

Get fully immersed into Rwandan culture through immersion in language, history and cooking lessons. Enjoy visits to local shops, sightseeing and relaxing at a nearby beach!

Get off-the-beaten track and get to know Rwanda, through visits to important memorial sites, local markets and training centers. You will also learn the basics of the language, show your skills in a cooking class and learn about the history and culture. Last but not least, enjoy a day of relaxation at the beach!

Culture
Learning
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Community Engagement
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Program Description

Culture week is the perfect way to get acquainted with your new surroundings. Throughout the week, you will be introduced to Rwandan life through its history, traditions, food, language, and learning the basic do's & don'ts. You will never forget your visit to the Genocide Memorial Museum, nor the impact of the lessons from this experience. You will get to know this land of "a thousand hills" through a local walking tour, as well as, sightseeing around the city. Moreover, you will get a nice bit of relaxation during your visit to Muhazi Beach, a local favorite, where you will enjoy lunch, swim outside, or simply sunbathe and enjoy some of Rwanda's awesome weather.

All in all, this culture week will get you fully acclimated and ready for the upcoming weeks, if you are staying longer to be a part of our programs.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1
Max duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

- Learn through immersion in local language, food and activities
- Gain a better understanding of Rwandan customs, history and culture
- Provide a full induction, preparing you for a longer stay

Schedule

Monday

- Breakfast
- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice and handling of documents.
- Rwandan Do's and Don'ts, Culture introduction and country history and Kinyarwanda Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area; where to find local shops, and arrange a simcard if necessary.
- Lunch
- Tour of Kigali City including a visit to the market.

Tuesday

- Breakfast
- Language class
- Lunch
- Cooking class
- Dinner (enjoy the dishes you helped to prepare)

Wednesday

- Breakfast
- Genocide Memorial
- Sightseeing around the city center plus visits to nearby facilities
- Lunch
- Visit Parliament House Museum
- Dinner

Thursday

- Breakfast
- Belgian Peacekeepers Monument
- Gahanga Memorial Church site
- Lunch
- Women's Training center (handicrafts)
- Dinner

Friday

- Breakfast
- Introduction to program sites and schedule
- Lunch
- Visit Muhazi Beach (enjoy some fun in the sun)
- Dinner

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:

Maximum age:

Minimum English level: Basic

CRB required: On Signup

Passport copy required: No
Resume copy required: No
Required qualification: None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

Additional Equipment

No specific equipment required for this program, but we recommend bringing a notebook and pen for your language lessons and cooking classes to write down the scrumptious recipes.