# HEMINGWAYS

RETREAT KIGALI







ACTIVITIES BROCHURE



Discover Kigali:
A City of Culture
Creativity and Connection

Kigali offers visitors an elegant introduction to Rwanda, where urban energy meets cultural depth and natural beauty.

Set among lush hills and tree-lined streets, the city is safe, clean, and welcoming, the ideal gateway to explore the country. Whether delving into local art and fashion, sipping coffee in vibrant markets or simply admiring the views, Kigali invites you to experience Rwandan culture at your own pace.



Meet Kigali's leading designers, browse high-end boutiques, and

explore the city's colourful fabric

markets. Back at Hemingways

**ART & CULTURE TOUR** 

Kacyiru, Kimihurura

Explore a vibrant local market, then return to Heaven for a cooking class featuring signature Rwandan recipes including lunch.





TOP EXPERIENCES

Learn the process of making traditional urwagwa banana wine through a hands-on workshop. Includes tasting and cultural insights.

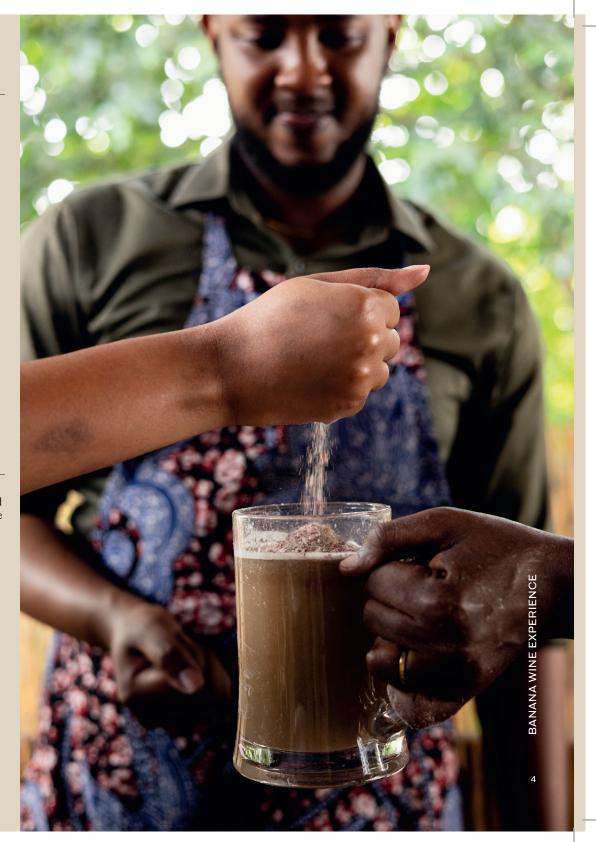
SPA & WELLNESS AT HEMINGWAYS RETREAT KIGALI Kiyovu

Rejuvenate with a treatment in our full-service spa, enjoy the open-air gym, or schedule a yoga class on our deck. **HEAVEN TASTING MENU** Heaven Restaurant, Kiyovu

Dine on the open-air deck with our signature tasting menu and beverage pairing, or experience modern African cuisine at Heaven Restaurant next door.

COCKTAIL CLASSES
The Retreat Kigali, Kiyovu

Join our skilled bartenders for an interactive mixology session. Learn how to craft signature cocktails using fresh local ingredients, then enjoy your creations in the stylish setting of The Retreat bar.



#### NATURE WALKS IN KIGALI

Mount Kigali (Nyamirambo), Umusambi Village (Kicukiro), Nyandungu Eco Park (Kicukiro)

Take a gentle hike through Mount Kigali or visit restored green spaces like Nyandungu Eco Park or Umusambi Village bird sanctuary.

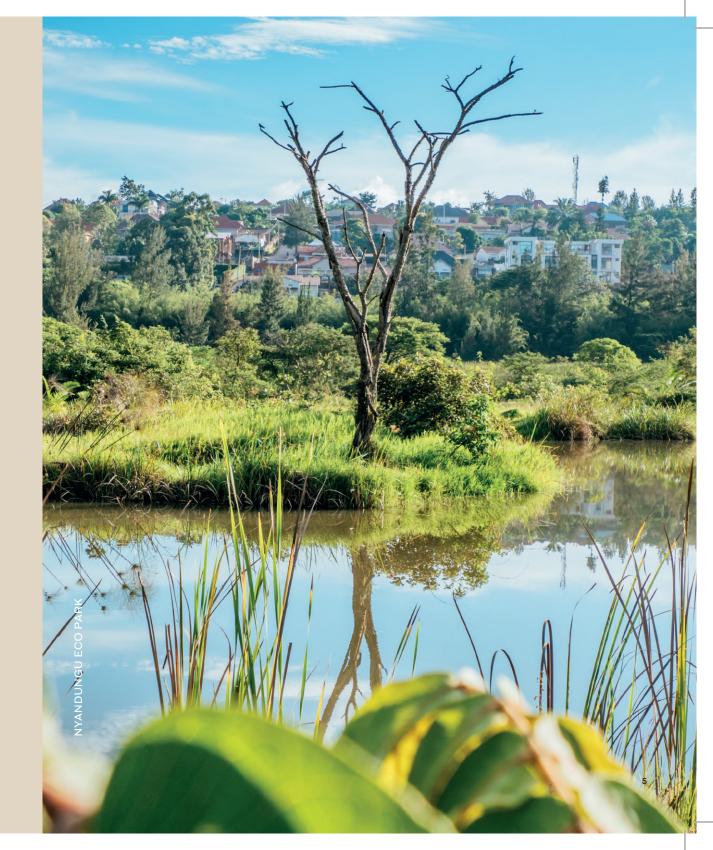
# NYAMATA GENOCIDE MEMORIAL & RECONCILIATION TRIP

Bugesera District, ±40 mins from Kigali

The Nyamata Memorial, set within a former church where over 10,000 people were killed during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, offers a powerful space for remembrance and education. Preserved clothing, artefacts and personal stories honour the victims, while survivor testimony provides a deeply moving perspective. The visit continues into the Bugesera community, where you'll meet local entrepreneurs and learn how reconciliation and resilience are shaping Rwanda's future.

# GORILLA TREKKING BY HELICOPTER Volcanoes National Park, on request

Skip the drive and soar over Rwanda's rolling hills on a private helicopter transfer to Volcanoes National Park. Arrive at the park gates refreshed and ready for one of the world's most moving wildlife encounters, trekking to see the mountain gorillas.



# EXPERIENTIAL DINING



FUSION AT HEMINGWAYS RETREAT KIGALI Kiyovu - In house

# Tasting menus with wine pairings and international flair.

#### HEAVEN RESTAURANT Kiyovu - In house

Contemporary Rwandan cuisine in a serene garden setting.

#### SOY ASIAN TABLE Kimihurura

A sleek hillside restaurant offering refined South-East Asian flavours with a Rwandan twist. Elegant indoor-outdoor spaces and a lively atmosphere make it ideal for both casual evenings and special occasions.

#### POIVRE NOIR Kacyiru

Elegant bistro-style dining with French, Belgian, and Rwandan influence.

#### CHOOSE KIGALI Kiyovu

Contemporary fine dining in an art gallery setting with city views.



THE BISTRO Kiyovu

Cozy spot serving comfort food, snacks, and international favorites.

JAVA HOUSE Kigali Heights & multiple locations

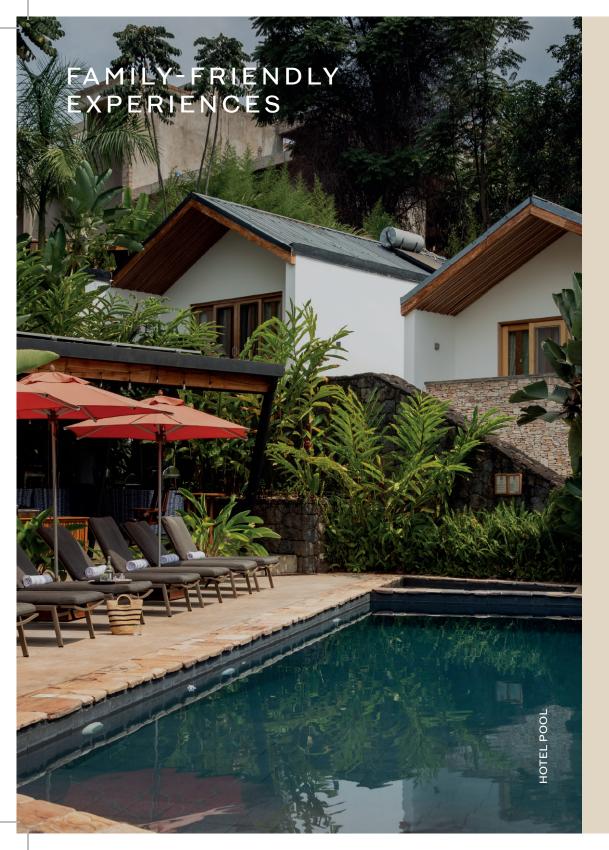
Local café chain for reliable coffee, snacks, and light meals.

SHOKOLA Kacyiru

Rooftop café offering African fusion and great views.

KHANA KHAZANA Kiyovu

Authentic Indian cuisine in a relaxed setting.



The Retreat offers access to a range of light, culturally enriching experiences suitable for children, making it an ideal base for families exploring Kigali. Activities include:

## GUIDED VISIT TO UMUSAMBI VILLAGE

A tranquil nature sanctuary home to rescued grey crowned cranes, ideal for nature walks and wildlife observation.

#### CULTURAL WALKING TOUR WITH NYAMIRAMBO WOMEN'S CENTRE

A family-friendly introduction to local life, with cooking, weaving, and storytelling elements.

### CULTURALLY THEMED READING

Visit to Kigali Public Library or Children's Book Initiative pop-ups, perfect for quiet time and culturally themed reading.

#### HANDS-ON ART WORKSHOPS AT INEMA ARTS CENTRE

Children can create their own pieces alongside resident artists.

#### **AFTERNOON SWIM**

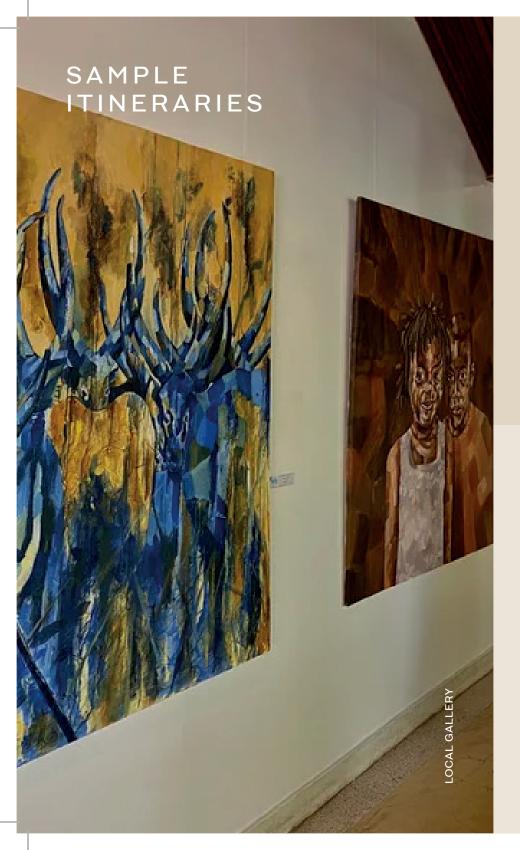
Enjoy an afternoon swim at the hotel pool, with time to relax and enjoy poolside refreshments.

Gentle strolls through the memorial gardens, offering space for calm reflection (more suitable for older children when guided appropriately).

CRAFT SHOPPING AT CAPLAKI MARKET

Browse handmade toys, bracelets, and wood carvings from local artisans.





DAY 1

# CULTURE & CREATIVITY

#### MORNING

Begin with a Kigali Graffiti Tour, exploring colourful street art in the CBD and Nyamirambo. Local guides share the stories behind the murals and the artists driving Rwanda's creative movement.

#### LATE MORNING

Continue to Inema Arts Centre and a nearby gallery in Kacyiru, where contemporary Rwandan artists showcase vibrant paintings, sculptures and mixed-media works.

#### LUNCH

Stop at Heaven Restaurant in leafy Kiyovu, known for its fresh, sustainable cuisine and garden setting.

#### DINNER

Return to Hemingways Retreat Kigali for a refined evening at Fusion, where global flavours meet Rwandan ingredients in a tranquil garden setting.

#### **AFTERNOON**

Discover Kigali's fashion scene with a guided Fashion & Fabric Tour, visiting boutiques, ateliers and the tailoring studio at Hemingways Retreat Kigali to see craftsmanship in action.

#### DAY 2

#### NATURE & HISTORY

#### MORNING

Take a guided walk through Nyandungu Eco Park, a restored wetland sanctuary that showcases Rwanda's commitment to conservation and biodiversity.

#### LATE MORNING

Visit Umusambi Village in Kacyiru, home to over 50 rescued Grey Crowned Cranes and a haven for bird lovers. Boardwalks and nature trails wind through the reserve, offering a peaceful setting for photography and quiet reflection.

#### LUNCH

Dine at Nyurah in the city centre, an elegant restaurant where international flavours meet Rwandan influence in a refined setting.

#### **AFTERNOON**

Travel to Nyamata Genocide Memorial & Reconciliation Centre in Bugesera (about 40 minutes from Kigali). This profoundly moving visit includes testimony from survivors and an introduction to community projects that symbolise Rwanda's resilience.

#### DINNER

Dine at Poivre Noir in Kacyiru, celebrated for its inventive European cuisine and elegant yet relaxed atmosphere.

# CULINARY & COFFEE EXPERIENCES

#### MORNING

Begin with a guided market tour in Nyamirambo, meeting vendors and learning about local ingredients before heading to Heaven Restaurant for a hands-on cooking class.

#### LUNCH

Enjoy the dishes you've prepared, paired with a cocktail or fresh juice in Heaven's tropical garden setting.

#### **AFTERNOON**

Venture just outside Kigali for a Coffee Masterclass with a local cooperative. From bean to brew, discover Rwanda's world-renowned coffee culture and savour tastings guided by expert baristas.

#### DINNER

End the day at Shokola Rooftop in Kacyiru, with panoramic views of Kigali's hills and a vibrant, social atmosphere.

#### DAY 4

# WELLNESS & COMMUNITY

#### MORNING

Start with yoga or a workout on the deck at Hemingways Retreat Kigali, a calming space overlooking the city's rolling hills.

#### **MIDDAY**

Join the Banana Wine Experience at Heaven, learning the traditional process behind Rwanda's locally made fruit wines.

#### LUNCH

Casual dining at Java House in Kigali Heights or a nearby location, perfect for a light break between activities.

#### **AFTERNOON**

Visit The Opportunity Factory or a local artisan collective in Kiyovu, meeting designers and craftspeople whose work blends creativity with social impact.

#### DINNER

Conclude your stay with a tasting menu at Fusion or return to a favourite restaurant discovered during your time in Kigali.



#### **HOW TO BOOK**

Please speak to our Concierge Team to book or learn more about the activities available during your stay. They will be happy to recommend options, confirm availability, and make all necessary arrangements to ensure your experience is seamless.



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# LOCATION & CONTACT

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