

# HEMINGWAYS

RETREAT KIGALI



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# 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.





## TOP EXPERIENCES

### ART, FASHION & CULTURE

ON-SITE TAILOR

#### FASHION & FABRIC TOUR

(Various locations: Nyamirambo, Kimihurura, and Kiyovu)

Meet Kigali's leading designers, browse high-end boutiques, and explore the city's colourful fabric markets. Back at Hemingways Retreat Kigali, visit our on-site tailor for custom-made clothing and accessories.

#### ART & CULTURE TOUR

Kacyiru, Kimihurura

Discover Kigali's thriving art scene through gallery visits, artisan workshops, public art walks and café stops. Optional crafting workshops offering hands-on experience. Explore the city's street art scene with local artists, visiting iconic murals and learning how urban art is empowering youth.

#### COOKING & MARKET TOUR

Kimironko and Heaven Restaurant, Kiyovu

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



**BANANA WINE EXPERIENCE**  
Heaven Restaurant, Kiyovu

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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

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Rejuvenate with a treatment in our full-service spa, enjoy the open-air gym, or schedule a yoga class on our deck.

**COCKTAIL CLASSES**  
The Retreat Kigali, Kiyovu

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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.

**HEAVEN TASTING MENU**  
Heaven Restaurant, Kiyovu

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





#### 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.





## RESTAURANTS & DINING

### 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.

POIVRE NOIR  
Kacyiru

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

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.

CHOOSE KIGALI  
Kiyovu

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

FUSION AT HEMINGWAYS RETREAT KIGALI





CASUAL & LOCAL

THE BISTRO  
Kiyovu

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

JAVA HOUSE  
Kigali Heights & multiple locations

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

SHOKOLA  
Kacyiru

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Rooftop café offering African fusion and great views.

KHANA KHAZANA  
Kiyovu

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Authentic Indian cuisine in a relaxed setting.



## FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCES

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.

### CULTURALLY THEMED READING

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

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

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

### 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.

HOTEL POOL



KIGALI GENOCIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS

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

CRAFT SHOPPING AT CAPLAKI MARKET

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





# SAMPLE ITINERARIES



LOCAL GALLERY

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### LUNCH

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

### DINNER

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

### 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.

### 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.



## DAY 3

### 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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