

Rwanda is renowned for its progressive and welcoming visa policy, making it one of the most accessible countries in Africa for tourists. The government has streamlined the process to encourage tourism, offering visa-free entry, visa on arrival, and an efficient e-Visa system for most nationalities. This open approach reflects Rwanda's commitment to becoming a premier travel destination.



<https://www.migration.gov.rw/visa/visitors-visa>

All foreign citizens need a valid eVisa, except for citizens from countries who are exempt.

Visa-Free Entry:

A significant number of nationalities enjoy visa-free entry into Rwanda for varying periods, simplifying travel planning considerably.

Citizens of countries members to the following international organisations; African Union, Commonwealth and La Francophonie member states can obtain a visa on arrival at no cost for a stay of up to 30 days. These are:

Albania	Fiji	New Zealand
Algeria	France	Niger. Nigeria
Antigua and Barbuda	Gabon	North Macedonia
Armenia	Grenada	Pakistan
Australia	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau	Romania
Barbados	Guyana	Saharawi Arab Republic,
Belize	India	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Jamaica	St Vincent and The Grenadines
Botswana	Laos	Samoa
Brunei Darussalam	Lebanon	Solomon Islands
Bulgaria	Lesotho	Somalia
Burkina Faso	Liberia	South Africa
Cambodia	Libya	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Luxembourg	Sudan
Comoros	Kiribati	Switzerland
Canada	Madagascar	Bahamas
Cape Verde	Malawi	Gambia
Congo	Malaysia	Togo
Cyprus	Maldives	Tonga
Dominica	Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Djibouti	Malta	Tunisia
Egypt	Mauritania	Tuvalu
Eritrea	Moldova	United Kingdom
Eswatini	Monaco	Vanuatu
Ethiopia	Morocco	Vietnam
Equatorial	Mozambique	Zambia
Guinea	Namibia	Zimbabwe
Guyana	Nauru	

East African Community (EAC) Citizens: Citizens of EAC member states (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo) are granted visa-free entry for up to 6 months.

Specific Countries with Bilateral Agreements: Citizens from several countries may enter visa-free for up to 90 days. These countries are:

Angola	Ghana	Qatar
Bahamas	Guinea	Saint Kitts & Nevis
Benin	Haiti	Sao Tome and Principe
Central African Republic	Indonesia	Senegal
Chad	Maldives	Seychelles
Congo	Mali	Sierra Leone
Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritius	Singapore
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)	Mozambique	The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis
Dominican Republic	Philippines	

Always verify the latest list on the official Rwandan Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration website.

Visa on Arrival (VoA)

Rwanda extends the convenience of a visa on arrival to citizens of virtually all countries not covered by visa-free agreements. This means that most tourists can obtain a visa directly upon arrival at any entry point, including Kigali International Airport or land borders.

How to Obtain a Visa on Arrival:

1. Online Application (Recommended): While technically a visa on arrival, the Rwandan government strongly encourages applicants to complete an online application prior to travel. This pre-approval streamlines the process at the airport and minimizes potential delays. You will receive an acknowledgment of your application.
2. At the Point of Entry: If you haven't applied online, you can complete the application form and pay the visa fee directly at the airport or border crossing. Be prepared for potentially longer queues.

Key Requirements for Visa on Arrival:

- A valid passport with at least six months' validity remaining from your date of entry and at least two blank pages.
- A completed visa application form (available online or at entry points).
- Recent passport-sized photographs (though often not strictly required if applying online).
- Proof of onward or return ticket.
- Proof of accommodation (hotel booking) or an invitation letter from a host in Rwanda.
- Sufficient funds to cover your stay.

eVisa

https://rwandavisas.org/en_US

Steps for an e-Visa Application:

1. Visit the Official Immigration Website: Navigate to the Rwanda Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration website.
2. Select Visa Type: Choose the appropriate tourist visa category.
3. Complete the Application Form: Fill in all required personal and travel details accurately.
4. Upload Supporting Documents: This typically includes a scanned copy of your passport bio-page, a recent passport-sized photo, and potentially an invitation letter or hotel booking.
5. Submit and Pay: Review your application, submit it, and proceed with the secure online payment.
6. Receive Approval: Once approved, you will receive an electronic visa confirmation via email, which you should print and carry with you.

It is strongly recommended to obtain a valid Visa prior to travelling to Rwanda.

- You can pay your visa online or pay on arrival
- When you send the form, you will immediately receive a tracking code. This code helps you to keep track of how far your application has progressed.
- The authorities will send you a letter in the email after they have approved your application (please check you SPAM folder too)
- Print this letter and bring it with you when you arrive at the Airport or at the overland border
- You need this letter to get your visa or to purchase the entree visa there for USD 99 or USD 100 (East Africa or Multi Entry)

East African Tourist Visa (EATV)

This visa is issued to a foreign tourist who intends to visit countries signatories to the agreement on the establishment of the East Africa Tourist Visa and its revenue sharing or any similar agreement.

This visa is issued upon arrival at the border post, online, at the office of a diplomatic mission of Rwanda in the applicant's country of residence or at any other place as may be determined by the Directorate General.

Allows multiple entries into Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya

Validity: It is valid for 90 days and is a multiple-entry visa within the three participating countries.

Fee: USD 100 (shared among the three countries)

Application: You must apply for the EATV through the immigration department of the first country you intend to enter among Rwanda, Kenya, or Uganda.

Requirements: Similar to a standard tourist visa, you'll need a valid passport, photos, and a clear itinerary.

<https://irembo.gov.rw/rolportal/web/dgie/east-africa-tourist-visa>