

Practical Information - Visit to Kigali, Rwanda

Welcome to Kigali!

Ideally positioned in the centre of Rwanda, Kigali extends across several hills and valleys, with good road links to the rest of the country. First-time visitors to the bustling and colourful centre often remark how clean the streets are, a matter of pride across every community throughout the country.

Visa

All non-Rwandan nationals need to apply for visas upon arrival at Kigali International Airport and all land borders. Applicants should have a valid passport or other acceptable travel document. The document must have a validity of at least six months later than the day of entry into Rwanda.

Citizens of East African Community Member States can be issued a visa free of charge upon arrival. Citizens from other countries need to pay a fee of USD 50 for a visa. Credit cards are generally accepted at the Kigali International Airport but are not accepted at some land borders.

Use of plastic bags: Plastic bags are banned in the country and may be taken away at the airport upon arrival. Remember to pack your things in paper bags before you arrive in the country.

Transport: Transport *from the airport to the hotel* is arranged to match your arrival time. Look for a sign with your name upon arrival at the airport. Transport from *Hotel to the celebration venue*, and other venues during the celebration dates is provided.

Accommodation: The University of Rwanda has proposed the following hotel venues for your accommodation:

| Name of the hotel and contacts | Hotel category (stars) | Price (in USD) |
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| Kigali Marriott Hotel (450m from the venue) Tel: +250 783 865 668 | 5-star | 315-420 |
| Email: <u>Samuel.Imani@marriott.com</u> | | |
| KN3 Avenue, Kigali, Rwanda | | |
| https://www.marriott.com/ | | |
| Four Points Hotel by Sheraton (400m from the venue) Tel: +250 783 865 668 | 3-star | 133-167 |
| Email: <u>Samuel.Imani@marriott.com</u> | | |
| KN3 Avenue, Kigali, Rwanda | | |
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| Kigali Serena Hotel (100m from the venue) Tel. +250 252 597100 | 5-star | 300-400 |
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| Email: reservations.kigali@serenahotels.com | | |
| & <u>Henry.Bucyana@serenahotels.com</u> | | |
| KN 3 AV. Kigali-Rwanda | | |
| https://kigali-serena.hotel-rn.com/ | | |
| Ubumwe Grande Hotel (1.5km from the venue) Tel: +250783744768 | 4-star | 190 |
| Email: reservations@ubumwegrandehotel.com | | |
| KN 67 Street-Kigali, Rwanda | | |
| www.ubumwegrandehotel.com | | |
| Hotel des Mille Collines (1.5km from the venue) Tel: +250728023067 | 4-star | 150 |
| Email : <u>reservations@millecollines.rw</u> 2KN 6 th Ave | | |
| www.millecollines.rw | | |

Travel insurance: You are reminded to bring your travel insurance documents. Check with your insurance provider what services apply when outside your country of origin.

Covid: Covid-19 testing is no longer a requirement prior to boarding flights to Rwanda. It is also no longer required upon arrival at Kigali International Airport. However, regular Covid-19 testing is encouraged and covid-testing services at the start of the event is planned and provided.

General travel information: It is deemed safe to travel to Kigali from abroad. For more travel recommendations, please read your embassy's or national authority's travel recommendations.

It is within your own responsibility to check what vaccinations are needed prior to your travel to Rwanda. Bring your vaccination card as you may be requested to present it at the airport in Kigali.

Avoid drinking tap water. The recommendation is to avoid drinking tap water if you are not used to it. Bottled water will be supplied in your hotel room as well as at the venue of the event.

Dressing code: Dress in casual smart.

Weather: Temperatures in Kigali in March, 2023 is projected to be around 15-30 degrees Celsius. Daytime temperatures are generally warm. The evening time tend to be cool. March marks the beginning of the rain period, so be prepared for potential rain at times. A compact umbrella may be useful.

Money: In Rwanda the Rwandan franc (Rwf) is the principal currency, although US dollars are widely accepted. Expect to pay for local services in cash, in Rwandan francs. You can withdraw cash using a major visa credit card at an ATM.

In case of emergency: For emergency services in Rwanda, dial 112 for police, 113 for traffic accidents, or 116 to report abuse by a police officer.

Hospitals 1) King Faisal Hospital: Address: KG 544 St, Kacyiru, Kigali Emergency Tel: +250 58 88 88. http://kfh.rw/(opens in a new tab)

3) Rwanda Military Hospital Address: KK 739 St., Kanombe, Kicukiro, Kigali Tel: +250 252 58 64 20 <u>https://rwandamilitaryhospital.rw/</u>

Contact the organizing team

If you have questions regarding Kigali, University of Rwanda, transfer from airport or other local matters, please contact Ms Dorothy Mbabazi on Tel:(+ 250) 788891995 or Email: <u>ur.sweden20@ur.ac.rw</u>.