

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



RWANDA 'AGRO TOURISM & CONFERENCE DESTINATION

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Background

Rwanda is a country in Central Africa and one of the smallest countries on the African mainland, and its capital city is Kigali. Located a few degrees south of the Equator, Rwanda is bordered by Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Rwanda is in the African Great Lakes region and is highly elevated; its geography is dominated by mountains in the west and savanna to the east, with numerous lakes throughout the country. The climate is temperate to subtropical, with two rainy seasons and two dry seasons each year. Rwanda has a population of over 12.6 million living on 26,338 sq. km of land, and therefore it is the most densely populated mainland African country.

The economy is based mostly on subsistence agriculture. Coffee and tea are the major cash crops for export. Tourism is a fast-growing sector and is now the country's leading foreign exchange earner. Rwanda is one of only two countries in which mountain gorillas can be visited safely, and visitors

pay high prices for gorilla tracking permits. Music and dance are an integral part of Rwandan culture, particularly drums and the highly choreographed intore dance. Traditional arts and crafts are produced throughout the country, including imigongo, a unique cow dung art. Rwanda rural districts are mainly characterized by rivers.

The watershed between the major Congo and Nile drainage basins runs from north to south through Rwanda, with around 80% of the country's area draining into the Nile and 20% into the Congo via the Rusizi River and Lake Tanganyika. [138] The country's longest river is the Nyabarongo, which rises in the south-west, flows north, east, and southeast before merging with the Ruvubu to form the Kagera; the Kagera then flows due north along the eastern border with Tanzania. The Nyabarongo-Kagera eventually drains into Lake Victoria, and its source in Nyungwe Forest

is a contender for the as-yet undetermined overall source of the Nile. Rwanda has many lakes, the largest being Lake Kivu. This lake occupies the floor of the Albertine Rift along most of the length of Rwanda's western border, and with a maximum depth of 480 metres (1,575 ft), it is one of the twenty deepest lakes in the world. Other sizeable lakes include Burera, Ruhondo, Muhazi, Rweru, and Ihema, the last being the largest of a string of lakes in the eastern plains of Akagera National Park. Mountains dominate central and western Rwanda and the country is sometimes called "Pays des mille collines" in French ("Land of a thousand hills"). They are part of the Albertine Rift Mountains that flank the Albertine branch of the East African Rift, which runs from north to south along Rwanda's western border. The highest peaks are found in the Virunga volcano chain in the northwest; this includes Mount Karisimbi, Rwanda's highest point, at 4,507 metres (14,787 ft). This western section of the country lies within the Albertine Rift montane forests ecoregion. It has an elevation of 1,500 to 2,500 metres (4,921 to 8,202 ft). The centre of the country is predominantly rolling hills, while the eastern border region consists of savanna, plains and swamps.



RURAL DISTRICTS POTENTIALITIES

DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
Bugesera	high potential of soil fertility	cassava, sweet potatoes, ground nuts, soybeans, horticulture
	Mines and quarries	Coltan, cassiterite, Clay, sand and stones
	Airport	Bugesera International airport
	Aquaculture	Fish production
	Livestock	Milk production
	Marshlands	Migina, akanyaru, Rwansoro, Rurambi, Gashora I & II , Gatare, Nyabuliba, Kizanye, Kibaza Rwabikwano, Kizanye, mugishya, Tubumba, Ruvubu, Rwintare, akanyaru marshland for rice, maize, beans, horticulture production
	Tourism	Heritage sites: Amasangano, Urwobo rwa Bayanga, Urukiko rwa Gacinya, Ibigabiro by'umwami Rwabugiri, Birira, Gashora, Rweru, residence of queen Nyirakabuga, river Akanyaru
	Abundance of peat	Electricity production
Burera	High potential of soil fertility	sorghum, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, beans, peas, vegetables , wheat, fruits and pyrethrum
	Mines and quarries	Clay, sand stones, wolfram, coltan,
	Tourism	Burera& Ruhondo lake, Urugezi for birding, Virunga national park, Agahunga k'abarashi, Ntagara hill (Nyabingi), kwabasebya ba Nyirantwari
	Marshland	Marshland for maize, beans, vegetables

DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
	Aquaculture	Fish production
	Cross border trade	Cyanika border post
	Livestock	Milk production
Gatsibo	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, sorghum, rice, banana, beans, ground nuts, soybean, vegetables, fruits
	Marshland	Horticulture, rice, beans, soybean, sweet potatoes, maize, horticulture
	Tourism	Heritage sites: ubukomane bwa Nyakayaga, Lake Muhazi, utubindi twa Rubona, Ngarama rock, Akagera national park, ibigabiro by'umwami
	Air transport	Gabiro airport
	Best land for livestock	Milk production
	Gicumbi	High potential of soil fertility Bean, tea, coffee, Irish potatoes, peas, sweet potatoes, millet and wheat
	Marshland	Maize, horticulture, production
	Mining and quarries	Sand and stones
	Cross border trade	Gatuna border post
	Aquaculture	Fish production
Gakenke	Tourism	National liberation museum, Muhazi lake,
	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, coffee, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, beans, peas, horticulture
	Marshland	Marshland for maize, beans, sweet potatoes, horticulture production



DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
	Mines and quarries	Clay, sand stones, wolfram, coltan,
	Live stock	Milk production
	Tourism	Gisizi, Muzo, Ndusu, Coko hill, Kirumba cya Rwahi, Buzinganjwiri, Mbirima na Matovu, ivubiro rya Huro, Ikirenge cya Ruganzu, Urutare rw'isuka, ibuye Rya Bagege, Kajwi , kanyansyo water spring
Gasabo	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, beans, banana, sweet potatoes, vegetables, fruits and cassava
	Marshlands	Marshland for rice, maize and horticulture production
	Administrative office	Village Urugwiro (Presidential office) ministries and embassies offices
	Tourism	Nyandungu urban wetland recreation and eco-tourism park , Jali hill, Gasogi cave, Ijuru rya Gasogi,
	Mineral deposits	sand, clay and stones, coltan and wolfram
	Trade and commerce	commercial development
Gisagara	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, paddy rice, cassava, beans, ground nuts, horticulture, and coffee production
	Marshlands	Mushaduka and Cyili , Akabogobogo , akaboti, akanyaru, agatare marshland for rice, maize, beans, soybean, horticulture production
	Mining and quarries	Wolfram, coltan, casseterite, sand, clay and stones
	Tourism	Akanyaru river, Gakoma rock, Isha hill, mountain Makwaza, mountain Gisunzu, Utwicarabami twa Nyaruteja

DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
	Live stock	Milk and pock production
Kamonyi	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, beans, yam & taro, vegetables, fruits, cassava, soybean
	Marshlands	Marshland for horticulture, maize, beans
	Mining and quarries	Wolfram, coltan, granite, casseterite, sand, clay and stones
	Tourism	Ijuru rya Kamonyi, Ibitare bya Mashyira , Ibigabiro bya Kirima Rujugora
Karongi	Highpotential of soil fertility	Maize, rice, banana, beans, yams & taro, ground nut, horticulture, coffee and macadamia
	Marshlands	Large marshland for vegetables, beans, sweet potatoes,
	Forest	Timber production
	Mines and quarries	Cassiterite, Wolfram, Coltan, Gold, Travertines, Dolomite, Kaolin, Clay, Sand and Stones
	Live stock	Milk production
	Tourism	Kivu lake, Islands and hillsides , Ndaba rock (Urutare rwa Ndaba), ibigabiro bya Rwabugiri, Musaho, Bwakira tourism site, Nyungwe national park
Kayonza	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, cassava, banana, beans, soybeans, horticulture production
	Marshlands	Marshland for maize, beans, soybean, horticulture
	Tourism	Akagera National park, Lake Nasho, Ihema and Muhazi



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	Aquaculture	Fish production
	Live stock	Milk production
Kicukiro	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, beans, banana, sweet potatoes, vegetables, fruits and cassava
	Trade and commerce	commercial development, inland port
	Land availability for construction	Real estate development
	Tourism	Rebero hill, Rwanda Art Museum ,Nyandungu urban wetland recreation and eco-tourism park
	Logistics	Kigali International airport
Kirehe	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, rice, banana, beans, horticulture production
	Marshlands	Marshland for horticulture, maize, beans,
	Mining and quarries	Wolfram, coltan, sand and stones
	Abundance of peat	Rusumo fall, electricity production
	Tourism	Akagera rive, Ikibuye cya shari, Nasho lake
	Livestock	Milk production
Ngoma	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, sorghum, rice, cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, Yam& taro, banana, beans, peas, ground nuts, soybeans, vegetables, fruits
	Marshland	Horticulture, maize, bean, soybean, sweet potatoes production
	Livestock	Milk production

DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
	Tourism	Mugesera, Jarama and Sake lakes, Urukiko rwa Gacinya, Karutaneshwa hill, Cyasemakamba, Ibigabiro bya Rwabugiri, residence of Queen Nyirakabuga.
	Mining and quarries	Wolfram, coltan, casseterite, sand, clay and stones
Ngororero	High potential of soil fertility	Horticulture, yam&taro, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, peas, coffee
	Marshlands	Marshland for beans, cassava, vegetables, maize production
	Mining and quarries	coltan, cassiterite, wolfram, ametist, berire, ambrigorite, granite,
	Forest	Timber production and honey production
	Tourism	Mukura-Gishwati national park, Rubi rwa Nyundo, Umukore wa Rwabugiri
Nyabihu	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, beans, Irish potatoes, wheat, sweet potatoes, yam& taro, banana, soybean, vegetables, fruits, pyrethrum
	Marshland	Marshland for maize, vegetables, sweet potatoes
	Abundance of peat	Electricity production
	Tourism	Virunga national park, Nyaruhonga cave, Karago lake, Bigogwe forest , Nkuli rock (Urutare rwa Nkuli), Nyirakigugu rake for bird watching ,Gipfuna spring, birding , Mukungwa river
	Best land for livestock	Milk production
	Mining and quarries	Wolfram, coltan, cassiterite, sand and stones



DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
Nyamagabe	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, sweet potatoes, banana, beans, peas, vegetables, fruits, tea and coffee production
	Marshlands	Marshland for maize, beans, maize, sweet potatoes, vegetables, production
	Mining and quarries	Wolfram, coltan, sand and stones
	forest	Timber production, honey production
	Tourism	Nyungwe national park, Cave of King Ruganzu II Ndoli, Kitabi cultural village, Ibisi bya Nyamagabe, Rive Mwogo (one of the sources of Rive Nile)
	Livestock	Milk production
	Hydropower generation	Mwogo river for energy generation
Nyanza	High potential of soil fertility	Beans, maize, cassava, rice, vegetables, fruits, coffee
	Marshland	Marshland for rice, maize, vegetables, sweet potatoes
	Mining and quarries	Sand, stones and clay
	Tourism	Royal palace museum, Kings tomb at Mwima, National art gallery museum, Ikigabiro cya Musinga, Christ roi Monument and cathedral, Ikimana cya Nyiranzage, Mututu hill , Kibirizi natural forest, Butansinda , Ikigabiro cya Yuhi IV Ndahiro, Ikigabiro cya Yuhi V Musinga
	Best land for livestock	Milk production

DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
Nyarugenge	High potential of soil fertility	Bean, Irish potatoes, peas, soybeans, sweet potatoes, cassava,
	Urban and peri-urban high market demand	Commercial infrastructure development
	Land availability for construction	Real estate development
	Tourism	Kanyinya forest, Mount Kigali (meraneza) , Kandt House Museum
	Mining and quarries	Colta, clay, wolfram, cassiterite, sand and stones
	Marshland	Marshland for rice, maize, beans, horticulture production
Nyaruguru	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, tea, coffee, banana, beans, peas, ground nuts, horticulture
	Marshland	Marshland for maize, beans, soybean, horticulture
	Mining and quarries	Colta and cassiterite, sand and stones
	Tourism	Akanyaru , amakera, Nyungwe national park, Ibigabiro by'Umwami, amazi atukura , Myotsi, (Urutare rwa Munanira (Munanira Rock) , Kibehe holy land
	forest Timber	production, honey production
	Cross border trade	Border of Akanyaru, Bukinanyana& Kumwogere , Cyabirari& Icyimpyi, Nshili, Mukato border
	Rivers for energy generation	Akanyaru for electricity production



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Ruhango	High potential of soil fertility	cassava, maize, banana, beans, ground nuts, horticulture production
	Marshland	Horticulture, maize, bean, soybean, sweet potatoes production
	Mining and quarries	Coltan, Cassiterite, stones, sand and clay
	Tourism	Umugina w'imvuzo, Maintain Kanyarira, Ibisumizi bya Ruganzu, Igisoro cya Ruganzu, amasangano, Intango ya Rwabugiri, Amasenga y'impyisi, Urutare rwa Kamegeri, Umwari wa Musamo, Yezu nyirimpuhwe,
Rulindo	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, Yam& taro, banana, beans, peas, ground nuts, soybeans, vegetables, fruits, tea and coffee production
	Marshland	Marshland for maize, beans, maize, sweet potatoes, vegetables, production
	Mining and quarries	coltan, wolfram, cassiterite .sand, stones and clay
	Tourism	The residence of Rwigemera (Icumbi rya Rwigemera) , Bushoki/Mukoto cave, Imisezero, kugio , Mashyuza-Nturo, Rwiri-nturo, avakure ka Ngiramazi , cyamutara, Kajevuba, Ikirenga Cultural Center, Ku kirenge
	forest	Timber production, honey production
	Livestock	Milk production
Rutsiro	High potential of soil fertility Maize,	sorghum, wheat, cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, banana, beans, peas, soybeans, vegetables, fruits, coffee, tea

DISTRICT	POTENTIALITIES	PRODUCTS
	Marshland	Horticulture, maize, bean, soybean, sweet potatoes production
	Mining and quarries	Coltan, Cassiterite, stones, sand and clay
	Tourism	Bugarura island, apparitions and pilgrimages, irasaniro, lake Kivu, Gishwati and Mukura forest, Ikirenge cya Ruganzu, masaho
Nyamasheshe	High potential of soil fertility	Bean, tea, cassava, horticulture, maize, coffee, soybeans, sweet potatoes, rice production
	Marshlands	Marshland for rice, beans, production
	Tourism	Kuntango hill, Kivu lake, King's port (Umwaro w'Umwami), Bushenge hill, Ibigabiro by'umwami Rwabugiri, icukiro, Nyungwe national park, akarwa k'abakobwa, ntango, Ku macukiro, Richard kandt's residence
	Mining and quarries	Clay, wolfram, sand, coltan and stones
	Aquaculture	Fish production
	Forests	Wood production, honey production
Rwamagana	High potential of soil fertility	Maize, sorghum, rice, cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, Yam& taro, banana, beans, peas, ground nuts, soybeans, vegetables, fruits
	Marshland	Marshland for maize, beans, soybean, horticulture
	Mining and quarries	Colta and cassiterite, Tungsten, sand and stones
	Tourism	Fumbwe hill, Rwimpiri rwa Shanga cave, Gahengeri cave, ISamatara cave, bigabiro by'umwami, Muhazi lake, igiti cy'umugaruka,
	Live stock	Milk production



High potential of soil fertility

Rwanda rural districts have comparative advantage in substance crops whereby Gatsibo has comparative advantage in maize with 13% of national maize production, it also has comparative advantage in rice production with 10.3% of national rice production, Gatsibo district as a rural district is the first producer of banana with 11.4% of national banana production. Ruhango district has comparative in cassava production with 14.2% of national cassava production while Gakenke is the best producer of sweet potatoes with 10.7% of national sweet potatoes production. Nyabihu district has comparative advantage in Irish potatoes production with 25% of national Irish potatoes production while Muhanga is the best producer of Yam& Taro with 12% of national production. Gicumbi District has comparative advantage in beans and peas whereby beans has 8.3% of national production while peas represent 12% of national peas production. Groundnuts is grown in Bugesera district with 12.5% of national production. Kamonyi has comparative advantage in in soybeans with 17.1% of national soybean production while Rwamagana represent 9.5% of national vegetable production, this district has also comparative advantage in fruits with 26.7% of national fruits production. The districts also have potential in coffee and tea for export .

Tourism

In rural districts, the core off farm activity is tourism in Virunga national park located in Nyabihu District, Nyungwe national park in Nyamagabe, Nyamasheke, Karongi and Nyaruguru district , Mukura-Gishwati national park in Ngororero, Rutsiro District and Akagera National park in Kayonza and Gatsibo districts. Rural districts have a number tourism attractions such as National liberation museum in Gicumbi District, King's palace museum in Nyanza district among other museums and historical sites. Tourism in rural districts are being developed to increase the number of people traveling to visit tourism sites, the district plan is to compliment it with other activities such as sight viewing, due to its uniqueness in the history of Rwanda that qualifies it to brand self tourism destination.



**Virunga National Park
a home of mountain
Gorillas**

A reconstruction of the traditional royal residence, the King's Palace is a beautifully-crafted thatched dwelling shaped like a beehive. At the back live a few long-horned Inyambo cattle, descended from the king's herd, whose keepers carefully tend and sing to them, keeping alive a unique tradition. Inyambo cattle were trained to parade and dance in honour of king during special ceremonies



Faith based tourism in Nyaruguru district is being developed to increase the number of people traveling to Nyaruguru to visit Hibebo holy land from 500,000 to 1,400,000 by 2024. However, the district plan is to compliment it with enabling infrastructure such as development of hospitality industry, sight viewing, exploring and camping and developing a research center for Kibebo as a place of apparitions and pilgrimages.



The remarkably accessible Nyungwe National Park contains the largest remaining tract of montane rainforest in East Africa. Montane rainforests are a rare and unique ecosystem, found only in mountainous areas above 1,000m/3,281ft within the tropical belt. The main attraction is primates including chimpanzee. Another highlight is the suspended canopy walk, offering a bird's eye view into the dense forest.



Nyungwe National park

High potential of soil fertility

Districts are economically dominated by subsistence and cash crop



Kitabi Tea Factory won the best overall black tea quality tea award at the 2nd East Africa Tea Convention and Exhibition that was held in Kigali in August 2013.

It also received a prize for best black CTC category Dust1 tea grade and best BP1 tea grade at this competition. In 2015, Kitabi scooped the best BP1 at the 6th North American Tea Cupping Event held in San Antonio, Texas. In 2017 Kitabi won the best Dust 1 award at the 3rd East African Tea Convention and Exhibition held in Nairobi

The country has a strong competitive base that hinges on its comparative advantages such as fertile soils, abundant water resource, and abundant labor force that are used to produce quality and competitive horticulture products sold on the regional and international markets. Rwanda's horticultural exports are mostly exported to regional and European markets. This has become an important sector in the Rwandan economy and contributes about 50% of non-traditional exports to markets such as Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, as well as global destinations such as the European Union and the United States.

There are several types of horticultural products grown in Rwanda which include : Vegetables , Fruits, nuts, spices and flowers.



Kitabi Tea Estate



Gatare Tea project



Coffee & Maize Plantation



Rice Plantation (Gatsibo)



Mining and quarries

Mineral resources include Cassiterite, Coltan, wolfram, peat (used for electricity generation or processed as an alternative for firewood), gold and Nickel. In addition to this, the country has other precious stones such as amphibolite, granites, quartzite, volcanic rocks, clay, sand and gravel.

Rwanda is now home to two refineries of gold and tin, both which have the capacity to process large amounts of minerals from within the country and the region.

