaki Craft Village Ltd. Browse through a variety of beautiful wood carvings, intricate woven baskets, colourful beaded jewellery, tribal masks, drums, pottery, and more. All the products are made by independent artists and businesses from different villages of Rwanda and across Africa, Each item holds cultural significance and is a reflection of the culture and customs of the region.

It's the perfect destination for finding souvenirs, decorations, and gifts for your loved ones to take back home..
You are welcome.





Culinary in Kigali

Welcome to Kigali, the vibrant and bustling capital city of Rwanda, where culinary experiences unfold amidst a backdrop of modernity and tradition. Kigali's openness to international influences has led to a proliferation of restaurants and dining spots which offer global cuisines, allowing visitors and locals to savor everything from Indian curries to French pastries.

Kigali's culinary experiences go beyond mere sustenance; they are woven into the fabric of community and culture with communal feasts during festivals like 'Umuganura' to casual chats over street food.

Kigali invites you to embark on a culinary journey that presents the opportunity to engage with local communities, learn about their customs, and gain a deeper appreciation for the country's identity through its food.



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Discover Rwanda





Volcanoes National Park





The misty air in the Volcanoes National Park creates the perfect setting to experience Rwanda's distinct outdoor adventures; a world-renowned trek of the endangered mountain gorillas, the golden monkey trek and a thrilling hike up the volcanoes.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to come face to face with the great apes and man's closest relatives? Wonder no more as this once in a lifetime occasion can become a reality.

Rise and shine its time to report to the grounds of Volcano National Park for a larger than life encounter.

As you drive in the park, the majestic volcano landscape will instantly draw you in.

After a hot cup of Rwandan tea, you will set off on the quest for the furry giants, this trekking adventure is unparalleled supported by the fact the park is home to one-third of the world's remaining mountain gorillas.

Activities in the Volcanoes Region

Mountain Gorilla Trekking

Rwanda is one of only three countries in the world where the critically endangered mountain gorillas live.

Gorilla tracking in Rwanda is often described as “life-changing”. With only 880 estimated Gorillas left in the world, seeing these gentle creatures in their natural habitat is a truly unique moment.

Expert trackers and guides introduce you to one of the fully habituated mountain gorillas families; you can stay with them for an awe-inspiring hour, often crouching just a few feet away, whilst the gorillas go about their daily activities.



Golden Monkeys

Like their neighbors the gorillas, the Golden monkey are found in very few places outside of Volcanoes National Park.

Their rich colors, energetic demeanor, and sizeable troupes of up to 30 individuals are indeed a sight to behold. These striking primates are a treat for the eyes.



Hiking on a chain of Volcanoes

Rwanda takes the biggest share of the Virunga mountain volcanoes, which is 5 out of the main 8. They span over the three neighbouring countries of Uganda, Rwanda and the democratic republic of congo.

The volcanoes are Muhabura, Gahinga, Bisoke, Sabyinyo and Karisimbi, all of which lie in the volcanoes national Park.

Hiking adventures are available on each of these volcanoes apart from Mt. Sabyinyo as its numerous craters have been declared unsafe to climb.

Diana Fossey Tomb

Dian Fossey was a well renowned American primatologist who devoted her life's work to the conservation of the rare mountain gorillas and their habitat in the Volcanoes National Park in northwestern Rwanda.

Hikers and conservation enthusiast can pay tribute to her great work protecting the mountain gorillas with a trek to the Dian Fossey grave.



Caving in Musanze

Rwanda's caves dating back 65 million years lie within the volcano region where lava flow layers long ago created the Albertine Rift Valley.

The caves offer easy hiking of up to 2 km and showcase stunning rock formations and many entrances with most being roof collapses.

There is nothing more magical than the dense dark silence broken only by the drops of water that hit the rock floor below, and the sounds of the hundreds of bat wings rebounding through the caves.



Buhanga Eco-Park

A hidden gem near Volcanoes National Park. Buhanga Sacred Forest, is a site of tremendous ecological importance, astonishing beauty and cultural significance where Rwandan Kings of the past had their initiation ceremonies.

Full of myth and legend, you experience majestic dragon trees and sightings of many different birds and colorful butterflies; the forest encompasses a network of trails made entirely from cut lava stones.





Where to stay near Volcanoes national park





*Experience Eco-friendly
luxury*

One&Only Gorilla's Nest





The property is designed to fit harmoniously within its natural surroundings and is situated five minutes from Volcanoes National Park.

The resort has 21 guest lodges and suites - 10 guest rooms (King), 4 Two-Bedroom Forest Lodges and seven one-bedroom suites, including two super suites.

Modern in design, yet with traditional Rwandan influences, each overlooks the vast African terrain with private decks and an in-room fireplace.

For your wellness needs, One&Only Spa - One&Only has partnered with South African brand Terres D'Afrique for One&Only Gorilla's Nest.

Each product contains African botanical ingredients based on ancient tribal remedies.

Lastly, Guests can work up a sweat in the gym or one outdoors. The resort boasts vast grounds with nature trails.

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Bisate Lodge





Bisate is Rwanda's first luxurious and eco-sensitive safari lodge, centered on Africa's most immersive wild primate experience.

Bisate Lodge has dramatic views of the Bisoke and Karisimbi volcano peaks rising through the forests of nearby Volcanoes National Park.

It is within easy driving distance of Volcanoes National Park headquarters.

Bisate offers six opulent en-suite forest villas warmed by a central fireplace with breathtaking views from the deck.

The main area comprises a lounge, dining and bar area, wine cellar and viewing deck.

Both the architecture and interiors are rooted in Rwandan cultural traditions.

Activities on site: Bird Watching, Massages, Natural History Tours, Walks (Guided)



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Kwitonda Lodge by Singita





Singita Volcanoes National Park comprises **Singita Kwitonda Lodge** and an exclusive-use villa, Kataza House. Set right on the edge of the mountain gorillas' habitat, they share a 1.2km border with Volcanoes National Park.

Kwitonda Lodge's eight luxurious suites each feature a private heated plunge pool, in-and outdoor fireplaces and large timber-framed windows that welcome breathtaking scenery and volcano views inside. On-site amenities and activities include in-room massages, a Conservation Room, the on-site Akarabo nursery and food garden, and interactions with a local tailor, basket weaver and stick carver.

Exercise range from running to cycling and yoga, while cooking interactions with Singita chefs and world-class wine tastings are also on offer. Offsite, guests can partake in community experiences and tours of the Musanze Caves.

Singita Kataza House offers families or friends the utmost exclusivity in a contemporary African home. It features two spacious suites, a junior master suite, and a master suite.

The villa also includes a two-bedroom staff residence, wine cellar, fitness centre, cinema, massage treatment room, interactive kitchen, and full staff complement – including a private chef. All facilities and amenities at Kwitonda Lodge are at guests' disposal, providing the ultimate convenience without any infringement on their solitude.

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Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge





Set on the edge of the **Volcanoes National Park** in a lush green property of 11 hectares, Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge enjoys fabulous and dramatic views of the surrounding volcanoes.

All guest cottages are discretely situated in the folds of the hills and amongst the verdant vegetation of the Sabyinyo property.

Each beautifully appointed en-suite cottage, with its country-chic style and open log fires, is a perfect haven of warmth and luxury.

The main lodge building is designed with the guest in mind. Assorted seating areas in the main lounge, reception and entertainment room provide for intimate privacy, or the opportunity to meet other guests, and open-log fires create a luxuriously warm and inviting atmosphere.

Owned by the surrounding community, Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is an exciting combination of an excellent lodge and a financial source driving socio-economic development and conservation initiatives for the people of the area.

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Virunga Lodge





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The magnificent **Virunga Lodge** is one of Africa's finest and most renowned lodges.

The lodge is perched high on a ridge with the finest views in Africa, overlooking the Virunga Volcanoes and the Musanze valley to the west and Lake Burera and Ruhondo to the east.

Each of the ten luxurious bandas has a private terrace from which guests can watch the sunrise over the dramatic landscape of mountains and lakes, an individual fireplace, a shower room with double vanity.

The two deluxe bandas – called Ibirunga and Ibiyaga – have their own private sitting room and more refined interiors and will also include a hot tub and a larger terrace overlooking the majestic Virunga volcanoes or the twin lakes.



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Amakoro Lodge





Nestled in a small village outside Kinigi 10 min drive from the Gorilla trekking office, **Amakoro Songa Lodge** is a genuine blend of conservation and tourism, and it is sitting on 7 acres of land and still expanding.

Its Luxurious cottages are designed and built to take advantage of its serene surroundings.

It has eight luxury cottages all with rustic handcrafted beds providing a picturesque view of the majestic mountain volcanoes.

Activities at Amakoro

- Coffee Master class
- Guided community village walk
- Tree planting
- Drumming lessons
- Cycling
- Photography
- Intore dancing & traditional cultural performance

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Bishop House





Located in the suburbs of Musanze Town, The **Bishop's House Rwanda** opened its doors to the public in January 2018 providing luxury accommodation.

With Nine luxurious rooms (One Executive Suite, Four Deluxe and Four Superior Rooms) stylishly decorated with classic mahogany furniture and antique handcrafted beds, The Bishop's House is your home-away-from-home.

East African artists' canvasses adorn the bedroom walls depicting Africa and its bounty.

The newly renovated property includes a heated Swimming Pool, Gym, Yoga Grounds, Open Terrace Restaurant with a stand-alone bar facility and a massage and treatment room.

The landscape will see uplift with more than 1500 Trees, all being indigenous to this region as well as crafty use of the local materials within the area.

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Foothills Farmhouse





Foothills Farmhouse is located just Seven Minutes' Drive away from Virunga National Park Headquarters, on the road to Kwitonda Gorilla Group Before Amakoro Lodge.

The Farmhouse offers an exclusive luxury experience with its great uniqueness of providing exclusively organic food. It has been designed and established with the aim of serving food right from the Farm. The farm has different species of birds and animals including Chicken, geese, Turkey, Guinea fowls, Pigeons, Rabbits, Sheep and Cattle among others all these give us a variety of meat.

The reared animals and grown crops at the farm for the kitchen gives the farm house a chance to maintain what is put on the table as organic as possible.

The Farm House provides comfortable and relaxing accommodation, cozy sitting room that gives a great view to Musanze town, Dining area and the TV room presents the Volcanoes mountains at their Best.

At the Farmhouse you will find:

With different animals and crops, you will not find anything comparable in the region.

Self-contained bathrooms with hot water showers, Hair dryers

Four Bedrooms accommodating a total of up to 8 people: One Master Suite and 3 other suites.



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Nyungwe National Park Primate & hiking paradise





Nyungwe has an impressive selection of activities on offer including the only canopy walk in East Africa (**reaching 70m above the forest floor and spanning 200 m in length**), chimpanzee trekking, tea plantations, hiking and biking through the beautiful nature trails and bird watching.

The Nyungwe National Park lies within the Albertine Rift Eco-region acclaimed for its biodiversity and for being one of the endemic species-rich areas in all of Africa. It is one of Africa's most important conservation sites.

The park covers 1020 km² and boasts a diverse ecosystem from the rainforest, bamboo, grassland, swamps, and bog habitats. There are over 300 species of birds which is sure to be a paradise for bird lovers.

Located south of Lake Kivu on the southwestern slopes of the highland region that forms the great divide between the Congo and Nile drainage systems, Mount Bigugu is the highest mountain in the park, reaching an altitude of 2 950m, and said to be the most source of the Nile.

There are more than 240 tree species, 140 orchids and 1,068 plant types, such as the giant Lobelia.

Of these plants, 250 are Albertine Rift Endemics. Nyungwe National Park habituated chimpanzees, 12 other primate species including the habituated Ruwenzori Black and White Colobus and 75 different species of mammals.

Activities in Nyungwe National Park

Chimpanzee trekking

The home of roughly 400 species of chimpanzees, Nyungwe is one of East Africa's last intact populations and boasts two wild chimp communities that welcome guests.

Thus, it is not surprising that chimpanzee tracking is a popular activity in Nyungwe (especially when the park's trees are in full bloom during the summer) as well-trained guides often lead visitors through the park's forests.

Tracking starts early, at 5.30 am, and can last anything from an hour to several hours depending on where the chimps are. Visitors spend a maximum of one hour with them once they are found.



Primate treks

Chimpanzees are far from the only creature that will fascinate wildlife lovers in Nyungwe as with thirteen recorded species, and the park is home to East Africa's most diverse primate population. Nyungwe is the only location in Africa where you will find "supergroups" of more than 400 Colobus monkeys and one of the few places worldwide where you'll see L'Hoest monkeys.

Another rare animal you might also run into is the owl-faced monkey, an Albertine Rift endemic that inhabits Nyungwe's southern forests. In fact, most of the monkey species found in the park are endemic.



Tropical waterfall hike

The Waterfall Trail is a stunner of a hike and one of the highlights of Nyungwe. To hike the waterwall, it takes three to five hours. The trail winds up and down steep hillsides through primeval looking "Hollywood" style rainforest.

The highlight is a remote waterfall, where you can take a shallow dip.



Guided birding walk

Described by Birdlife International as “the most important site for biodiversity conservation in Rwanda,” the Nyungwe National Park is home to roughly 310 bird species, 27 of which are endemic to the Albertine Rift.

Although actually spotting birds in the park’s forests may be challenging, the bird songs you will hear during the trek will surely make it more enjoyable.



Canopy adventure

Visitors to Nyungwe National Park can experience the rainforest from a new perspective: the Canopy Walkway. Hanging 70 meters above the forest floor between giant trees and towers, East Africa’s only Canopy Walkway provides a stunning view of the park’s amazing wildlife and nature. The Walkway is accessible as part of a specialized guided tour.



Guided nature trails

Over 130 kilometres of hiking routes have been created in Nyungwe Forest National Park, allowing visitors to explore its interior and its fascinating habitats. Walking in Nyungwe is breathtaking, with trails lasting from one to eight hours.

The beautifully named Igishigishigi Trail is one of the shortest hikes yet includes East Africa’s highest canopy walk with spectacular views across Nyungwe Forest, while the 6-hour Bigugu Trail leads you to the highest mountain in the park at 2950m. Nyungwe’s steep landscape makes it an ideal destination for hikers; whether they are novices or experienced as the park boasts an extensive network of hiking trails.



Where to stay near Nyungwe National Park





One & Only Nyungwe House





Embraced by the Nyungwe rainforest, **One&Only Nyungwe House** sits gracefully to reveal the untold secrets of the stunning nature surrounding it.

Located in South West Rwanda, South of Lake Kivu on the Burundi border, this luxury resort is set amongst the rich tea-plantations of Gisakura, on the edge of the iconic Nyungwe National Park.

Quite notably, One&Only has curated a luxury oasis in the Nyungwe Forest that celebrates the pristine wilderness of the surrounding environment.

In addition to discovering the unique wildlife of the ancient rainforest, guests of One&Only Nyungwe House can experience sunrise breakfasts, yoga, soothing indigenous therapies at the One&Only Spa, and farm-to-table African-inspired cuisine.

The resort has 22 rooms and suites - 19 guest rooms and 3 two-bedroom forest suites.

The luxury guest rooms and suites are modern in design, yet with traditional Rwandan influences, each overlooking the vast African terrain with private decks and in-room log burners.

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Akagera National Park

Home to the Big 5





Founded in 1934, Akagera National Park covers 120km². Akagera is home to large herds of buffaloes, zebras, giraffes and several antelope species, as well as predators such as leopards, hyenas and a bird list nearing 500 species.

Elephants often congregate around the lakes inhabited by hippos and Nile crocodiles. Both lions and rhinos have been reintroduced to the park in recent years restoring the park's "Big Five" status and adding to the park's inspiring conservation story.

Rolling grassland hills with expansive views over east Africa's largest protected wetland, areas of open grassland interspersed with scattered trees and scrub thicket, lush riverine vegetation on the fringes of the park's many lakes all contribute to Akagera's diverse and scenic savannah landscape.

Akagera National Park in the East of Rwanda is the largest national park in the country and provides a stark contrast to the misty montane forests of Volcanoes National Park and the abundant subtropical forests of Nyungwe National Park.

Explore Akagera on a game drive by day, take a sunset boat trip drifting along the lake's edge, or take a night drive under a blanket of stars.

Game watch in Akagera National Park





Where to stay near Akagera National Park





Magashi





Magashi Camp is situated on a private concession in the naturally diverse northeastern corner of Akagera National Park, overlooking beautiful Lake Rwanyakazinga.

The luxury camp offers six spacious and airy tented guest rooms with uninterrupted views over Lake Rwanyakazinga.

Magashi's main area comprises a luxurious lounge and dining area, bar and pool, as well as an expansive viewing deck with convivial fire pit.

The architecture and interiors pay homage to traditional Rwandan culture.

Activities on site: *Bird Watching, Boating, Catch-and-release Fishing, Game Viewing.*

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Ruzizi Lodge





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Ruzizi is nestled in the riverine forest along the edge of Lake Ihema, Akagera's largest lake.

Conveniently located just a few kilometers from Akagera's entrance **Ruzizi Tented Lodge** offers nine comfortable en-suite tents with a view of the lake.

Each tent located along a wooden boardwalk has comfortable twin or double beds and bathrooms with solar hot water.

Meals are included, and breakfast offers sunrise views with hippos close by, dinner is served around the campfire under the stars.

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Mantis Akagera Game Lodge





Mantis Akagera Game Lodge, with its 60 rooms, is the largest accommodation facility in the Akagera National Park.

The lodge is equipped with a swimming pool, bar, restaurant and offers the only conference facilities in the park.

All bedrooms now feature air-conditioning, en suite bathrooms, a suitable workspace, under counter convenience fridges, safes and tea/ coffee stations.

Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Rooms can be booked with twin beds or a double bed.

Facilities include the Imvubu Conference room (seats 100 in cinema style), Urata bara Boardroom (Seats 12) Pool Bar and Deck, Inzovu Restaurant and Imparagi Bar, outdoor and indoor play areas for children and a clay tennis courts.

A variety of board games are available, as well as sports equipment for use by our guests.

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Karengge Bush





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Karenge Bush Camp, a four-hour game drive north through the park, provides rustic comfort; spectacular views over Kilala Plain, hearty home-cooked food, six tents with twin beds and bucket bathrooms with a view.

The camp also offers easy access to some of Akagera's best wildlife viewing opportunities.



The simplicity of Karenge Bush Camp allows you to get close to nature but leave a light footprint.



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Akagera Rhino Lodge





Located just 10 minutes from the entry to Akagera National Park, **Akagera Rhino lodge** is the perfect base for your safari excursions into the park or walks into the neighboring communities to drink from the rich culture of Eastern Rwanda.

Surrounded by nature, the lodge is on a cliff overlooking Lake Ihema in the Park as well as a shrub area of the park that is the primary habitat of the Black Rhino, hence its name.

Wood and stone have been skillfully crafted by local artisans into custom room furnishings that give Akagera Rhino Lodge a uniquely Rwandan design.

The lodge is rustic in nature and has been curated to include the distinctive hallmarks of Rwandan hospitality.

In addition to a safari in the park, enjoy a community farming tour, or a classic nature walk, make local beer or visit a local food market, jump on a mountain bike or join local fishers on a traditional canoeing session.



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Mantis Epic Hotels & Suits





Located in the Eastern Province, in the District of Nyagatare and with its variety of offerings, and uninterrupted views of the rolling hills and endless savannah of Nyagatare, **Mantis Epic Hotel and Suites** has something for everyone.

The hotel, with its 77 well-appointed rooms, is a destination that caters not only for the work-orientated traveler, with its exceptional business facilities, which include a conference center and banqueting facilities.

The rooms and suites all include convenient amenities such as air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, coffee station, laundry service, and 24-hour room service.

The hotel also caters for children with the kids' playroom, a serene pool area with adult and children swimming pools, two floodlit tennis courts and a basketball court and large family rooms, ideally suited for the whole family.

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Lake Kivu





The regal **Lake Kivu** spreads over the western coast curving along the southern part of Rwanda, surrounded by magnificent mountains and has deep emerald green waters covering a surface area of 2,700 km². It is Rwanda's largest lake and the sixth-largest in Africa.

Two resort towns of Rubavu and Karongi offer an array of breathtaking water activities. At only an hour away from Volcanoes National Park, Rubavu offers both beautiful mountain scenery and sandy beaches where one can enjoy several lakeside activities including kayaking or a guided boat tour.

From the serene countryside valleys of Karongi, you will witness the radiant charm of Lake Kivu. Clear water rocky beaches and discovery tours of the islands are all part of this wonderful package.

Kivu Serena Hotel





Lake **Kivu Serena Hotel** is located in Rubavu on the shores of Lake Kivu, where the pristine beaches and sparkling waters of Africa's sixth-largest lake come together breathtakingly.

The hotel is just a few hours' drives from the capital and the glorious Volcanoes National Park, home to the famous mountain gorillas. With its guest accommodation, restaurants and a spectacular swimming pool nestling among palm trees and manicured gardens, the 66-room hotel is ideal for an extended holiday or a weekend escape.

Guests can choose from a selection of beautiful single or family luxury suites with lake views. All rooms are air-conditioned with Wi-Fi, satellite TV and other amenities. A key feature of the hotel is the Kiyaga Restaurant, offering themed dinners and a table d' hôte menu. At the same time, tea, coffee and sundowners are served at the Ziwani Bar and Lake View Bar Terrace.

Those in search of activities and adventure can choose from guided biking and walking safaris, water sports such as windsurfing and catamaran sailing, and lake cruises in speedboats.

For business delegates, a modern conference Centre is available for hire, while a lake-facing outdoor event venue is perfect for corporate and social gatherings. Other facilities include massage services and a fitness Centre.

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Activities Rubavu

Paddling

Suitable for all ages and abilities, stand up paddleboards are an easy, fun and gentle exercise adventure that everyone can enjoy.

This is a great way to get out on Lake Kivu beach, as you can get impressive views of the Nyiragongo Volcano while paddling.



Hiking or Biking on a mountain

Hike or mountain bike on numerous trails that crisscross the landscape:

Explore the hills that form the watershed of the mighty Nile and Congo River basins, find the furthest source of the Nile, explore volcanic lakes and find some of the most spectacular views in Rwanda.



Kayaking

Kayak on the spectacular blue water of Lake Kivu, one of Africa's Great Lakes. There are no hippos or crocodiles, making it ideal for watersports.

With internationally qualified guides, journey along the lakeshore, meet the fishermen who ply the waters and watch birds dart in and out of the bushes.



Our Rich Culture and Heritage





Rwanda is more than just home of the iconic mountain gorilla. In the southern province, you will find incredible cultural and historical sites in the Cultural Heritage Corridor that displays Rwanda's rich history and unique culture.

King Mutara III Rudahigwa's 1931 Royal Palace museum in Nyanza, stands today as it did when the King was in residence along with the "Inyambo", traditional Rwandan cows known for their impressive longhorns.

Alongside the King's Palace, Rwesero Art Museum, King Rudahigwa III's modern palace, now displays contemporary Rwandan artworks and serves as the National Art Gallery.

The Ethnographic Museum in Huye houses one of Africa's finest collections of pre and post-colonial ethnographic, artistic and archaeological displays.

IBY'IWACU Cultural Village in Musanze is a living museum of Rwanda's ancient ways supporting the local community; here you will see a traditional healer, grind sorghum, and shoot arrows after being greeted by traditional Intore dancers and drummers.

Rwanda is also rich with remarkable religious sites and attractions, some of which are Sanctuaire Notre-Dame de Kibeho - a place of pilgrimage, apparitions and the only Shrine in Africa officially approved in 2001.

The Divine Mercy Statue of Jesus a bronze statue 16ft tall and weighing 2 tons brought to Rwanda by the Marian Fathers in 2004, and Nyanza Christ the King Catholic Parish built-in 1935 - one of Rwanda's oldest churches and where King Rudahigwa was baptized.

Discover more in Rwanda

Congo Nile-Trail

From Rubavu in the north, the Congo Nile Trail extends 227 kilometers of breathtaking landscapes to Rusizi in the south of Lake Kivu.

The trail gracefully curves back and forth, as it weaves through hills and mountains beside the lake with eucalyptus trees lining the road and every inch of the hills seemingly terraced with bananas.

For adventurous travelers an exciting way to explore Rwanda is a kayaking tour on Lake Kivu, or mountain biking/hiking one of the six off-the-beaten-path stages of the spectacular Congo Nile Trail.



Tea and Coffee

Some of the world's best tea and coffee is grown in Rwanda; the breathtaking high mountain verdant landscapes, cool climate and rich volcanic soil result in our award-winning quality tea and coffee products.

You may explore the growing and production processes – from the nursery to plantations, pruning, picking, washing, drying, and the many steps to finally (in the case of coffee) roasting.

Finish off with a memorable tea tasting or coffee cupping experience.



Bird- watching

Rwanda's location in the Albertine Rift and its dense forests and mountains create a unique and remarkable environment for the eco-tourist and birding enthusiast to enjoy.

Though small (26,338 kms²) Rwanda boasts the highest concentration of birds per square kilometer in Africa, with a bird list of over 700 species and the second-highest number of Albertine Rift endemics than any other country.

There are seven Important Birding Areas (IBAs), including the three National Parks. Rwanda's wetlands and marshes cover 10% of the country of which the main protected areas include Rugezi, Akanyaru and Nyabarongo Wetlands.

Birding in Rwanda will reward you with many rare bird species easily accessed across remarkably diverse habitats.



UMVA MUHAZI





UMVA Muhazi is a boutique adventure lodge located on the shore of Lake Muhazi, Rwamagana, Rwanda. UMVA brings together beautiful design, farm-to-table dining, and stunning views into an unforgettable experience in hospitality,

- combining adventure, amazing food, and community.

Differentiators

- Focus on community and connection
- Activity and adventure to keep you busy
- Garden-to-fork dining with world class chefs

Experiences

Clay tennis court

Grab a racquet (or bring your own), grab a partner and serve some balls while enjoying the panoramic lake view.

Tour kayaking

Navigate the serene and calm water branches of Lake Muhazi with your own watercraft. A solo journey down the lake or a tandem with a friend or a partner- we've got you covered.

Stand-up paddle boarding (sup)

Want a break from sitting down all day? Grab a paddle and stand up on a SUP. The calm waters are perfect for cruising down the shores and if you're up for it, practising some well-balanced yoga.

Yoga

They have a dedicated yoga deck offering the perfect space for your practice with a beautiful view over the lake.

Bird walks

They are incredibly lucky to be located in one of the most stunning parts of the country, rich in both flora and fauna. Without leaving the grounds of UMVA Muhazi, you will be taken aback by the sheer number of bird species around.

Massage

In a secluded part of the lodge stands a massage parlour overlooking the lake and the nearby valley.

Community walks

If you'd like to meet our neighbours, learn about 'umuganda'- the monthly community works which take place all across the country, or check out the local market, our team will gladly show you around. They also have various initiatives to support our local community, including 15% of the proceeds from the boutique shop going to support local community initiatives around the area in which we are located.

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Business Events East Africa

Rwanda is increasingly being recognized as an attractive and dependable destination for international conferences and events. Business Events East Africa is able to offer competent and reliable services in conference and event organization.

Their team is well versed in conference and incentive travel logistics and has a wealth of knowledge in their operations requirements. Heading the team are dedicated Conference & Incentives Consultants who together boast a combined experience of over 60 years in the sector.

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They manage more than 350 events every year across 16 countries with a diverse team that speaks more than 8 native languages.

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Akagera Aviation scenic tour packages



Robinson 44 Helicopter (3 seater, 180kgs)

30mins scenic tour

Depart from Kigali International Airport on a Robinson Helicopter take a scenic tour around Kigali area to Bugesera, River Nyabarongo and then back to Kigali International Airport.

2hrs scenic tour

Depart from Kigali International Airport on the Robinson Helicopter (3 people) take a scenic tour of 2 hours around Kigali, Volcanoes, Twin Lakes, Lake Kivu and back to Kigali.

2hrs 30mins Scenic tour

Depart from Kigali International Airport on the Robinson helicopter take an amazing scenic tour for two and a half hours from Kigali, Lake Kivu, Nyungwe Forest and then back to Kigali

2hrs scenic tour to Akagera National Park

Depart from Kigali International Airport on the Robinson, take a scenic tour around Akagera National Park two hours and then fly back to Kigali. (Package exclusive of park fees).



Augusta 119 Helicopter (6 seats, 380kgs)

30mins scenic tour

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2hrs scenic tour

Depart from Kigali International Airport on the AUGUSTA 119 (5 people) take a scenic tour of 2 hours around Kigali, Volcanoes, Twin Lakes, Lake Kivu and back to Kigali.

2hrs 30mins Scenic tour

Depart from Kigali International Airport on the AUGUSTA 119 (5 people) take a scenic tour for two and a half hours to see Kigali City, Volcanoes, Twin Lakes, Lake Kivu, Nyungwe Forest and then back to Kigali.

2hrs scenic tour to Akagera National Park

Depart from Kigali International Airport on the AUGUSTA 119, take a scenic tour around Akagera National Park two hours and then fly back to Kigali. (Package exclusive of park fees).



Augusta 109 Helicopter (6 seats, 380kgs)

30mins scenic tour

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