ICCA-KIAC CONFERENCE 5-6 JUNE 2025: TRAVEL INFORMATION

About the host Country.

Rwanda is a country known for its breathtaking scenery, often referred to as the land of a thousand hills. The International Congress and Convention Association ranks Rwanda as the second most popular country, and Kigali as the second most popular city in Africa for hosting international conferences and events (2023).

Rwanda's popularity as a preferred MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) destination streams from its simplified visa process that allows nationals of every country in the world to get a visa on arrival in addition to its easy accessibility, due to the multitude of flight options offering connectivity to Kigali and the rest of Africa. Furthermore, the presence of the range of world-class MICE venues continues to enhance Rwanda as a top MICE destination.

Key facts to know about Rwanda

Tiny Rwanda—the country is approximately the size of the U.S. state of Maryland—sits south of the Equator in Central-East Africa. The landlocked country is bordered by Burundi to the South, Tanzania to the East, Uganda to the North, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west.

Known as the **"Land of a Thousand Hills,"** Rwanda's landscape is mostly hilly and mountainous. The Virunga Mountains, located in the northwest part of Rwanda, contain the country's highest peak, Karisimbi, which reaches nearly 15,000 feet.



As of recently, Rwanda is known as:

- One of the Greenest destinations on Earth 15th out of the 20 world's greenest destinations on earth (WTG, 2020),
- Ranked best in the region (1st out of 34 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa) & 41st globally in the 2023 Rule of Law Index by World Justice Project WJP).
- High level of safety and security (2nd Safest place in Africa and 5th safest country to walk at night worldwide)
- > 2nd fastest growing economy in Africa (7.5% p.a. since 2007)
- > 2nd for doing business in Africa

Weather

Perfect weather throughout the year (between 14°C and 28°C annually). The fact that ICCA-KIAC Conference will take place in June 2025, that will be one of the best seasons to travel to Rwanda for the country will be transiting from the cold and rainy season to the hot and dry season which start with July until end Mid-September. **In June**, the weather in ranges between **14° and 28°**, so there is no need for participants to bring cold weather outfits.

IT ready

 1^{st} in the EAC for network readiness, 5^{th} in Africa, 95% 4G LTE network coverage; 7,000km fibre.

Safety and Security

High level of safety and security Ranked 2nd in Africa (Gallup 2018 Global Law & Order), 6th safest country for solo travelers.

Accessibility to the Country (Airlines Connections)

The national Airline, RwandAir currently offers services to around 30 destinations across East, Central, West and Southern Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia."

Other international direct flights to Kigali International Airport include: Europe: **RwandAir, SN Brussels, KLM and Turkish**

North Africa & Middle East: RwandAir, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, Qatar and EgyptAir

Regional: RwandAir, Kenya Airways and Ethiopian Airlines

Visa

Rwanda has a **Visa on arrival for all visitors' policy** with free multiple entry for 30 days for citizens of countries members of African Union, Commonwealth and La Francophonie. For more detailed information on entry visa to Rwanda please visit the Rwanda Immigration Authority through on this link: <u>https://www.migration.gov.rw/visa-on-arrival</u>. More visa enquiries may also be addressed to the Immigration authority through email: <u>info@migration.gov.rw</u>, Tel: +250 788 15 22 22 or <u>visa@migration.gov.rw</u>, Tel: +250 722 17 29 74

Public Health measures

Rwanda's proven ability to manage public health challenges ensures a safe environment for all travelers. The country's commitment to scientific and evidence-based responses, as demonstrated during the Covid-19 pandemic, remains a priority in safeguarding the well-being of everyone in Rwanda.

As far as Covid 19 test & vaccination are concerned, **Covid test and presentation of certificate of vaccination are longer required upon arrival at Kigali International Airport**. Face masks are no longer mandatory in Rwanda, but people are encouraged to wear a face mask in public indoors/closed spaces. However, the public is urged to get frequently tested while continuing to observe preventive measures including social distancing and hand hygiene.

Concerning the **Yellow Fever Vaccination card**, travelers to Rwanda should know that a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is **not required to travelers (Residents / Non-Residents) coming from Yellow Fever non-endemic countries** and without an active transmission outbreak of Yellow Fever. However, a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate **is mandatory to travelers (Residents / Non-Residents) coming from Yellow Fever endemic countries** and any country with an active Yellow Fever transmission outbreak.

Detailed public health measures for travelers to Rwanda including the WHO list of Countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination may be obtained from this link: <u>https://rbc.gov.rw/info-note-for-travelers/</u>,

Rwanda's attractions

Anyone visiting 'the land of a thousand hills' is in for a multitude of surprises.

The Country is home to tropical rainforests, mountain ranges, and volcanoes, Rwanda is one of the most ecologically diverse places in Africa. The continent's Albertine Rift region, which covers much of western Rwanda, is home to about a third of Africa's birds, 40 percent of its mammals, and 20 percent of the continent's amphibians and plants.

Travelers come to Rwanda to spot one of the 12 species of primates that inhabit the country's national parks. Chimpanzees and several types of monkeys live in Nyungwe and Gishwati Mukura National Parks. Volcanoes National Park is home to about one third of the world's mountain gorilla population as well as five of the eight volcanoes in the Virunga Mountains, a mountain range that stretches across East Africa. The country's remaining national park, Akagera National Park, is home to black rhinos, hippos, elephants, giraffes, and Rwanda's national bird: the gold-crested crane.



Enjoy relaxing and luxurious life in Nyungwe National Park



Meet the Mountain Gorillas



Primate & Hiking Paradise



Home to the Big 5



13 primate's species



More than 500 bird's species



About KIGALI

Welcome to Kigali, Rwanda's booming capital city, that was ranked 2nd in Africa by the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) 2023 for hosting the most association meetings, demonstrating that Rwanda is indeed a competent destination for hosting meetings, incentives, conferences, events and exhibitions.

Make Kigali your conference destination of choice; its beautifully appointed hotel rooms, meeting venues with capacities ranging from 50 - 2,600, 4G Internet value to your meeting.

Hotels in Kigali:

The city provides a diverse range of accommodation options with a wide choice of hotels, guesthouses and bed and breakfast on offer.

Hotels that have negotiated rates with KIAC: Those are Hotels that in the surroundings of the Conference Venue;

To book with Hotesl that have negotiated rates with, **please make reservation arrangements to the concerned Hotel though indicated email** and copy in copy in KIAC through: <u>info@kiac.org.rw</u>,

You should also mention that your reservation is in relation to attend the ICCA-KIAC Conference scheduled on 5-6 June 2024



Radisson Blu Hotel and Kigali Convention Centre (the Conference Venue), 5km distance from the Airport

https://rcb.rw/Kigali-Convention-Center.html, Tel (+250) 252 252 252 / 252 253 253A. Adress: KG2 Roundabout, Kimihurura Kigali- Rwanda Email: info.Kigali@radissonblu.com,

Capacity: 292 Room Capacity including 11 Upper Range Rooms, 67 Middle range Rooms and 214 Lower range Rooms. **Negotiated Rates:**

- Superior room/single:
 - **170USD** per night
 - **Executive room/single:** 250USD per night



Quiet Haven Hotel 1.5km distance to the conference venue,7km from the airport

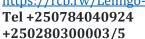
Email: info@quiethavenhotel.com,

Address: KG 9 Av 62 Nyarutarama, Kigali-Rwanda Phone: +250786 689 763 **Negotiated Rates:**

Standard single room (single): USD 60/night Standard double room (double): USD 75/night Twin Room: USD 75



Lemigo Hotel 300m distance to the conference venue,4km distance from the airport https://rcb.rw/Lemigo-hotel.html,





Gorillas Golf Hotel 1km distance to the conference venue,5km distance from the airport https://rcb.rw/Gorillas-Golf-Hotel.html, Tel: (+250) 788 174 000 / 788 200 500 Adress: KG 9 Av. /KG 274 St.

Adress:KG 624 ST Ave, Kigali/Rwanda Email:reservation@lemigohotel.com Web: <u>www.lemigohotel.com</u>

Negotiated Rates:

Standard single room (single): USD 120 Standard double room (double): USD 150 Executive room: (single occupancy): USD 200 Executive room: (double occupancy): USD 230



<u>Grazia Apartment Hotel</u> 300m distance to the Conference Venue,4km distance from Airport)

Address: KG 624 St, Kigali

https://www.graziaapartmenthotel.com/ Tel: +250785797095 | +250788862351 Email: graziaparts@gmail.com

Negotiated Rates:

2 bedroom apartment: USD 200/night 1 bedroom apartment with a kitchen: USD 140/night

1 bedroom apartment with a kitchen: USD 140/night 1 bedroom apartment without a kitchen: USD 130/night

Superior double room: USD 120/night

Superior twin rooms (double occupancy): USD 140/Night Standard room: USD 90/Night

Hotels without Negotiated rates

Nyarutarama, Kigali Email: reservation@gorillashotels.com web: <u>www.gorillashotels.com</u>

Negotiated Rates:

Standard single room (single): USD 120 Standard double room (double): USD 140 Executive suite: (single occupancy): USD 220



ROHI Apartments & Hotel

300m distance to the Conference Venue KG 566 Street Kigali, Rwanda Email: <u>info@rohiaparthotel.co.rw; or</u> <u>sales@rohiaparthotel.co.rw</u> Tel: (+250) 788 306 040



Hotel Chez Lando 2.4km distance to the conference venue ,3.3km from the airport Address: KG 201 St, Kigali Tel:+250788385300 Email: info@chezlando.com https://live.ipms247.com/booking/book-rooms-579



The manor Hotel 3km distance to the conference venue , 7km from the airport Address: KG 552 St, Kigali. Tel: +250786650129 https://www.themanorkigali.com/ Email: info@themanorhotel.rw,



Four Point by Sheraton

5km to the Conference Venue & 10 km Distance from the Airport

Tel: (+250) 788-163100.

KN3 Avenue, Nyarugenge District, Kigali- Rwanda

Email: info.Kigali@radissonblu.com

Web: <u>https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/kglfp-four-points-kigali/overview</u>, Capacity: 154 rooms capacity including 11 upper range rooms,67 middle range rooms,214 lower range rooms



<u>Park Inn By Radisson</u> 4km distance to the Conference Venue & 9 km from the Airport

Address: Street: c/o Avenue de Kiyovu and Res des parcs Tel: +250 788 132 500 Email: info.kigali@rezidorparkinn.com Web: https://www.parkinn.com/hotel-kigali Capacity: 161 rooms capacity including 7 upper range rooms, 5 middle range rooms,142 lower range rooms.



<u>KIM Hotel</u> 2.5km distance to the conference venue ,7km from the airport

https://kimhotel.co.rw/ Adress: 5 KG 680 ST, Kigali |Rwanda Email: info@kimhotel.co.rw Tel : +250 788 128 000



Urban Park Suites Hotel 2km distance to the conference venue, 4.5km from the airport Address: 32 KG 218 St, Kigali Email:<u>info@urbanparksuites.com</u> Tel: +250791430 082/+250790008667 https://urbanparksuites.com,



Kigali Serena Hotel 5km distance to the Conference Venue & 10 km from the Airport https://rcb.rw/Kigali-Serena-Hotel.html Tel: (+250) 597 100 / 788 184 500 Adress: Boulevard de la Révolution Kigali, Rwanda Email: kigalireservations@serena.co.rw Web: www.serenahotels.com

Capacity: 148 rooms capacity including 25 upper range rooms,44 middle range rooms,81 lower range rooms



M Hotel

4.5km distance to the conference venue,10km from the airport https://mhotelkigali.com/ KN 1 Ave Off KN 3 Rd Kigali City , Rwanda Tel:+250 790 907 777 Email:<u>reservation@mhotelkigali.com</u>



<u>Kigali Marriott Hotel</u> 5 Km distance to the Conference Venue & 10 km Distance from the Airport

https://rcb.rw/Marriott-Kigali.html, Tel. (+250) 222111111

Adress: KN 3 Ave, Nyarugenge District, Kigali, Rwanda Email: <u>info.kigali@marriott.com</u>,

Web: www.kigalimarriott.com

Capacity: 254 rooms capacity including 25 upper range rooms,34 middle range rooms,185 lower range rooms



ONOMO Hotel 4.5km distance to the conference venue,10km from the airport

https://rcb.rw/ONOMO-Hotel.html,

Adress:KN 1 Avenue, Kigali, Rwanda Tel: +250 252 554700 Email: <u>reservations.kigali@onomohotel.com</u>, Web: <u>www.onomohotel.com</u>

Capacity: 109 rooms capacity including 11upper range rooms, 98 lower range rooms.



<u>Heaven Restaurant & Boutique Hotel</u> 5.5km distance to the conference venue,10km from the airport

Address: 7 KN 29 St, Kigali Phone: 0788 486 581/+250 78 778 55 95 https://heavenrwanda.com/ boutiquehotel@heavenrwanda.com.



<u>Ubumwe Grande Hotel</u> 5km distance to the conference venue,10km from the airport <u>https://rcb.rw/Ubumwe-Grande-Hotel.html</u>, Email: <u>reservations@theapdl.com</u>, Tel: +250 783 744 755 Web: ubumwegrandehotel.com,

Capacity: 161 rooms capacity including 10 upper range rooms, 33 middle range rooms, 110 lower range rooms.



Hôtel Des Mille Collines 5km distance to the conference venue,11km from the airport https://rcb.rw/Hotel-Des-Mille-Collines.html, Tel :(+250) 788 192 530 Adress: 2KN 6th Avenue PO Box 1322 Kigali, Rwanda Email: reservations@millecollines.rw,

web: www.millecollines.rw
Capacity: 161 rooms capacity including 8 upper range rooms,
104 lower range rooms.



Dmall Hotel 1 km distance to the conference venue,4 km from the airport Address: 3423+8H3, Kigali Tel: +25078171134 https://www.explorerwandatours.com/accommodation -2/dmall-hotel.html Email: info@explorerwandatours.com,



<u>Ste Famille Hotel</u> 5km distance to the conference venue,10km from the airport

https://saintefamillehotel.com/ Adress:<u>1 KN 1 St Nyarugenge, Kigali, Rwanda</u> Tel:(+250) 781 205 332 / 784 180 076 Email:<u>reservation@saintefamillehotel.com</u>



Madras Hotel and Apartments 7.4km distance to the conference venue,12km from the Airport

Address: KG 673 St, Kigali Phone: 0788 305 684 www.madras.rw



Park View Courts Hotel

2km from Kigali Convention Center, 5km from the Airport

Adress: Park View Hotel, 3433+P4F, KG 13 Ave, Kigali Email: info@grandlegacy.rw web: <u>www.parkviewcourtsrwanda.com</u>, Email: <u>reservations@parkviewcourtsrwanda.com</u>, Tel: +250 788 33 1436



Grand Legacy Hotel

2.5km from Kigali Convention Center, Kigali International Airport is 2 km away. https://rcb.rw/Grand-Legacy-Hotel.html, <u>Tel:(+250) 788 303 483</u> Adress: KN 3 Road, Remera, Kigali Email: info@grandlegacy.rw web: www.grandlegacy.rw

Transport in Kigali

Private Taxis are available for Kigali Airport Transfers from and to all areas around the City of Kigali and Hotels. Kigali Airport Taxis provides reliable 24hrs/7 a week step by-step transfer to different places and Hotels in Kigali.

Regarding the travel within Kigali, travelers have a range of transport means as may be recommended by the Hotel such as Move Volkswagen Mobility Solution, Yego Cab, etc....

However, Move Volkswagen Mobility Solution is the most recommended transport mean around Kigali City due to its convenience to get it through a Move App that can be downloaded from play store, comfort and cost effectiveness.

What else to do or visit while in Kigali?

Kigali offers delegates a unique Africa experience guaranteeing classic modernity, exceptional cleanliness and safety. In addition to showcasing the 'Land of a Thousand Hills', delegates will be afforded the opportunity to enjoy incredible pre and post tours and to experience the country's unique charm – all within easy access of the city.

You shouldn't wonder about the things to do in Kigali since the City offers a variety of attractions, tourism and leisure sites activities of residents and international travelers in Kigali.

Kigali has a population of over 1.5million people and is built right at the centre of the country making it easy to access by road from all of Rwanda's neighboring countries. Kigali has become known as one of the quietest, safest, cleanest and most organized cities in Africa. It is the centre of arts, transportation and culture in Rwanda.

Below are some of the things to do while in Kigali:

Visiting the Kigali Genocide Memorial Site (located at 4 km from the City Centre). The memorial is the final resting place for up to 259,000 victims of the genocide and serves as a place where people can grieve for their lost loved ones and remember them. It also serves as a museum where both local and international visitors can learn about the history, implementation and consequences of the genocide.

The Belgium UN Troop Memorial: The memorial was opened in 2000 and was built to remember the 10 Belgium UN peacekeepers who were slaughtered in the Genocide against the Tutsi in April 1994 trying to protect the anti-genocide Prime Minister Madame Agathe Uwiligiyimana and her family. The Prime minister was also assassinated along with her husband. The soldiers tried to fight back but they got short of ammunition after a long standoff.

Climb Mount Kigali for those who love adventure, climbing Mount Kigali could be just the thing you need. It is not a mountain as such but the highest hill in Kigali reaching 6,000 feet.

Take a Motorcycle Taxi: This is perhaps the most effective and cheap means of touring the city and its suburbs. The motorbikes are perfect for navigating through the traffic and provide flexibility to stop at places of interest.

Visit Art Centers, Crafts Shops and art galleries: A visit to African cities is incomplete without visiting one of the art/craft shops – Kigali is no exception. The people of Rwanda love art and if you are looking for evidence, then visit their homes and sitting rooms.

Go for Sauna and Massage: While in Kigali, you will have no shortage of places to go to that offer pedicure, facials or manicure. Massage and Sauna isn't reserved for only the highend hotels but also specialized outlets scattered around the city centre.

Ride a Horse: Kigali offers the opportunity to go horseback riding through the beautiful countryside and around Mount Kigali with amazing views of the city.

Skating: This is one of the recently introduced outdoor activities in Kigali.

Play Tennis: The City counts a big number of Tennis courts around the city.

Go to the local markets: The best way to learn about the culture of a country is to visit the local markets. From the market, you can know their favorite food and how they interact.

Take Coffee or tea: Kigali is known for producing some of the best coffee in the world. The number of coffee shops in the city has increased over the years serving tasty coffee and tea.

Go jogging or walking: A beautiful city like Kigali with its beautiful hills can be explored by walking or jogging.

Visit restaurants: While in Kigali, you can't miss trying out delicacies like Akabenzi (cooked pork), brochettes (roasted meat with chips), Nyama Choma (roasted meat), Ibirayi (goat mixed with potatoes) and giant fried fish. These delicious meals are prepared in different Hotels or in specialized restaurants around the city.

Watching Movies or visiting the Night Clubs: The nightlife in Kigali is filled with entertainment activity such as Cinema and Night Clubs.

Visit the main city museums: The Museum of Natural History is the best museum in Kigali and was built with the purpose of documenting the beauty of Rwanda.

