

RALLY GUIDE





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1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME MESSAGE FOR THE HOST

The 2026 Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally, the 3rd event of the African Rally Championship is the flagship event of the motorsport fraternity in Rwanda, this event has been designed by the National Sporting Association: Rwanda Automobile Club and supported by the government of the Republic of Rwanda through the Ministry of Sports.

The event will be hosted in Kigali City, the north province of Rwanda, RULINDO and GAKENKE District.

The Rwanda Mountain Gorilla rally will be run in compliance with the FIA International Sporting Code and its appendices, the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations, the Rwandan National Sporting Regulations, 2026 FIA African Rally Championship Regulations which comply with the FIA regulations and the Supplementary Regulations for this event.

For the last years, the Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally has been organized and gradually growing from a local trial to an international rendezvous, the event has been attended by well-known names in the sports in Africa and for several occasions the win of the African Championship title was sealed in Rwanda. The first editions were organized in the twisty and mountains' roads of the Northern Province. The event has built its name and created a good reputation around it, which attracts a large number of fans from the region; this get-together around motorsport contributes to the economy of the country through tourism and backs the rebranding of the country's name which was shadowed by the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi that happened in Rwanda and claimed more than a million lives in less than 3 months.

Today, a young team of Rwandans inspired by the country's vision, is putting together a gathering of drivers from different countries of the continent as an opportunity to compete in motorsport but also to explore and enjoy the Visit Rwanda with its hospitality.

With great cheerfulness, we welcome you friends, drivers and fans to come enjoy the landscape of Rwanda and simply feel at home; humbly we are pleased to receive you guests' officials to join efforts and learn from your invaluable expertise to make this event flawless and much agreeable.

Welcome to Rwanda!

Murakaza neza mu Rwanda!

Bienvenue au Rwanda!

Kalibuni Rwanda



2. EVENT PAST WINNERS

YEAR	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	CAR
2002	Gemmel Johnny	Paisley Robert	Subaru Impreza WRX
2003	Fernando Rueda	Botha Martin	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3
2004	Rudy Canthanede	David Israel	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3
2005	Late Riyaz Kurj	Kadri Sayed	Subaru Impreza N10
2006	Late Riyaz Kurji	Kadri Sayed	Subaru Impreza N8
2007	Conrad Rautenbach	Peter Marsh	Subaru Impreza N10
2008	Rudy Canthanede	David Israel	Subaru Impreza N11
2009	Giancarlo Davite	Sylvia Vindevogel	Subaru Impreza N11
2010	Rudy Canthanede	David Israel	Subaru Impreza N8
2011	Jean yves Ranarivelo	Rila Ranaivomampianina	Subaru Impreza N11
2012	Elefter Mitralos	Paganin Paolo	Subaru Impreza N11
2013	Giancarlo Davite	Sylvia Vindevogel	Subaru Impreza N11
2014	Essa Mohammed	Greg Stead	Subaru Impreza N16
2015	Jaspreet Chatthe	Craig Throley	Mitsubishi Evo X
2016	Bukera Valery	Kethia Nital	Subaru Impreza N12
2017	Singh Baryan Manvir	Sturrock Drew	Skoda Fabia R5
2018	Giancarlo Davite	Sylvia Vindevogel	Mitsubishi Evo X
2019	Jean Claude Gakwaya	Jean Claude Mugabo	Subaru Impreza N11
2021	Carl Tundo	Jessop Tim	Vw polo GTI R5
2022	Karan pater	Khan Tauseef	Ford Fiesta R5
2023	Karan pater	Khan Tauseef	Ford Fiesta R5
2024	Karan pater	Khan Tauseef	Skoda Fabia R5
2025	Samman Vohra	Drew Sturrock	Skoda Fabie R5

3. EVENT'S FORMAT

The Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally will be officially flagged off on Friday 10 July 2026 at the KIGALI CONVENTION CENTER, the event race will start the same day by two qualifying stages and shake down at KCC from 14h 00 to 18h00 The event will resume on Saturday 11TH July the entire day in GAKENKE districts and the final day too on Sunday 12th July in RULINDO district. The podium ceremonies and prize giving will take place at Service park RULINDO on Sunday 12TH July 2026.

An approximate of 320.88 Km will be covered in the three days of the race. Event maps and itinerary will be published in hard and soft copies.

This event will count for the 2026 Rwanda National Rally Championship and the 2026 African Rally Championship.



4. EVENT OFFICIALS

Organizing committee

RAC President:	Mr. Christian Gakwaya	Tel +250 788309330
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Stewards of the Meeting

FIA Chairman of Stewards:	Mr. Gurvinder BALA (TAN)
FIA Steward:	Mr. Gurvir Bhabra (KEN)
Local ASN Steward:	Mr. Ange Francois Cyatangabo (RWA)

FIA Delegates & Observer

FIA Observer:	Mr. Gurvir Bhabra (KEN)
FIA Technical Delegate:	Mr. Musa Locho (KEN)
FIA Safety Delegate	Mr. Nicolas Klinger (FRA)
FIA Deputy Safety Delegate	Mr. Abba Ali Murbe (KEN)

5. RALLY SECRETARIAT AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Rally Secretary: Mrs. Angelica nagahire
Tel: + 250 788 990 904
Email sg@rac.rw
Website: www.rac.rw

Rally Headquarters: ABG show room Kicukiro



6. PROGRAM AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

Tuesday 07 July 2026		
12:00 – 20:00	Opening of Rally HQ and Media center	Zaria Court
18:00 – 22:00	Administrative checks, collection of roadbooks and registration and collection of recce trackers	Zaria Court
Wednesday 08 July 2026		
10:00 – 20:00	Opening of Rally HQ and Media center	ABG KICUKIRO
14:00 -19:00	Administrative checks, collection of roadbooks and registration and collection of recce trackers	ABG KICUKIRO
14:00 – 19:00	Scrutineering, sealing and marking of components and collection and fitting of rally safety tracking systems FOR ARC ONLY	ABG(KICUKIRO)
Thursday 09 July 2026		
10:00 – 20:00	Opening of Rally HQ and Media center	ABG KICUKIRO
09:00 – 14:00	Scrutineering, sealing and marking of components and collection and fitting of rally safety tracking systems FOR NRC ONLY	ABG(KICUKIRO)
08:00 – 13:00	Reconnaissance 2 passes for all competitors FOR LEG 1	As per SR Appendix 2
14:00 – 17:00	Reconnaissance 2 passes for all competitors FOR LEG 2	As per SR Appendix 2
19:30 – 20:00	Compulsory Drivers briefing	ABG (KICUKIRO)
20:00 – 20:30	Pre- Rally Press Conference	ABG (KICUKIRO)
20:30	Publication of starting order and TC arrival times of qualifying	Website and DNB
Friday 10 July 2026		



10:00 – 20:00	Opening of Rally HQ and Media center	ABG KICUKIRO
10:00 – 11:00	Recce for QS	KCC
11:00	Mandatory Pre start Parc Ferme	KCC
12:00	Free Practice	KCC
13:00	Ceremonial start	KCC
14:00	Shakedown	KCC
16:00	Qualifying Stage	KCC
18:00	Publication of QS classification	DNB
18:30	Choosing of Start positions (ARC only)	KCC
19:00	Publication of Start list for Leg 1	DNB
Saturday 11 July 2026		
07:00 – 20:00	Opening of Remote HQ and Media center	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
07:30	All Cars must be in Holding	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
08:00	Start of Leg 1	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
17:00	End of Leg 1	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
18:30	Publication of unofficial Classification	DNB
20:00	Publication start list for Leg 2	DNB
Sunday 12 July 2026		
07:00 – 16:00	Opening of Remote HQ and Media center	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
09:00	Start of Leg 2	Service park RULINDO NEMBA



14:00	End of Rally	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
14:30	Final Scrutineering	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
14:45	Publication of Provisional Classification	DNB
14:45	Podium and Prize giving	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
14:50	Post rally press conference	Service park RULINDO NEMBA
15:00	Prize giving	Service park RULINDO NEMBA

7. ENTRY DETAILS

- ✓ Entry fee: FREE
- ✓ Entry fee without the optional advertising proposed by the organizers: **500\$**
- ✓ Maximum number of entries: **45**
- ✓ Entry procedure: all foreign and local drivers must submit the electronic version of their entry forms to the following address before the deadline:

Email: sg@rac.rw

The Secretariat of Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally

Tel: +250 785 695 006

Local crews must submit their original signed entry forms at the administrative checking.

Foreign crews are required to bring their original signed entry forms, ASN clearance letter, customs papers and all vehicles documents including an insurance valid in Rwanda

Details regarding the navigators should be submitted before

A confirmed participant is entitled to:

- One copy of road book for each leg
 - One copy of supplementary regulations
 - One copy of safety plan Book
 - Two service plate
 - One copy of service guide
 - All decals including car numbers
 - All organizers' advertising
 - Space in the service park of 10mm x 8m
- ✓ Entry facilitations: the organizer is working jointly with sponsors and partners to avail the following facilitations where probable:
 - Fuel: 100L of fuel (Petrol or Gasoil) for reconnaissance
 - Accommodation: discounted rate and identified hotels



- ✓ Vehicle eligibility: the following vehicles, classes will be accepted to participate during the Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally 2026:

CLASSES	GROUPES / GROUPS
RC2	<p>Groupe Rally2 Group Rally2</p> <p>– Voitures du Groupe Rally2 conformes à l'Annexe J 2025, Art. 261 – Group Rally2 cars conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 261</p>
	<p>Groupe Rally2 Kit (VR4K) Group Rally2 Kit (VR4K)</p> <p>– Voitures équipées du Kit R4 conformes à l'Art. 260E de l'Annexe J 2025 – Cars fitted with R4 Kit conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 260E</p>
	<p>Groupe NR4 de plus de 2000 cm³ Group NR4 over 2000cc</p> <p>– Voitures du Groupe N conformes à l'Art. 254 de l'Annexe J 2019 – Group N cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 254</p>
	<p>S2000-Rallye : atmosphérique 2.0 S2000-Rally: 2.0 Atmospheric</p> <p>– Voitures Super 2000 (Annexe J, Art. 254A de l'Annexe J 2013) – Super 2000 cars (conforming to the 2013 Appendix J, Art. 254A)</p>
	<p>Groupe R4 (VR4) (non valable en Europe) Group R4 (VR4) (not eligible in Europe)</p> <p>– Voitures du Groupe R4 conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2018 – Group R4 cars conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260</p>
RGT	<p>Voitures RGT RGT cars</p> <p>– Voitures du Groupe RGT conformes à l'Art. 256 de l'Annexe J 2019 – Voitures du Groupe RGT conformes à l'Art. 256 de l'Annexe J 2025 – Group RGT cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 256 – Group RGT cars conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 256</p>
RC3	<p>Rally3 (atmo entre 1390 et 2000 cm³ et turbo entre 927 et 1620 cm³) Rally3 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000 cc and turbo over 927cc and up to 1620cc)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe Rally3 homologuées à partir du 01/01/2021 et conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2025 Group Rally3 cars homologated from 01/01/2021 and conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 260</p>
RC4	<p>Rally4 (atmo entre 1390 cm³ et 2000 cm³ et turbo entre 927 cm³ et 1333 cm³) Rally4 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 927cc and up to 1333cc)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe Rally4 homologuées à partir du 01/01/2019 et conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2025 Voitures du Groupe R2 homologuées avant le 31/12/2018 et conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2018 Group Rally4 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 260 Group R2 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260</p>
	<p>R3 (atmo entre 1600 cm³ et 2000 cm³ et turbo entre 1067 cm³ et 1333 cm³) R3 (atmo / over 1600cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 1067cc and up to 1333cc)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe R homologuées avant le 31/12/2019 et conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2019 Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260</p>
	<p>R3 (turbo jusqu'à 1620 cm³ / nominal) R3 (turbo / up to 1620cc / nominal)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe R homologuées avant le 31/12/2019 et conformes à l'Art. 260D de l'Annexe J 2019 Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260D</p>
	<p>Groupe A jusqu'à 2000 cm³ Group A up to 2000cc</p> <p>– Voitures du Groupe A conformes à l'Art. 255 de l'Annexe J 2019 – Group A cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 255</p>
RC5	<p>Rally5 (atmo jusqu'à 1600 cm³ et turbo jusqu'à 1333 cm³) Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1333cc)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe Rally5 homologuées à partir du 01/01/2019 et conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2025 Group Rally5 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 260</p>
	<p>Rally5-Kit (atmo ou turbo jusqu'à 1600 cm³) Rally5-Kit (atmo or turbo up to 1600cc)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe Rally5-Kit homologuées à partir du 01/01/2024 et conformes à l'Art. 260B de l'Annexe J 2025 Group Rally5-Kit cars homologated from 01/01/2024 and conforming to the 2025 Appendix J, Art. 260B</p>
	<p>Rally5 (atmo jusqu'à 1600 cm³ et turbo jusqu'à 1067 cm³) Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1067cc)</p> <p>Voitures du Groupe R1 homologuées avant le 31/12/2018 et conformes à l'Art. 260 de l'Annexe J 2018 Group R1 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260</p>
NAT	<p>Voitures homologuées par une ASN, conformes à l'Art. 253 de l'Annexe J 2025 et approuvées par la FIA après soumission du formulaire d'acceptation de voiture nationale/régionale Cars homologated by an ASN, complying with 2025 Appendix J, Art. 253 and approved by the FIA after submission of the national/regional car acceptance form.</p>



Additional provisions:

- All N4 and R4 (VR4) cars are eligible to participate in the FIA ARC2 and must comply with the FIA Appendix J regulations for groups N4 and R4 (VR4) cars (Art 12.2.2 of the FIA African Rally Championship regulations).
- Only group S vehicles registered by national and regional crews are admitted but not scoring points in ARC.
- All T4 Cross country cars (SSV/UTV) conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art 286A are eligible to compete in the FIA ARC (Art 12.2.1 of the FIA African Rally Championship regulations).
- Regional rally vehicles and rally vehicles approved by Motorsport South Africa are admitted (Art 12.3.1 of the FIA African Rally Championship regulations).

✓ **Vehicles and parts Importation**

All vehicles and spare parts, temporarily imported to Rwanda are subject to the applicable duty and taxation, this depends if they are consumables, exempted or taxable.

For customs procedures, you are advised to use one of the following options: There are three ways in which this can be done:

1. AIT/FIA Carnet de Passage (For non EAC membre states)

This document allows a temporary importation of a vehicle and any spare parts declared on related documents. Guarantees the payment of import duties and taxes in case you do not re-export them. It is the most convenient way of temporarily importing a vehicle and spare parts.

The original carnet and related documents must be presented to Customs at the point of entry and again at the exit. The Carnet de Passage is obtainable from your local ASN.

2. Insurance Bond

This involves the execution of a customs bond with an insurance company. The Custom officer calculates the duty and taxes payable on the vehicle and spares parts. The importer pays a percentage of the duty and taxes payable as a premium to an insurance company, which thus becomes the guarantor.

The original bond must be presented to Customs at the point of exit, where it will be cancelled on re-exportation of the vehicle and spare parts.

3. Cash Deposit

This involves the deposit of an amount of money, equivalent to the import duty and taxes payable on the vehicle and spare parts, which is refundable on re-exportation of the vehicle and spare parts.

This method is not only very expensive, but also very time consuming.



8. RADIO LICENCING (VHF, 2 WAY)

It is illegal to operate any radio communication in Rwanda without radio licence. The process of obtaining a license is done through the Rwanda Utility Regulatory Agency and more details can be found on the website www.rura.rw

The mobile telephone network coverage moderately certain all around the country, we therefore recommend the use of portable telephone with provider by an operator of your choice.

9. SERVICING ARRANGEMENTS

There is one Service Park per leg, which will be indicated in the Road Book and the Service Notes.

All service and auxiliary vehicles need car plates to access the Service Park. The entry fees include two stickers for service cars. Additional Auxiliary Plates may be applied for at the Rally office.

Only two vehicles, either service or auxiliary, for each competing car, may be allowed to remain in the Service Park at any given time.

Any additional vehicles, either service or auxiliary are allowed entry into to Service Park either to drop spares or Service Personnel at the service site and must exit promptly after that.

There are several competent outfits that will help with servicing arrangements, who the organizer will help contact on behalf of the competitor.

10. FUEL

- Use of AVGAS is permitted.
- Competitors are entirely responsible for providing and distributing their own fuel throughout the event. All refueling will be carried out in designated refueling zones in the service park



11. TYRES TYPES

The use of slick or studded tyres is prohibited under pain of exclusion. The inside of the tyre may only be filled with air. Any device or material used to maintain the tyre inflation is prohibited.

Drivers must moulded tyres in accordance with the FIA rules; in addition, in accordance with the Regional Rally Championship Sporting Regulations concerning the use of tyres.

The quantity of tyres that may be used is unlimited.

12. RECONNAISSANCE

- All competitors must register for reconnaissance at their respective times of collecting material and documents.
- For all crews, the reconnaissance schedule is :
 - Thursday 09 July 2026 from 7:00 to 12:00 Hrs – LEG 1
 - Thursday 09 July 2026 from 13:00 to 18:00 Hrs – LEG 2
 - Friday 10 July 2026 from 14:00 to 15:00 Hrs – Qualifying stage
- It is strictly forbidden to recce at any other time. Checks will be made by the organizers.
- Specific and/ or national restriction – speed limit on the special stages – the speed limit is a maximum speed of 60kph on gravel roads.
- Reconnaissance will only be allowed for TWO passage of each special stage for each crew and will be as per Art. 35.4.3 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.
- Vehicle sharing – more than one crew may share a vehicle during reconnaissance.
- Things to consider :
 - Please be pleasant and courteous to ALL people in the stages
 - Do not be tempted by obvious short cuts as judges of fact will be in place and random cuts will be taped on the day
 - Stages will be recce'd as per the reconnaissance schedule
 - Observe speed signs at all times.



13. TURBO AND SPARES SEALING

The sealing of the turbo (compressor) and the transmission gear mounted in the car will be carried out prior to scrutineering. In addition, spare turbos equaling the number of legs (two), a spare set of differentials and a spare Gearbox, will also be sealed, at the same time. Details will be announced later.

14. SCRUTINEERING

Date Wednesday 08 July 2026

Time 09:00 Hrs – 16:00 Hrs

AT AKAGERA BUSINESS GROUP / KICUKIRO SHOWROOM

15. COMPETITORS BRIEFING

Competitors (driver and navigator) briefing will be held at KCC (KIGALI CONVENTION CENTER) on Friday 10/07/2026 from 12:00Hrs to 12:30Hrs

This briefing is mandatory as any changes noted in the road books or unofficial pace notes, as far as changing road conditions are concerned, will be communicated to the drivers.

16. QUALIFYING STAGE

The Qualif stage will operate on Friday, 10 July 2026 from 14:00 Hrs .

17. START PROCEDURES

Ceremonial start on Friday, 10/ July/ 2026 at 13:00 Hrs at KCC .

Drivers are required to have their cars in parc ferme 2 hour before the ceremonial start of the rally on Friday, 10/ July /2026.

Drivers will enter the holding area 10 minutes before their actual start time to proceed to the start podium for official flag off.

18. FINISH PROCEDURES

After the last stage on Sunday and Service Park at Rulindo , the cars will be regrouped and held in park ferme at service park .

19. PRIZE GIVING

The Prize Giving ceremony will be held on Sunday 12TH July 2026 at Rulindo service park .

20. CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

Hospitality services will be available at all service parks for crews, VIP guests, sponsors and organisers



21. HELICOPTER USE

The use of helicopters or any aircraft, including drones by competitors during the rally is forbidden. The penalty for use of helicopters or aircraft is exclusion. No competitor or spectator is permitted to use a helicopter or aircraft for any purpose without the express permission of the organizer and must comply with the helicopter and aircraft law in Rwanda.

22. TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENT

Tobacco promotion is restricted in Rwanda



23. MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

The RMGR is well covered by the media. The event will feature in the local and international media platforms on a regularly basis prior and during the event. The event is covered by printed newspaper, news websites, national TV station and many radio stations around the country. As the 21st century has turned more to digital, we use social media as a key channel of communication.

A pressroom will be situated at the Rally HQ. A press/media liaison officer is appointed and will be the main contact person to provide all information and updates about the event. If requested, please assist the media regarding newsworthy items concerning your performance.

Results will be published regularly; the sole and official source of results is the appointed results officer and approved by the Clerk of Course.

24. DOCUMENTATION

Please note that correctly filling in an entry form includes filling in details of the competitor's past rally career. This information is essential for a write up in the official programme and the Media book. In addition, the correct entry fees need to be paid up in full before documentation can begin.

Documents will be collected on Wednesday 07th July 2026 at the Rally HQ from 18h00

At documentation, the following will be checked:

- correctly filled and fully paid up entry forms (for international entrants, a stamp on the entry form, or letter from his / her ASN, permitting participation in this event).
- A valid competition and road license
- A valid FIA Medical card, with a certificate of Aptitude.
- Valid third-party insurance for duration of the event.
- A correctly filled in Service registration form.



25. VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT RWANDA

Airport	Rwanda has one International airport, Kigali International Airport which is twenty minutes' drive from the city centre.
Capital	Rwanda's capital is Kigali, around which the rally is based, with a day time population of up to 1.5 million.
Car Hire	There are good local car hire firms that have offices in Kigali. Rates depend on the distance travelled and the type of car.
Climate	Rwanda has a mild climate. Daytime temperatures rarely go above 25 degrees (Celsius) and the nights are pleasantly cool. Rwanda straddles the equator; therefore, the area through which the rally will be run will not cause any undue stress to the competitors
Communication	There are both networks of a telephone system, landline and cellular, covering the whole country. In addition, two digital cellular networks cover most parts of Kigali. International fax, telephone, Internet and Email services can be found in most towns around the country
Credit Cards	Most international credit cards are accepted in the major hotels and restaurants, as are traveler's cheques.
Currency	Rwanda's currency is the Rwandan Franc (Denominations of FRW. are 10/=, 20/=, 50/=, 100/=, (coins) 500/=, 1,000/=, 2,000/=, 5,000/= (notes). Banks operate from 08:00 Hrs to 17:00 Hrs on weekdays, and from 09:00 Hrs to 17:00 Hrs on weekends. Money and exchange services are also available through the foreign exchange bureau, which are prevalent in the city. For U.S. currency, be aware that notes printed before 2000 are not accepted in most forex bureau.
Health	Due to the large prevalence of malaria in Rwanda, visitors are advised to begin anti-malaria prophylaxis a week before arriving in the country and continue for four weeks after they've left. Efficient private hospital care, clinics, chemists, air rescue services etc. exist in Kigali.
Environment	Plastic bags are not allowed



Immigration	All African passport holders don't require visa to enter Rwanda, for those who require visa, application can be done online via www.irembo.gov.rw Visa fee is (presently \$30.00 single entry for 30 days).
Language	Kinyarwanda, English, French and Kiswahili are the official languages.
Restaurants	<p>The capital city Kigali has a wide selection of eating places, offering most international cuisine. There are several restaurants, which, in addition to an excellent meal, lay on extra entertainment with an African theme. Most cafes have an internet 'hotspot'. Please visit www.kigaliout.com for more details. Here below is a list of the recommended restaurants & bars:</p> <p>Belgian - Le Cactus, KN 47 St Chinese – Century Park, KG 13 Ave Dolce Bar et Restaurant, KN 16 Ave Kabana Club Restaurant, KG 544 St Riders Lounge/ Kigali Height, KG 7 Ave Ethiopian Restaurant – Lalibela, KG 637 Street French – L'epucurien, 22 KG 674 St Greek – Restaurant HELLENIQUE, N8, KG 666 St Indian – Khana Khazana, 9 KN 31 St Italian – Sole Luna, KG 599 St EAST AFRICAN DISHES –Barrows, Kacyiru, KG544,Hse 3</p>
Functions (Social Activities)	<p>Kigali has several sport centers of high standard. In addition, there is a cinema at the Kigali City Tower building and theatres that stage local and international play music festivals etc. on a regular basis.</p> <p>The daily newspapers have an entertainment section that lists the social activities for that day.</p>
Security	Rwanda is safe and should you face any security threat, the national police can be reached for assistance, call 112
Time Zone	Rwanda is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT + 2).
Transport	Taxis are easily available and should be used where possible (Yego cabs and Move are recommended). Matatus are the common means of transport. Motorcycle taxis are also available, though this means of transport is not recommended.
Voltage	Rwanda's electricity grid is 220 – 240 volts AC, with a square three-pin plus system.



Water

Bottled water is available in all hotels and supermarkets. Always drink either filtered tap water or bottled mineral water.

Driving in Rwanda

Please Read This Section Carefully

Driving in Rwanda is on the right side of the road. Consequently, most cars are left hand drive. Overtaking is only on the left side.

Please give way to pedestrians on the zebra crossings. Drive safely by observing **traffic signs, speed limits** and by wearing **safety belt**. Talking on a mobile phone (without a hands-free gadget) while driving is punishable by the law. The speed limit varies depending on areas, some are 40kph, 60kph or 80kph, we do recommend keeping in mind the speed indication seen on the previous traffic sign). It is an offence to drink and drive in Rwanda, and if caught, a stiff fine or imprisonment can result.

Beware of potholes and broken roadsides. Vehicles may come into your side of the road while over-taking or avoiding a pothole.

Paid road side assistance is available in Rwanda.

Emergency Service

Telephone

Ambulance	112
Fire Brigade	111
Emergency call	112
Traffic Accident call	113
Anti-corruption	997
Gender based violence	3512
Abuse by Police officer	3511
Traffic Police queries	118
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Hospital rates vary, with fair to good service. It is advisable to check with the Rally Chief Medical Officer.

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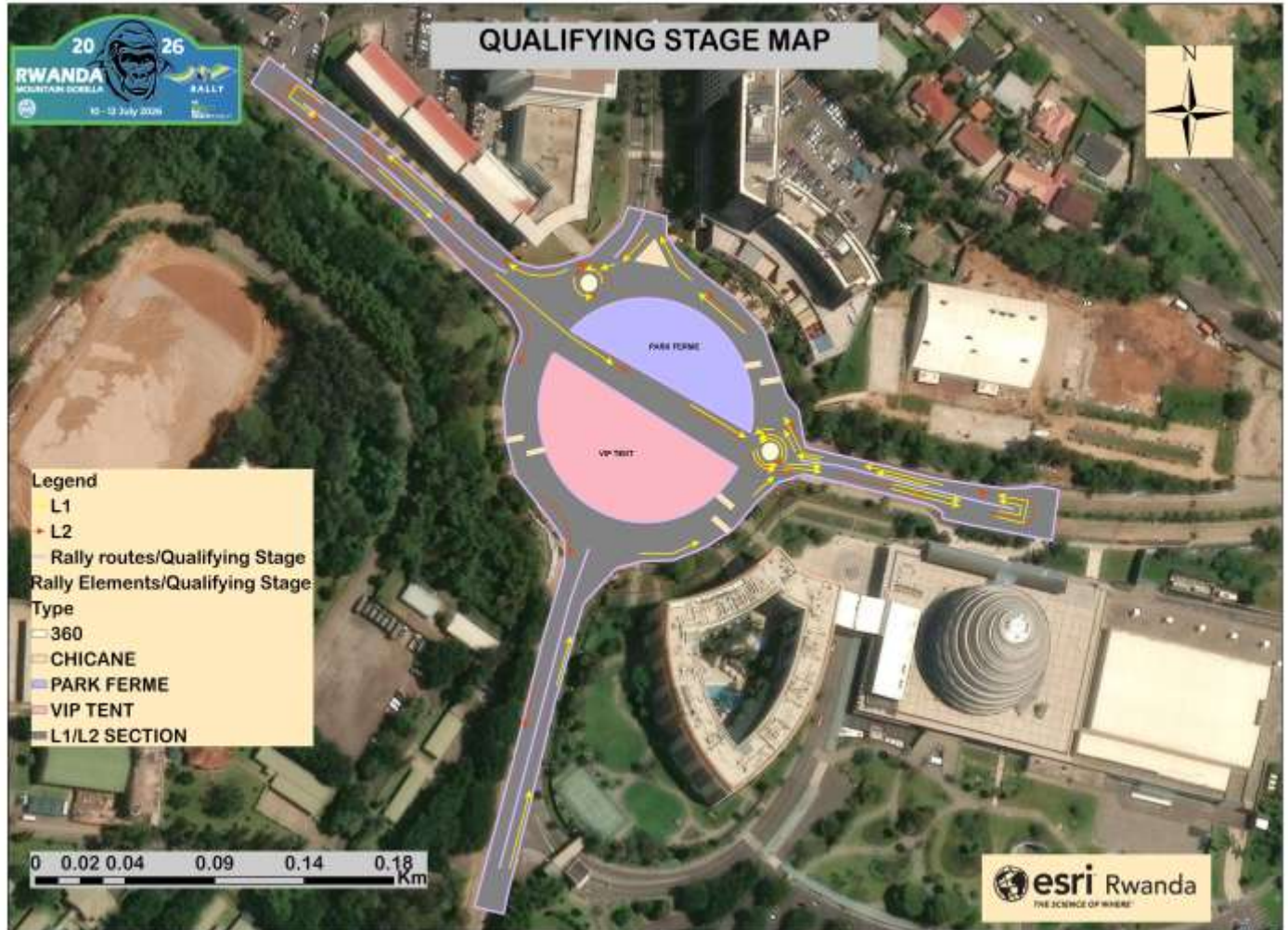
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RWANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY 2026						
Itinerary						
Free practice ARC ONLY			FRIDAY 10/07/2026			
TC	LOCATION	SS DIST	LIAISON DIST	TOTAL DIST	TARGET TIME	1st CAR DUE
FP	Start QS (Parc ferme OUT) (KCC)					12:00
TC FP 1	Start FP (KCC)	1.15				
TC FP 2	Start FP (KCC)	1.15				
FREE PRACTICE CLOSSES AT 13:00						
Shakedown Stage National cars			FRIDAY 10/ 07/ 2026			
TC	LOCATION	SS DIST	LIAISON DIST	TOTAL DIST	TARGET TIME	1st CAR DUE
						14:00
	Shakedown stage start		0.50	0.50	00:00	14:00
SDSA	KCC [TARMAC]	1.15				14:00
SDAB	KCC [TARMAC]	1.15			00:30	14:30
	SERVICE IN		0.05	1.20	00:30	15:00
Qualifying Stage ARC only			FRIDAY 10 /07/2026			
TC	LOCATION	SS DIST	LIAISON DIST	TOTAL DIST	TARGET TIME	1st CAR DUE
						16:00
	Qualifying stage start		0.50	0.50	00:02	
QS1	KCC [TARMAC]	1.15			00:03	16:02
QS2	KCC [TARMAC]	1.15			00:02	16:32
	PARC FERME IN		0.10	1.25	00:15	16:47
ARC NEED TO WAIT IN PARK FERME TILL STEWARDS RELEASE THE CARS						
	Park ferme at KCC		0.20	0.20	00:05	16:52
NON OVERNIGHT PARK FERME						
Qualifying Stages Totals		2.30	0.60	2.90		



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LEG 1		Saturday 11/07/2026					
TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target time (hh:mm)	First car due (hh:mm)	
TC0	IN NEMBA HOLDING					07:30	
TC0	Start NEMBA HOLDING					08:00	
1			8.60	8.60	00:15	08:15	Section 1
SS 1	GASENYI 1	24.50				08:18	
2			1.80	26.30	00:35	08:53	
SS 2	WILLIAM L 1	5.30				08:56	
3			3.80	9.10	00:25	09:21	
SS 3	GAKO 1	8.30				09:24	Section 2
4			2.40	10.70	00:25	09:49	
SS 4	NEMBA 1	14.50				09:52	
4A	Regroup IN& technical Zone		12.50	27.00	00:25	10:17	
4B	Service IN				00:10	10:27	
	Service A NEMBA	(47.30)		(72.60)	00:30		Section 3
4C	Service OUT					10:57	
RA 1	Refuel - All competitors Distance to next refuel	(47.30)		(72.60)			
5			8.60	8.60	00:15	11:12	
SS 5	GASENYI 2	24.50				11:15	
6			1.80	26.30	00:35	11:50	Section 3
SS 6	WILLIAM L 2	5.30				11:53	
7			3.80	9.10	00:25	12:18	
SS 7	GAKO 2	8.30				12:21	
8			2.40	10.70	00:25	12:46	
SS 8	NEMBA 2	14.50				12:49	Section 3
8A	Regroup IN& technical Zone		12.50	27.00	00:25	13:14	
8B	Service IN				00:10	13:24	
	Service B NEMBA	(47.30)		(72.60)	00:30		
8C	Service OUT					13:54	
RA 2	Refuel - All competitors Distance to next refuel	(47.30)		(72.60)			Section 3
9			8.60	8.60	00:15	14:09	
SS 9	GASENYI 3	24.50				14:12	
10			1.80	26.30	00:35	14:47	
SS 10	WILLIAM L 3	5.30				14:50	
11			3.80	9.10	00:25	15:15	Section 3
SS 11	GAKO 3	8.30				15:18	
12			2.40	10.70	00:25	15:43	
SS 12	NEMBA 3	14.50				15:46	
12A	Technical Zone		12.50	27.00	00:25	16:11	
12B	Service IN				00:03	16:14	Section 3
	Service C NEMBA	(47.30)		(72.60)	00:45		
12C	SERVICE OUT - PARC FERME IN - (early check-in permitted)		0.00	0.00	00:00	16:59	
Saturday Totals		157.80	87.30	245.10			
TOTALS OF THE LEG 1		SS	Liason	Total	SS %		
Section 1,2,3							
Saturday 11/07/2026		157.80	87.30	245.10			
Total - 12 SS		157.80	87.30	245.10			
Clock In times apply to 1st car only, thereafter 3 minutes dust gap intervals applies							
MAXIMUM LATENESS DAY = 30 MINUTES and TC to TC 15minutes							



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LEG 2		Sunday 12/07/2026				
TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target time (hh:mm)	First car due (hh:mm)
12D	Park FERME OUT& Service- IN					08:00
Service D NEMBA					00:15	
12E	Service OUT					08:15
RA 3	Refuel - All competitors Distance to next refuel	(47.10)		(61.81)		
13			14.70	14.70	00:20	08:35
SS 13	KAMABUYE 1	24.20				08:38
14			2.75	26.95	00:40	09:18
SS 14	GAKO B 1	8.40				09:21
15			7.10	15.50	00:20	09:41
SS 15	RUHUHA 1	14.50				09:44
15A	Regroup& tech Zone - IN		5.66	20.16	00:30	10:14
15B	Regroup out & Service - IN				00:15	10:29
Service E NEMBA					00:30	
15C	Service - OUT					10:59
RA 4	Refuel - All competitors Distance to next refuel	(47.10)		65.60		
16			12.50	12.50	00:15	11:14
SS 16	KAMABUYE 2	24.20				11:17
17			2.75	26.95	00:40	11:57
SS 17	GAKO B 2	8.40				12:00
18			7.10	15.50	00:20	12:20
SS 18	RUHUHA 2 Power stage	14.50				12:23
18A	Technical Zone&Parc Ferme- in		5.66	20.16	00:30	12:53
18B	Parc Ferme out& Service- IN				00:10	13:03
Service F NEMBA					00:10	
18C	Service out &PARC FERME IN - (early check-in permitted) END RALLY		0.00	0.00	00:00	13:13
Saturday Totals		94.20	58.22	152.42		
TOTALS OF THE RALLY		SS	Liaison	Total	SS %	
Section (1,2,3,4,5)						
Saturday 11/07/2026		157.80	87.30	245.10	61.7%	
Sunday 12/07/2026		94.20	58.22	152.42	24.2%	
Total - 18 SS		252.00	145.52	397.52	60.67%	
Clock In times apply to 1st car only, thereafter 3 minutes dust gap intervals applies						
MAXIMUM LATENESS DAY = 30 MINUTES , TC TO TC =15MINUTES						