

Rwanda Travel info

Rwanda is known as “Land of a Thousand Hills” the endless mountains in this scenically stunning little country give it its name. The majestic Virunga Volcanoes in the North West hidden among the bamboo forests where the mountain gorillas call home. Nyungwe Forest National Park protects extensive tracts of montane rainforest, and is home to many primates. Lake Kivu gives one of the best inland beach experience.

Getting there

Several airlines connect Kigali to the region and the rest of the world including Rwanda Air, Kenya Airways, Brussels Airlines, KLM, and Ethiopian Airlines. Kigali International Airport is the main airport serving Rwanda. Overland travel by car or by bus is also possible from neighboring countries.

Passport and Visa

A valid passport is mandatory. Visas are required by some nationalities. They can be issued at any Rwandan embassy or consulate, or on the spot at most ports of entry. Some nationalities, however, are required to apply online first to be issued a visa on arrival. Please contact your nearest Rwandan embassy or consulate to obtain the latest information on visa requirements, or apply online at www.migration.gov.rw.

When to Go

Rwanda can be visited all year long. The best time to visit, however, is from June to September when sunny weather makes gorilla trekking and other forest walks less demanding, and from December to March for bird watching.

Vaccinations

A certificate of yellow-fever vaccination is required. Much of Rwanda lies at too high an elevation for malaria to be a major concern, but the disease is present and Anti-malarial drugs are recommended. It is advisable to drink bottled mineral water which can be bought in all towns. In case of emergency, there are hospitals located in all major towns.