

# Cultural Immersion & Adventure Tour Rwanda

9 Days, 8 Nights Land Package July 1 -9, 2022

## **Depart USA**

### **DEPART...THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> June 2022**

You will depart from your respective cites. Flights are booked separately! The group will depart on an overnight flight via Brussels Airlines from JFK on June 30, 2022, with a 2hrs:35min layover in Brussels. Flight #SN 502 departs JFK @ 6:35pm(EST) and arrives at 7:05pm (GMT+2) on Friday July. 1st, 2022 at KGL. Departure from Kigali, Rwanda on July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15pm on flight# SN 501. Thus far this is the least expensive flight out of JFK @ \$1,108. However, you're welcome to book separately, and fly from any city, province or country suffice you arrive on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit <a href="www.brusselsairlines.com">www.united.com</a> to book your flight.

#### DAY 1: FRIDAY 1st July 2022

#### Murakaza Neza to Rwanda! Land of A Thousand Hills!

You will arrive at **Kigali International Airport** and transferred via air-conditioned modern vehicle to **Chez Lando Hotel**. Upon arrival at the hotel, you will have a brief information meeting with our local representative, check in and enjoy lunch, dinner or both depending on the time of arrival. Upon completion of dinner the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Meals: Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Chez Lando https://www.chezlando.com/







#### DAY 2: SATURDAY 2nd JULY 2022

## Kigali City Tour – Sights, Sounds, Cuisine, Locals & History

After breakfast you will embark on a Kigali Walking City Tour. You will explore the green capital full of palm trees and magnificent landmarks. The first part of the walking tour will conclude with an hour hike to mount Kigali, where you will have a spectacular view of Kigali city. You will later descend and drive to explore Nyamirambo which is known as old Kigali. There you will engage and learn about the incredible Nyamirambo Women Group as you trek with them through the city to discover more hidden treasures and learn about the vibrant culture and their vast contributions. In the process you will learn some Kinyarwanda words and meet the local venders selling organic produce and the like. Upon completion you will enjoy some local Kinyarwanda cuisine for lunch. You will later proceed to Kigali genocide memorial ground where over 250,000 victims of genocide incidence of 1994 were laid to rest. You will be given an in-depth tour and history on this tragic past in Rwanda's history. Upon leaving the memorial grounds you will drive to Kimironko local market where you can support local artists and vendors. Your tour ends at about 4.00pm with a drop off at the designated hotel. The rest of the evening is yours to spend at leisure until our welcome group dinner. Accommodation: Chez Lando Hotel <a href="https://www.chezlando.com/">https://www.chezlando.com/</a> Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Nightlife - Optional

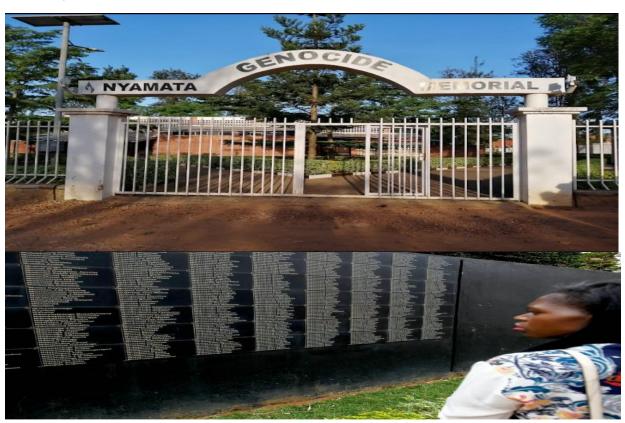




# DAY 3: SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

#### Genocide: Nynamata & Ntarama Memorial & Mbyo Reconciliation Village - Hutu & Tutsi

Today's focus will be to learn, engage and walk away with a deeper understanding of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994. After breakfast you will drive south of Kigali heading to **Ntarama and Nyamata genocide memorial sites** which is roughly a 45 minutes' drive. These two sites will give you tremendous insight into the entire genocide. You will be able to get a wealth of information about how the entire genocide began. Ntarama's former Catholic Church is now a memorial site where 5,000 people were massacred there on the 15 August 1994. This memorial center is one of **six major centers'** in Rwanda that commemorates the Rwandan Genocide. You will later head to visit **Nyamata** believe to be the starting point of the genocide, and its surrounding region which suffered some of the most devastation, and horrifying violence that took place. After visiting Nyamata memorial site, you will stop at a local eatery for lunch before proceeding to **Mbyo Reconciliation Village** where victims of the genocide both live together harmoniously. Gather firsthand knowledge by listening to their survival stories, and togetherness now as one. Upon completion you will drive back to Kigali and dropped off at your hotel to have dinner and spend the evening at leisure. After a somber day you will have time to reflect and be alone with your thoughts. Accommodation: Chez Lando <a href="https://www.chezlando.com/">https://www.chezlando.com/</a> **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner** 



# DAY 4: MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

## Community-based Cultural Experience day in rural Rwanda

After breakfast you will drive to Muhanga to experience a full day of Azizi life.

Today you will totally immerse ourselves into their ways of life. You will meet everyone in the small local community. You will take part in several traditional and cultural activities, such as **beehive making**, local **cooking lesson**, **basket weaving**, a **cultural performance and so much more**. You will enjoy a traditional lunch and dinner mutually prepared with our Azizi hosts. Upon completion of this enriching cultural immersive experience, you will drive back to Kigali and spend the evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Chez Lando <a href="https://www.chezlando.com/">https://www.chezlando.com/</a>









#### DAY 5: TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022

Lake Kivu – Is One of African Great Lakes. It lies on the border between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda, and is in the Albertine Rift, The Western branch of the East African Rift. Lake Kivu empties in the Ruzizi River, which flows southwards into Lake Tanganyika.

After a relaxed breakfast you will be driven to **Gisenyi**, along the way you will visit **Roz Car House** and learn about the great work of this amazing lady, how she socially and economically impacted the lives of the local community. Visit her flower garden and living house, later proceed with a visit to the **tea factory** where you learn about the **tea process** with a visit to the **tea estates**. You will proceed with the drive to Gisenyi for lunch, before visiting **Atalia de Pupee women center**, where **local widows** participate in the **local artwork**, to make ends meet. You can purchase their artwork to show support as they work very hard to make a living. Upon completion of the tours, you will proceed to check in at Paradise Kivu owned by a local black woman. You will relax until our sumptuous group dinner made from organically grown produce from our host garden. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Paradise Kivu http://paradisekivu.com/





# DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

Lake Kivu Exploration – Coffee Plantation Tour, Scenic Boat Ride, Rabavu City Tour

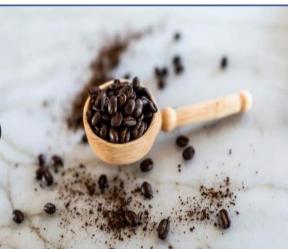
After having an early morning breakfast, you will be transferred to Kinunu for a coffee tour, where you will experience crop to cap coffee. Afterwards you will take a scenic boat ride on Lake Kivu. Upon completion you will transfer back to Paradise Kivu for a sumptuous organic lunch. After lunch you will take a city tour of Rubavu, proceeded by a tour with the singing fishermen where you will learn about the local fishing industry, and how they survive as a community. Later you will return to the lodge for dinner and to enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Paradise Kivu <a href="http://paradisekivu.com/">http://paradisekivu.com/</a>

Note: Our local Guide will make arrangements for you to take the PCR test.







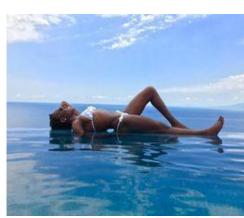
# DAY 7: THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

#### **LEISURE DAY**

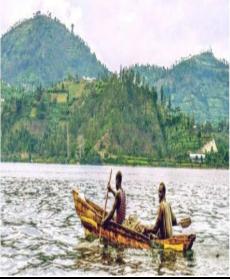
Today you will enjoy a day of leisure! You can simply relax and take in the breathtaking surroundings or opt for optional activities like **Spa treatments**, **kayaking**, **sport fishing**, **Island hopping**, **Hiking**, **Mountain Biking and so much more**. You will have meals based on the designed times as per the lodge (Times to be given upon arrival). Accommodation: **Paradise Kivu** <a href="http://paradisekivu.com/">http://paradisekivu.com/</a>

Meals – Breakfast & Dinner









# DAY 8: FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

#### <u>Iwacu Cultural Village & Diane Fossey Institute</u>

After breakfast you will check out of Paradise Kivu and driven to Kigali. En route you will stop to visit **Diane Fossey Institute**, and **Iby Iwacu Cultural village**. Diane Fossey Institute is dedicated to protecting gorillas while helping in educating people who live near them. Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village allows you to interact with local people in their community. You will learn about their culture, history and traditions. Upon completion of the tours you will have lunch before checking into your hotel in Kigali, and spend the rest of the day at leisure before the farewell dinner. You may do some shopping, enjoy the amenities of the hotel or just wander around the enchanting city of Kigali.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Chez Lando <a href="https://www.chezlando.com/">https://www.chezlando.com/</a>

# DAY 9: SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

Until next time we bid Rwanda Urabeho!

After breakfast you will check out of Chez Lando. Depending on the time of your flight you can store your luggage and wait at the hotel. Our local guide will escort everyone 2-3hrs prior to your departure to Kigali International Airport. We hope you had an enriching experience and, we wish you a safe flight.

## End of service!

\*\*\*Our local Guide will assist in retrieving our PCR results before departure\*\*\*

**Note:** Nightlife activities are an optional service. Note that night clubs/pubs may have restricted hours of operation as a result of Covid-19 or if Curfew is still in effect. GS therefore have no control over government issued protocols/restrictions.

## **Questions?**

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email at:

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