

## RWANDAN PLACES OF INTEREST

### Restaurants

- [Jumia Food](#): Online food delivery service from ~40 restaurants. Delivery fee is 1,000 RWF. You will be asked to provide a phone number for Jumia to notify you when delivery has arrived, as well as delivery location. You could give them the hotel reception number. Location is Kiyovu Rugunga but in the Jumia comment box, you should indicate when ordering that you are at Hillview Hotel, which is well-known.
- [Heaven](#): Alice's favorite restaurant and walking distance from Hillview Hotel CRS office. Very interesting food and drinks, and nice setting. Great Sunday brunch.
- [Khana Khazana](#): Really delicious Indian food. A block from Heaven and walking distance from Hillview Hotel CRS office.
- [Le Bistro](#): rooftop restaurant of Urban Blue hotel, walking distance to office. Alice likes this place because you can stay there to get work done, with great views and drinks/food. It's usually very quiet.
- [Brachetto](#): All the US embassy people love this place, and you need a reservation. Alice tried going twice without reservation, but never made it there. You need taxi as it's a different part of town.
- [Zen](#): Nice Asian food and calm setting. This is the place where JJ tried tofu for the first time in her life from my plate and she was sold on it. Need taxi from office.
- [Sakae](#): another Asian/Japanese restaurant with good food. It's further from the office, and good if you are staying near the airport.
- Working from cafes: Bourbon coffee as they have good food, drinks, and free wifi. There are multiple locations. One is relatively near the office next to Nakuma supermarket.
- Rooftop dining: Try Ubumwe Grande hotel rooftop restaurant. Menu is generic international but the views are the best in the city. Other places with views: Bamboo Chinese Restaurant, Pili-Pili, Mille Collines restaurant
- See more at: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g293829-Kigali\\_Kigali\\_Province.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g293829-Kigali_Kigali_Province.html)

**Exercise/Fitness** – Several hotels in town have pools, gyms and spas. Information is available online – just google “Kigali hotel” and search amenities.

- Prime Minister's Roundabout: Quiet roundabout with several ministries where people go to walk/jog. About 1km around.
- Cercle Sportif: Tennis courts, swimming pool (3 lanes, 25m) etc. Day pass is 3,500. Pool opens at 8am.
- Nyaraturama Sports Center: Tennis courts, swimming pool (6 lanes, 24.7m) and other sports activities. Day pass is 4,000. Gym opens from 6am and pool from 9am-6pm. (Longish) walking distance from Lemigo hotel

- Hotel Milles Collines: Walking distance from office. Pool is about 19m (?), no lanes but swimmable. Day pass is 7,000. Open 6am-6pm daily.

### **Shopping/Excursions in Kigali**

- Bookstore: Ikirezi: Great selection of African and global books. Also café in the back with small but good selection of arts & crafts.
- Arts& crafts: Abraham Konga's [shop](#) has a good selection of creative (not mass-produced) artisans' items and souvenirs. They kind of have everything and prices are very reasonable (with price tags, non-negotiable). If you see something you like but want it in a different color or size, they can contact the artisan directly and have the item made to order within a few days at no extra charge. If you are looking for artisans' items, other places are Caplaki Artisans' [Village](#) and Kimironko Market souvenir section but both of them involve a lot of hassle and haggling, for lower-quality, maybe less creative items.
- Nyamirambo Women's Center: Fabric-based and woven [items](#). Tablecloths, embroidered pouches, pencil cases, laptop cases, handbags, pillow covers, baskets. They also organize neighborhood tours.
- Leather goods: You actually have an excellent shop in Hotel Lemigo: [Dokmai](#) has leather purses, wallets, etc. Ask at Lemigo Reception for directions, if needed.
- Genocide Memorial - <http://www.kgm.rw/visit/> (possibly tagging on visits to Nyamata and Ntarama churches)
- Museums: Presidential Palace Museum - <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=30> and Kandt House/Natural History Museum - <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=31>
- 1,000 Hills Whiskey Distillery - <http://www.1000hills.com/>

### **Excursions outside of Kigali**

- National Museums
  - Kibuye (2:30 hrs by road): Museum of Environment - <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=32>
  - Nyanza & Rwesero (2 hrs by road): King's Palace - <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=29> and National Art Gallery - <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=28>
  - Huye (2:30 hrs by road): Ethnographic Museum <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=27>
  - Mulindi w'Intwali (1:15 hrs by road): National Liberation Museum Park - <http://museum.gov.rw/index.php?id=89>
    - Lake Muhazi (1 hr by road)
  - AGS Country Club - [https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g1602395-d6867625-r213124012-AGS\\_Country\\_Club-Kibungo\\_Eastern\\_Province.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g1602395-d6867625-r213124012-AGS_Country_Club-Kibungo_Eastern_Province.html)

- Lake Kivu
  - Gisenyi (2.45 hrs by road): hotels in town are Serena, Stipp and Gorillas. Along the lake shore: Paradise Malahide, Waterfront Resort, Inzu Lodge, etc.
  - Kibuye (2.30 hrs by road): Cormoran Lodge, Moriah Hill, Bethanie, etc.
  - Cyangugu (5.00 hrs by road): Emeraude Kivu Resort
  
- Akagera National Park (2 hrs by road)
  - Akagera Game Lodge - [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\\_Review-g3871726-d1025999-Reviews-Akagera\\_Game\\_Lodge-Akagera\\_National\\_Park\\_Eastern\\_Province.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g3871726-d1025999-Reviews-Akagera_Game_Lodge-Akagera_National_Park_Eastern_Province.html)
  - Rusizi Tented Lodge (more info attached, also on the NP itself) - [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\\_Review-g3871726-d3871734-Reviews-Ruzizi\\_Tented\\_Lodge-Akagera\\_National\\_Park\\_Eastern\\_Province.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g3871726-d3871734-Reviews-Ruzizi_Tented_Lodge-Akagera_National_Park_Eastern_Province.html)
  
- Luxury and specialty lodging
  - Ø Nyungwe Forest Lodge
    - [https://www.mahlatini.com/rwanda/accommodation/nyungwe-forest-lodge/?utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=US%20-%20Rwanda%20-%20Accommodation&utm\\_term=%2BNyungwe%20%2BForest%20%2BLodge&utm\\_content=Rwanda%20%7C%20US%20%7C%20Nyungwe%20Forest%20Lodge](https://www.mahlatini.com/rwanda/accommodation/nyungwe-forest-lodge/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=US%20-%20Rwanda%20-%20Accommodation&utm_term=%2BNyungwe%20%2BForest%20%2BLodge&utm_content=Rwanda%20%7C%20US%20%7C%20Nyungwe%20Forest%20Lodge)
  - Ø Virunga Lodge - <http://www.volcanoessafaris.com/lodges/virunga-lodge/>
  
- Gorilla viewing in Volcanos National Park, near Musanze (@ USD750pp)
  - Tourism: If you want to visit the gorillas or hike a volcano, visit [RDB](#) (Rwanda Development Board) to make a reservation and make your payment. It is walking distance from Lemigo Hotel, in the opposite direction of the Convention Center. Note: only possible when leaving Kigali on a Saturday (2 hrs by road), then starting the gorilla trek/viewing at 7:00am on Sunday morning, returning to Kigali late Sunday afternoon (again 2 hrs by road).