

SERVICE LEARNING TOUR

Wildlife, **Culture &** Service in Rwanda

10 DAYS // 13 WITH EXTENSION

Discover a beautifully biodiverse country focused on reconciliation and education. In Kigali, learn about the Rwandan Civil War and genocide against the Tutsi. Then travel to Giperefe to experience the culture of Rwanda firsthand as you assist locals in service-driven projects focused on community development and protecting tradition. Round out your tour by looking for lions, elephants, and giraffes (oh my!) on game drives through Akagera National Park.

WHAT'S INCLUDED



10-12 hours of meaningful service projects



Full-time Tour Director who's with you every step of the way



All transportation, including round-trip flights



7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 8 dinners featuring regional cuisine



7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms



6 expert-led sightseeing tours in iconic destinations



5 tickets to bucket-list experiences and attractions



The option for students to receive academic credit



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YOUR TOUR NUMBER



Take in this tour's highlights

Kigali

Join your Tour Director for sightseeing of Rwanda's capital, including a stop at the iconic Kigali sign. Visit Norrsken House Kigali, Africa's largest hub for entrepreneurship. Feel the buzz of creativity and inspiration as you weave through a campus full of repurposed classrooms and brush shoulders with some of the brightest minds in the world.

Visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial, a place of remembrance and education dedicated to the victims of the genocide against the Tutsi in 1994. Honor the memory of over a million lives lost, uncover firsthand survivor stories, and learn about ongoing efforts in peace and reconciliation.

Filled with street food, live music, and dancing, take a walking tour of the Nyamirambo neighborhood with an expert local guide. While there, stop at the women's center to take part in a sewing class.

Giperefe

SERVICE As communities evolve, so do their needs. That's why we work closely with local organizations to make sustainable contributions to the places we visit. Since service learning projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's what a typical day in Giperefe might look like:

Work with local community members on infrastructural projects, like building schools, walking paths, or clean-burning stoves.

Learn about seasonal planting or harvesting, then collect fresh ingredients and use traditional methods to help prepare a delicious meal. **Giperefe (cont.)** Partake in a workshop with local makers and designers and get to know their crafts. Using time-honored techniques and raw materials, try your hand at basket weaving, candle dipping, or hive making.

Akagera National Park area

Hop into a safari vehicle with expert local guides for a morning game drive to see some early-rising herbivores in the savannah grasslands. Keep track of how many of the Big 5 you spot!

Relax on a boat cruise around Lake Ihema. Home to over 150 bird species and abundant papyrus wetlands, you might even spy some hippos, buffaloes, or crocodiles resting in the lake's pristine waters.

Head out on a nocturnal game drive with expert local guides. With a spotlight to illuminate your way, keep an eye out for carnivores who like to hunt at night, like lions and leopards.

\$ Groups have the option to extend their tour by three days

Head to the lakeside town of Kibuye for sunset kayaking, a boat cruise around Lake Kivu, and a coffee processing plant tour. Then head back to Kigali for more time to explore.

