

Rwanda



Rwanda is a country in Central Africa that is bordered by Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda and Tanzania. Its capital is Kigali and it has a population of 12,712,431. It has a temperate climate with two rainy seasons, one from February to April and the other from November to January.

Languages

The four official languages of Rwanda are Kinyarwanda, French, English and Swahili or Kiswahili. Kinyarwanda is the most widely used language, spoken by 93.2% of the population.

Nationality

Rwandan

Currency

Rwandan Franc



Ethnic Groups

The major ethnic groups in Rwanda are the Hutus that make up 84% of the population, the Tutsis that make up 15% and the Batwa that make up less than 1%. Colonial favoring the Tutsis up until independence contributed to the 100 day genocide in 1994 when Hutus killed an estimated 800,000 Tutsis. Though the country has worked to repair many inter-ethnic issues, the Batwa still face discrimination and restricted access to services.

Rwanda's national symbol is a traditional woven basket with a peaked lid.



Major Sites

- Volcanoes National Park
- Nyungwe Forest National Park
- Gahinga Volcano
- Kigali Genocide Memorial
- The Congo-Nile Trail
- Akagera National Park
- Lake Kivu
- Pfunda Tea Factory
- King's Palace Museum

Independence Day

July 1, 1962

Rwanda's national colors are red, black and green.

