

Program overview



DELEGATION OF FRIENDSHIP AMONGST WOMEN

Program

Title:	Women's voices in reconciliation & nation building in Rwanda
Institution:	Altruvistas
Delegation leader(s):	Malia Everette & Cathi Smith
Program dates:	Jan 23-Feb 2, 2015 (plus extension)

Program itinerary

Day	Place	Highlights	Hotel
Jan 23 (Fri)	Kigali	Personal welcome at the airport, transfer to the hotel, check-in 19:00 Meet in the Lobby and then we will leave to have dinner together (not.inc)	Kigali Serena Hotel
Jan 24 (Sat)	Kigali & Gashora	10:00 Welcome and Orientation meeting at hotel 11:00 Excursion to Gashora , a Vision 2020 Umurenge village, to learn about development challenges and successful interventions - including a visit to the Gashora Girls Academy , a school dedicated to the education of girls, particularly in the fields of science and technology - including a visit to COVAGA – the Cooperative of Weavers of Gashora - including local lunch 19:00 Welcome dinner at the hotel	Kigali Serena Hotel (B/L/D)
Jan 25 (Sun)	Kigali	10:30 Historical exploration of Kigali with highlights of pre-colonial, colonial, independence, genocide and post-genocide times 13:00 Lunch at the Hotel des Mille Collines, the famous " Hotel Rwanda " 14:30 Visit to the Kigali Memorial Center in Gisozi, the country's most important genocide memorial site and a museum on comparative genocides, incl. wreath/roses laying 19:00 Dinner on own at ZEN Restaurant with invited guest, Christine Condo	Kigali Serena (B/L)
Jan 26 (Mon)	Butare	08:30 Briefing at the US Embassy with Rebecca Danis , public affairs officer and USAID representative Heather Schommer 12:30 Lunch at Le Petit Prince in Butare followed by visit of the National Museum 15:30 Visit and exchange with the the Abaharanira Majyambere cooperative 16:30 Return transfer to Kigali and dinner at Republika with a representative of RWAMREC	Kigali Serena Hotel (B/L/D)
Jan 27 (Tue)	Kigali	09:00 Briefing by the Rwanda Women Parliamentarian's Forum 10:30 Introduction to the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion and the Gender Monitoring Office 12:30 Visit to and lunch at the Akilah Institute for Women 16:00 Visit to the Inema Art Center , including a cocktail reception 17:00 including a performance of traditional dancers Dinner on own and will invited guest DeAnna Friedman-Klabanoff, MD , from Human Resources for Health in Rwanda	Kigali Serena (B/L)
Jan 28 (Wed)	Kayonza	09:00 Day excursion to Kayonza and visit to Women for Women International's Women Opportunity Center to see the organization's social and economic empowerment program in action – tour around the center and interaction with local women participating in the training program (farming, cooking, weaving, house visit etc), including local lunch 16:00 Return transfer to Kigali 19:00 Dinner at Heaven with a representative of the National Women's Council	Kigali Serena Hotel (B/L/D)

Jan 29 (Thu)	Kigali	<p>08:30 Visit to the Kigali Music School</p> <hr/> <p>10:00 Visit to King Faisal Hospital and specifically its Oncology Department and its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit</p> <hr/> <p>12:30 Lunch at Sole Luna with a representative of the Aegis Trust</p> <hr/> <p>14:00 Optional souvenir shopping at Caplaki Crafts Market</p> <hr/> <p>16:00 Conference in collaboration with the Center for Gender, Culture and Development at the University of Rwanda's College of Education</p> <hr/> <p><u>Dinner on own</u></p>	Kigali Serena (B/L)
Jan 30 (Fri)	Kigali & Gisenyi	<p>08:00 Check-out and transfer to Gisenyi, check-in at the hotel and lunch</p> <hr/> <p>14:00 Introduction to the coffee production process 'from crop to cup' on the shores of the beautiful Lake Kivu – visit to a coffee plantation, a washing station and a factory</p> <hr/> <p>Dinner on own at hotel and invited speaker from Point d'Ecoute, a association that helps children separated from their parents by war. It addresses the protection of vulnerable children, as well as health, education and economic development.</p>	Lake Kivu Serena F (B/L)
Jan 31 (Sat)	Gisenyi	<p>Umuganda Service Day. Businesses are closed. We will see if we too can volunteer perhaps at a Tea Plantation or another project.</p> <hr/> <p>12:00 Lunch at Thai Jazz on the shores of the Lake Kivu</p> <hr/> <p>15:00 Visit to the Kanembwe community where over 600 families have been relocated from landslide and flood areas and have found a new home to celebrate their cultural heritage – many of the inhabitants are of the Batwa ethnic group, a historically marginalized people and an ethnic minority in the country who are now integrated more formally into society</p> <hr/> <p>Dinner on own</p>	Lake Kivu Serena F (B/L)
Feb 1 (Sun)	Gisenyi & Kigali	<p>National Heroes Day Open for activities</p> <hr/> <p>Lunch at Belvedere</p> <hr/> <p>19:30 pm Farewell dinner at White Rock</p>	Lake Kivu Serena F (B/L/D)
Feb 2 (Mon)	Kigali	<p>09:00 Return transfer to Kigali, optional souvenir shopping depending on the time of the departure flight --- OR EXTENSION</p> <hr/> <p>12:30 Lunch at Chez Lando</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to the airport and personal farewell</p>	(B/L)

Optional mountain gorilla trek extension

Feb 2 (Mon)	Volcanoes NP	<p>05:30 Day excursion to Volcanoes National Park for the tracking of a family of highly endangered mountain gorillas (starting at 07:00), followed by lunch at Hotel Gorillas Volcanoes and the return to Gisenyi</p> <hr/> <p>Remainder of the afternoon to rest and optional eco activities dinner on own</p>	Lake Kivu Serena F (B/L)
Feb 3 (Tue)	Kigali	<p>09:00 Return transfer to Kigali, optional souvenir shopping depending on the time of the departure flight</p> <hr/> <p>12:30 Lunch at Chez Lando</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to the airport and personal farewell</p>	(B/L)

Included

All activities and entrance fees, accommodation, in-country transport, meals as indicated, 1 non-alcohol drink per meal, bottled mineral water on the vehicle, local tour guide, gratuities for drivers and restaura

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International transport (flights, airport taxes etc), visas, travel and medical insurance, meals not indicat alcoholic and additional non-alcoholic drinks, personal expenses and other extras

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