

RWANDA

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Rwanda

CAPITAL: Kigali – Altitude 150m (492ft)

LANGUAGE: Kinyarwanda, French, English and Kiswahili (Swahili)

CLIMATE: The small mountainous country has cool to pleasantly warm temperatures. Afternoon maximum temperatures range 24 to 27C and humidity is moderate. There are two dry seasons and two wet seasons although some rain may fall every month.



VISA AND PASSPORT: A visa and a Canadian passport valid 6 months after return are required to enter Rwanda. - SUBJECT TO CHANGE - For detailed information, please visit www.travel.gc.ca

TIME ZONES: GMT + 2

MONEY: Rwanda's unit of currency is the Rwandan franc (RWF). It is best to arrive in Rwanda with US dollars or Euros in cash, which can be exchanged either at the airport or at any FOREX bureau or bank. The most useful bank branch would be the Banque de Kigali, which offers cash advances on credit cards and also accepts travelers' cheques, which is not possible outside of Kigali. There are ATMs throughout Kigali that are accessible to visitors.

TIPPING: Tipping is not included and is completely at your own discretion. Our general recommendation is to tip moderately. It is customary to tip for service in restaurants and bars. A tip of 5% is very acceptable and a tip of 20% is very generous. It is also customary to tip your driver/guide at the end of a safari or hike, as well as the cook and/or porter that may accompany to you.

HEALTH: The Public Health Agency of Canada strongly recommends that your travel plans include contacting a travel medicine clinic or physician six to eight weeks before departure. Based on your individual risk assessment, a health care professional can determine your need for immunizations and/or preventive medication and advise you on precautions to avoid disease. Travelers are reminded to ensure that their routine (childhood) immunizations (e.g., tetanus, diphtheria, polio, and measles) are up to date.



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