



**Population:** approx 13 million



**Languages:** Kinyarwanda, French, English



**Size:** 26,338km<sup>2</sup>  
Only 10% of the size of the UK



**Time Zone:** 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +2



**Currency:** Rwanda Franc | USD



**National Bird:** Shoebill (*unofficial*)



**Inbound Airlines:** RwandAir | Kenya Airways | Ethiopian Airlines | Brussel Airlines | KLM | Qatar Airways | Turkish Airlines



**Capital city:** Kigali

## CLIMATE

With much of the country lying at altitude, Rwanda enjoys a tropical highland climate. Temperatures vary considerably between locations, but vary little from month to month. Akagera is generally the warmest & the Virunga mountains the coolest. Average daily temperature in Kigali is 21°C (70°F).



Peak temperatures rarely exceed 30°C (86°F) in the day or drop below 15°C (59°F) at night.

**Dry season:** June to mid-September, sees light cloud cover and occasional light rainfall. Roads and paths tend to be easier to navigate in this period.



There are two rainy seasons in a year, from mid-February to May and mid-September to mid-December.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Tour Du Rwanda

February | Annual | Touring Rwanda

This event brings c.150-200 international delegates for a week cycling tour.

### Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally

May | Annual | Starts Kigali

One of the 7 African Rally Championship events with drivers from around Africa & guests from Europe.

### KigaliUP Music Festival,

July | Annual | Kigali

One of the finest in Africa. Local and international reggae, blues, hip-hop, and pop acts to Kigali.

### Kwita Izina gorilla-naming ceremony

September | Annual | Kinigi

A special time to visit Volcanoes National Park. Visitors can join a several-day guided tour from Kigali running up to the main event where there's music, dancing, and discussion on the great strides that Rwanda has made in gorilla conservation, and the great challenges that remain.

### Nyungwe Festival

March | Annual | Nyungwe

(Music, Marathon & exhibition)

A free marathon event: no registration fees, no trophies, no timing chips. The event is in 4 stages: the Double Double (106km), the Full (53km), the Half (22km) & the Half Half (11km)

### Kigali International Peace Marathon (KIPM)

May | Annual | Kigali

Bringing more than 1500 global delegates together with more than 4000 Rwandans. KIPM is the only accredited marathon organized in the World under the theme of Peace.

### Ubumuntu Arts Festival

July | Annual | Kigali

Held at the outdoor amphitheatre of the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre bringing artists from around the world together. Festival activities include (not limited to) performances, workshops, panels and genocide memorial site visits.

