

RWANDA AT A GLANCE

Capital (and largest city): Kigali 1°56'33"S 30°3'56"E
 Area Total: 26,338 km²/ 10,169 square miles
 Borders: Uganda to the North, Tanzania to the East, Burundi to the South and the Democratic Republic of Congo to the West

Rwanda is a landlocked republic in Equatorial Africa, situated on the eastern rim of the Albertine Rift, a western arm of the Great Rift Valley, on the watershed between Africa's two largest river systems: the Nile and the Congo. Much of the country's 26,338 km² is impressively mountainous, the highest peak being Karisimbi (4,507m) in the volcanic Virunga chain protected by the Volcanoes National Park. The largest body of water is Lake Kivu, but numerous other lakes are dotted around the country, notably Burera, Ruhondo, Muhazi and Mugesera, some of which have erratic shapes following the contours of the steep mountains that enclose them.

Climate: Rwanda has a temperate climate with temperatures of 25-30°C during the day, 15° at night throughout the year. Nights can be chilly in Nyungwe and the Virungas. Most parts of the country receive in excess of 1,000 mm of rainfall. Rwanda experiences **two rainy seasons** - the long rains between February to June and the short rains between mid-September to mid-December. Dry months are January, July, and August to mid-September. The country can be visited throughout the year.

Official languages: Kinyarwanda, French, English. French is widely spoken throughout the country. In most tourist centres, English is spoken.

Government: Republic
Independence from Belgium: July 1, 1962
President: Paul Kagame
Prime Minister: Bernard Makuza

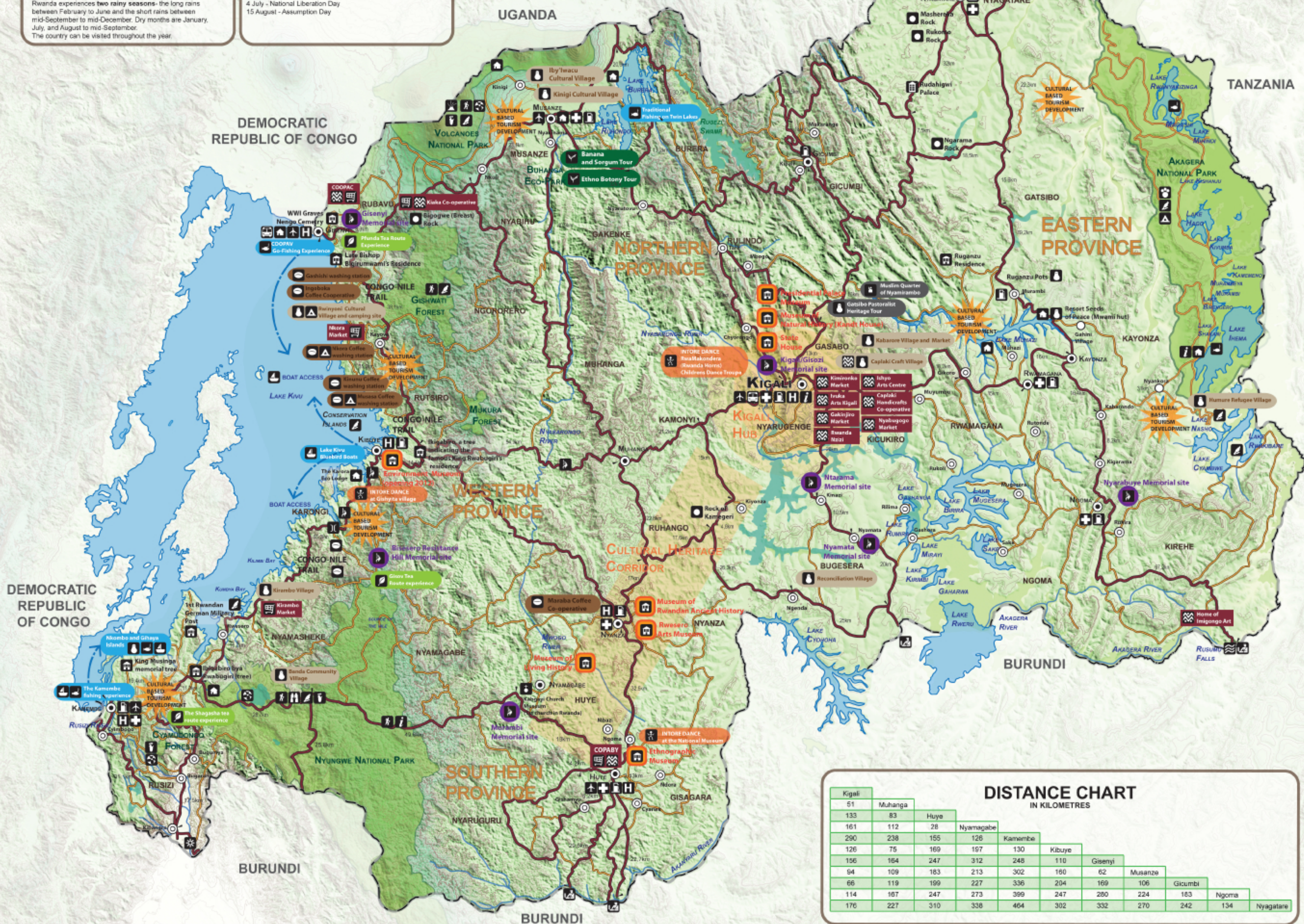
Currency: Rwandan franc (RWF)
Time zone: CAT UTC+2 GMT

Public Holidays:
 Good Friday and Easter Monday, Boxing day and Christmas day the following Rwandan Public holidays are recognized:

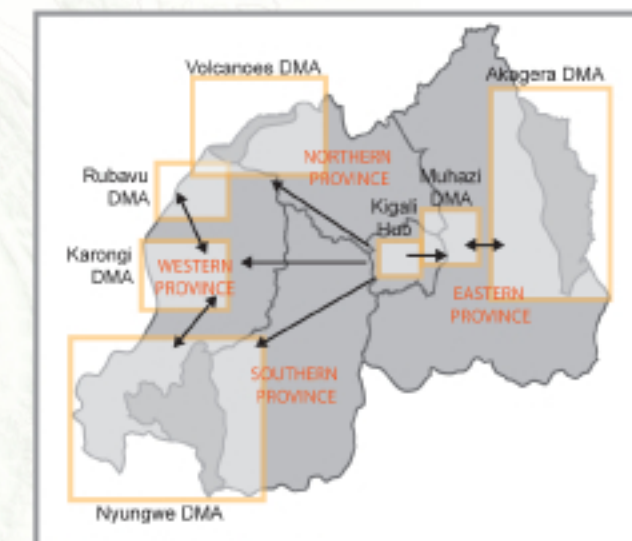
1 January - New Year
 1 February - Heroes Day
 7 April - Genocide Memorial Day
 1 May - Labour Day
 1 July - Independence Day
 4 July - National Liberation Day
 15 August - Assumption Day

RWANDA CULTURE

Tourist Map



Legend



- MAJOR TOWN
- MINOR TOWN
- MOUNTAIN
- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- POLICE
- HOSPITAL
- BRIDGE
- FUEL
- AIRPORT
- BORDER POST
- MEMORIAL SITE
- ART AND CRAFTS
- CULTURAL VILLAGE
- INTORE DANCE
- HISTORICAL INTEREST
- HOTEL
- LODGE
- CAMPING
- CYCLING
- FISHING
- HIKING
- SHOPPING
- TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE
- IMPORTANT BUILDING
- MOSQUE
- CHURCH
- LOOKOUT
- BIRDING
- WILDLIFE
- GORILLAS AND OTHER PRIMATES
- ORCHIDS
- CAVE
- WATERFALL
- HOT SPRING
- HISTORIC ROCK
- VOLCANO
- PLANTATIONS
- COFFEE PLANTATIONS
- TEA PLANTATIONS

- National/ Major Roads
- Secondary Road
- River
- NATIONAL PARK
- WATER BODY

Cultural Tourism Experiences:

- Traditional Villages offering tours
- Communities (Pastoral, Religious)
- INTORE DANCERS and their locations
- Fishing Experience
- Boating Experience
- Agricultural Tours
- Tea Route Experience
- Coffee Route Experience, Cooperatives and Coffee washing
- Curio Shops, Cooperatives, Markets and artifact giftshops
- CULTURAL BASED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
- Memorial Museum site
- Museum of Rwanda
- Historical Residential site



DISTANCE CHART IN KILOMETRES											
Kigali											
51	Muhanga										
133	83	Huye									
161	112	28	Nyamagabe								
290	238	155	128	Kamembe							
126	75	169	197	130	Kibuye						
156	164	247	312	248	110	Gisenyi					
94	109	183	213	302	160	62	Musanze				
66	119	199	227	336	204	169	106	Gicumbi			
114	167	247	273	399	247	280	224	163	Ngoma		
176	227	310	338	464	302	332	270	242	134	Nyagatare	