

# Country Profile – Rwanda



small landlocked country



Rwandan flag

Tailored for Education has been working in Rwanda since 2012 and we have been lucky to visit! It's nickname is 'Land of a Thousand Hills' and it truly is. The rolling green hills are absolutely beautiful.

## Fun Facts

1. Rwanda has the world's highest representation of women in parliament - over 60%.
2. It is the fourth smallest country in Africa.
3. Kigali, the country's capital, is the cleanest city in Africa. The government banned the use of plastic bags and citizens routinely clean the streets and landscapes.
4. Rwanda has 3 National Parks - Akagera, known for the Big Five animals and game drives, (2) Nyungwe known for its chimpanzees and birds and (3) Volcanoes National Park, known as Home of Mountain gorillas - see photos below, we hiked to see these gorillas on our trip!
5. Rwanda has five volcanoes - Karisimbi, Muhabura, Bisoke, Sabyinyo and Gahinga.
6. One of the strongest pillars of Rwandan culture is the traditional dance, because music and dance have always been an essential part of society. Intore, Ikinimbna, Umushayayo and Ibihozo are some of the traditional dances. See photo below!



Translations - Kinyarwanda is the official language in Rwanda

**hello** - muraho

**welcome** - murakaza neza

**my name is** - nitwa

**how are you?** - amakuru?

**have a nice day** - umunsi mwiza

**yes** - yego

**no** - oya

**school** - ishuri

**uniform** - umwambaro

**backpack** - igikapu

**shirt** - ishati

**pants** - ipantaro

**socks** - amasogisi

**shoes** - inkweto

**please** - nyamuneka

**thank you** - murakoze

**excuse me** - imbabazi

**goodbye** - murabeho

**I love you** - ndagukunda

**I miss you** - ndagukumbuye

**how much?** - nangahe?