

Rwanda: The Power of Community Tentative Itinerary

Saturday, September 12 : ARRIVAL IN KIGALI

- Arrival at Kigali International Airport
- Meet & Greet service from in-country team
- Transfer to Hotel, check-in and rest
- Kigali city briefing - your first orientation to Rwanda's extraordinary story
- Welcome dinner with group (included, drinks excluded)
- Overnight: Four Points by Sheraton or similar

Note: Hotel check-in begins at 3:00 PM. Participants are encouraged to arrive by Friday, September 11 if you anticipate flight or travel delays. Pre-arrival accommodation can be arranged for an additional fee.

Sunday, September 13 : REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL

Morning: Bearing Witness

- Kigali Genocide Memorial - bearing witness to the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and Rwanda's path forward
- Nyanza Memorial - examining the international community's failure to protect, and what accountability looks like in leadership
- Lunch at Hôtel des Mille Collines (included, drinks excluded) - a historically significant pause for reflection at one of Rwanda's most storied venues

Afternoon: Community in Action

- Nyamirambo Women's Centre - neighborhood walk with local women rebuilding economic and social community from the ground up

Evening: Embodied Leadership Practice

- Leadership through the body - 45-minute practice with Rwandan teacher exploring healing as a collective practice
- Dialogue: Personal journey of transformation through yoga in post-genocide Rwanda
- Group dinner - Rwandan teacher joins as guest
- Overnight: Four Points by Sheraton or similar

Monday, September 14: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOURNEY TO AKAGERA

- One Cup Coffee experience - Rwanda's coffee industry as a model of agricultural cooperation, economic development, and community resilience
- Scenic drive to Akagera National Park (approximately 2.5 hours)
- Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Ihema - hippos, crocodiles, and diverse bird species

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- Sunset integration practice with Sam overlooking the Tanzanian savannah
- Overnight: Akagera Game Lodge (Full Board, drinks excluded)

Tuesday, September 15: THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

- Full day game drive: lions, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, and zebras in their natural habitat
- Picnic bush lunch within the park
- Afternoon: Rest, personal reflection, and integration at the lodge
- Evening embodied practice: restorative yoga overlooking the lake as the sun sets over the savannah
- Overnight: Akagera Game Lodge (Full Board, drinks excluded)

Wednesday, September 16: JOURNEY TO AGAHOZO-SHALOM YOUTH VILLAGE

- Breakfast
- Morning departure from Akagera
- Drive to Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village (approximately 2.5 hours)
- Lunch with Students (or Private Lunch after based on timing of drive)
- Afternoon arrival, welcome and orientation
- Village tour - explore how intentional physical design supports belonging and community identity
- **Discussion Session:** The ASYV model: how intentional community design creates belonging, responsibility, and transformation
- Evening briefing and dinner with students
- Overnight: ASYV

Thursday, September 17 : LEARNING COMMUNITY DESIGN

- Solar panel project site visit - sustainable development as community leadership
- **Discussion Session - What is Community? (Belonging, Shared Responsibility, and Collective Identity)**
- Meeting with 'Mamas' - heads of household families, many genocide survivors, on leading with love through unimaginable loss.
- Lunch with students in the Dining Hall
- **Discussion: Creating cultures of belonging and warmth in your own community**
- Family Time - join Village families for evening connection
- Dinner with students in the Dining Hall
- Overnight: ASYV

Friday, September 18 : JOY & CELEBRATION IN COMMUNITY

- Optional morning yoga with Sam
- Friday Specials: join students for creative expression, debate, drama, and team building
- Morning walk to Rubona Market — exploring neighboring village life and economic exchange
- Lunch with students in the Dining Hall
- Discussion: What sustains community? The role of joy, celebration, and responsibility in leadership

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- Village Time — evening amphitheater celebration of student talents
- Dinner with students in the Dining Hall
- Optional: BOOM Dance Party or movie night with students
- Overnight: ASYV

Note: Friday Specials brings English language teachers and students together for empowered learning through drama, debates, creative writing, role play, and team building, a living example of education as community practice. Each week features a specific theme that guides the activities.

Saturday, September 19: IMPACT & INTEGRATION

- Morning leadership and wellness experience with students
- Free time: connect with students about their aspirations and paths forward
- Lunch with students in the Dining Hall
- Discussion: Bringing it home — how will you lead differently in your community?
- 2:00 PM Farewell to ASYV and return to Kigali (approximately 1.5 hours)
- Afternoon: Kigali souvenir shopping at local artisan markets
- Rest and personal reflection (optional: massage, pool)
- Farewell dinner at Envision Rwanda — ASYV alumni-owned gallery and café, with live music (included with local drinks)
- Overnight: Four Points by Sheraton or Similar

Flights can be booked from 10:00 PM onward on Saturday evening or any time on Sunday.

Sunday, September 20: DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and hotel checkout (luggage storage available)
- Transfer to Kigali International Airport
- Based on departure, additional optional activities may be recommended

Extend your journey with optional gorilla trekking in Volcanoes National Park, one of the world's most extraordinary bucket list experiences. Permits are \$1,500 USD per person and must be arranged in advance. Contact us to coordinate through our in-country Rwandan team.