

RALLY GUIDE

We are looking forward to welcome you to the 2013 edition of Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally

As previous years the headquarter of the rally is situated in the lively and historic town of Kigali and UMUBANO hotel will be hosting the event HQ, and media center

The Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally 2013 will be run in accordance with the International Sporting Code (and its Appendices), the General Prescriptions applicable to all FIA Rally Championships, FIA Africa Rally Championship regulations, the RAC Sporting Code that complies with FIA Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations (and its Appendices).

The official start of the rally will take place at the Gikondo Expo Ground on Friday 20th September; the whole rally runs in surroundings of Kigali town

Leg 1 will have 9 special stages (3 different, will be driven 3 times)

Leg 2 will have 6 special stages (3 different, will be driven 2 times)

The Podium ceremony will be held Sunday 22nd September afternoon at the Gikondo Expo Ground.

We hope this document will be helpful in your preparations for the event.

This document has no regulatory power and is issued as a guide only

Welcome back to Rwanda

Best regards,

GAKWAYA CHRISTIAN

Event manager

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Message From The Organizing Committee

The Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally 2013 Organizing Committee invites you to come and experience the Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally 2013 (RMGR 2013). Competitors will enjoy the hospitality of Rwanda and treat themselves to a land of thousand hills and thousand smiles.

This year the event will be the 7th Round of the FIA African Rally Championship.

The **RWANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY 2013** is organized by **Rwanda Automobile Club (RAC)**. The event runs under the FIA African Rally Championship regulations which allow longer "competitive sections" and the competitive distance will be approximately 300 Kms. The total length of the rally will be approximately 600 kms. It will be run on open gravel roads in the outlying rural areas of Rwanda, around Kigali on Saturday and northern areas on Sunday. The rally is run on open roads, i.e. there is pedestrian.

The RMGR 2013 counts for the following:

- 2013 FIA African Rally Championship for Drivers & Co-drivers
- 2013 FIA African Rally Championship for Manufacturers
- 2013 FIA Championship Cup for Drivers of Groups A, N and 2 WD and normally aspirated cars of maximum 1600 cc
- 2013 RAC National Rally Championships

The organizers of the RMGR 2013 look forward to your valued participation in our rally and have compiled this booklet to assist you in all your arrangements for this year's event.

This Rally Guide contains information to assist you in preparing for this event. Should any of your queries not be covered in this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the Rally Secretariat.

-Mr. Christian Gakwaya (Event Manager)
RWANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY 2013.

1.2 Event History

46 YEARS OF AUTOMOBILE SPORT IN RWANDA

In 1967, the first Rally in Rwanda was organized by Mr. Faarup and Vandijk in collaboration with the Round Table

The Club applies as a member of the "Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile" and organizes the 10th Rwandan Rally.

In 1984, during the General Assembly gathered in Paris, the "Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile" pronounces the affiliation A.M.C.R to the F.I.A.

In 1985 the team Luc Requile & Luc Verhulst win the first title of « African Rally Champions » in Rwanda.

It is decided during the extraordinary General Assembly of January 9th, 1987, to modify the Club statutes, and was renamed « **RWANDA AUTOMOBILE CLUB** » in short « **R.A.C** ».

In 2002, still under the patronage **His Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Mr. Paul KAGAME**, the Fraternity Rally is renamed Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally –5th event in the FIA African Championship 2003. 25 cars at the start of this Rally. Never a Rwandan rally has known such a success with number of participants! Other than the Rwandan teams, several foreign teams from Belgium, South Africa, Zambia, Kenya and Burundi participate in this Rally. The South African team Gemmel - Paisley with their Subaru Impreza, wins the Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally.

2009 – A Huge event took place from 18th to 20th September the RAC was a candidate in Africa rally championship, the same event was the final of the PIRELLI STAR DRIVER (PSD) and the KCB EAST AFRICA RALLY CHALLENGE (KCB EARC). Giancarlo Davite and Syllivia Vindevogel won the KCB RWANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY and the KCB EARC and Peter Horsey won the PSD and for the second time consecutively Giancarlo Davite won the Rwanda national rally championship 2009 and Guy Dekelver won the Rwanda national rally championship 2009 for navigator.

2010 – 2010 has shown that rallying is progressing in the region. With record of 38 entries in RMGR, we sow an even better spectacular event. Classic cars from Kenya and other competitors from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda enjoyed the eastern part of Rwanda where Rudy CANTHANEDE and David ISRAEL won the KCB MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY, Giancarlo and Sylvia winning the KCB EAST AFRICAN CHALLENGE.

The 2011and 2012 was again one of better run in ARC, organized by a new generation of motorsport leaders in Rwanda.

1.3 Past Winners Of The Event

2002 (1 st Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally)	Gemmel - Paisley	Subaru Impreza
2003 (2 nd Edition of RMGR)	Rueda- Botha	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2004 (3 rd Edition of RMGR)	Rudy Canthanede – David Israel	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3
2005 (4 th Edition of RMGR)	Late Riyaz Kurji - Kadri	Subaru Impreza N10
2006 (5 th Edition of RMGR)	Late Riyaz Kurji - Kadri	Subaru Impreza N8
2007 (6 th Edition of RMGR)	Conrad Rautenbach - Peter Marsh (ZW)	Subaru Impreza N10
2008 (7 th Edition of RMGR) Non- ARC	Rudy Canthanede – David Israel	Subaru Impreza N11
2009 (8 th Edition of RMGR) ARC Candidate	Giancarlo Davite – Sylvia vindevogel	Subaru Impreza N11
2010 (9 th Edition of RMGR)	Rudy Canthanede – David Israel	Subaru Impreza N8
2011 (10 th Edition of RMGR)	Jean yves	Subaru Impreza N11
2012 (11 Edition of RMGR)	Elefter Mitralos – Paganin Paolo	Subaru Impreza N11

1.4 Event Overview

The 2013 edition of the Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally will be competed over three days. The rally will cover the picturesque scenery of Rwanda and will take competitors and fans to the east parts of the country. The total distance of the rally will be 600 kms, of which approximately 300 Kms will be competitive.

There are a total of 14 Competitive Sections which will be re-run over the course of the rally, the longest of which will be 25 Kms and the shortest 2,4 Kms. The competitive sections will be run in groups of 2 or 3.

The competitive sections will be on gravel roads that are open to the public. However, information will be relayed to the road users to ensure that traffic is kept to a minimum on the days of the event.

Leg 1A Friday September 20th, 2013

After a ceremonial start, the cars will proceed to a Spectator Stage at the Gahanga quarry Grounds near Kigali. The stage which is approximately 2.5 Km in length will be competed over two runs, in reverse seeding order. The circuit is located on the Bugesera road. This circuit is famous for its attraction of a high number of spectators, who have numbered ever 50,000 at one time.

Leg 1B Saturday September 21st, 2013

The cars, after an overnight rest at the PSF Ground, will head to the rural area around Kigali the Rwanda capital, towards now known competitive sections situated in approximately of the Kigali town

Leg 2 Sunday September 22nd, 2013

The cars, after another overnight rest at the PSF Ground, will race around the city center through the famous Nyacyonga sections. Please note that the details of the route will be available in the Supplementary Regulations for the rally, which will be made available soon.

The organizers wish to point out also that the format given above is a draft precise of the Itinerary and is subject to change in case conditions on the ground demand so. Any significant changes will however be communicated to all aspiring competitors, as and when they occur.

2.0 EVENT ORGANISATION

2.1 Rally Office Details

Organizers' contact details:

Organizing Club: **Rwanda Automobile Club (RAC)**

Address:

Christian GAKWAYA
Francois CYATANGABO

RAC PRESIDENT (+25078 830 93 30)
RAC VICE-PRESIDENT (+25078850 14 82)

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K.B.C. (Kigali Business Center)
Boulevard de l'Umuganda.
Third floor A21
Po Box 2450
Email: info@motorsportrwanda
Website: www.motorsportrwanda.com

Rally Secretary:

Nathalie Camille KAKANA
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Email: info@motorsportrwanda
www.motorsportrwanda.com (website)
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Organization committee

Clerk of the Course – Eric GAKWAYA	+250 78 569 50 06 ericgakwaya@yahoo.fr
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Stewards of the meeting

FIA Chairman of Stewards: **Mr. Willie du Plessis (ZA)**

FIA Appointed Steward: **Mr. George KAGIMU (UGA)**

Local ASN Steward: **Mr. Salim ABDULIGAN**

FIA Delegates & Observer

FIA Observer: **Mr. Satinder Singh Birdi (TZA)**

FIA Technical Delegate: **Mr. Viren Goricha (KE)**

2.2 Programme of the Rally

OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

Sunday July 30th, 2013, 09h00

DATE OF ISSUING THE ROAD BOOK:

All Competitors:

Tuesday September 17th 2013 from 17h00 at Rally HQ

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES:

Sunday September 15th, 2013, 23h59

DATES OF RECONNAISSANCE:

All Competitors:

Thursday September 19th, 2013 from 06h00 – 20h00

DATE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS:

Place: **TBA**

Friday September 20th 2013 from 08h00–11h00

DATE OF SCRUTINEERING OF THE CARS:

Place: **TBA**

Time: Friday 20th 2013 from 08h00-11h00

DATE OF THE FIRST STEWARDS MEETING:

Place: Rally HQ

Time: Friday September 20th 2013 13h00

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE LIST OF CREWS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE START:

Place: Official Notice Board, Rally HQ

Time: Friday September 20th, 2013, 13:30 Hrs

STARTING DATE OF THE RALLY:

Place: Gikondo Expo Ground

Time: Friday September 20th, 2013 from 14h30**LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF THE START AND FINISH OF THE VARIOUS LEGS:**

Start and Finish location for all legs: PSF Ground at Gikondo

Leg 1A: Start: Friday September 20th, 2013, 14h30Finish: Friday September 20th, 2013, 19h00Leg 1B: Start: Saturday September 21st, 2013, 08h00Finish: Saturday September 21st, 2013, 18h00Leg 2: Start: Sunday September 22nd, 2013, 08h30Finish: Sunday September 22nd, 2013, 14h00**FINISHING DATE OF THE RALLY:**

Place: Gikondo Expo Ground

Time: 16h15 Sunday September 22nd, 2013**DATE OF FINAL CHECKS:**Place: **TBA**Time: 10 minutes after each car finishes rally - Sunday September 22nd, 2013**PLACE AND TIME OF PUBLICATION OF RESULTS:**

Place: Official Notice Board, Rally HQ,

Time: 18h00 Sunday September 22nd, 2013**PRIZE-GIVING:**

Place: Finish Podium

Time: 16h00 Sunday September 22nd, 2013**OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD:**

Place: Rally HQ

Date: From September 18th, 2013 until Rally end**RALLY HEADQUARTERS:**

Place: Hotel Umubano Hotel

Telephone: (+250 78 830 93 30)

PRESS ROOMS:

Place: Rally HQ

Times: Thursday September 17th, 2013 to Sunday September 22nd, 2013

2.3 Critical Competitor Deadlines

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday September 15 th , 2013	23h59	Closing of Entries
Sunday September 15 th , 2013	23h59	Co – Driver Details Entry Forms
Wednesday September 18 th to Thursday May 19 th , 2013	06h00-20h00	Reconnaissance for all Crew
Friday September 20 th , 2013	08h00-11h00	Administrative Checks
Friday September 20 th , 2013	08h00-11h00	Scrutinizing
Friday September 20 th , 2013	14h30	Start of Rally
Sunday September 22 nd , 2013	16h00	Finish of Rally & Prize Giving

3.0 COMPETITORS ARRANGEMENTS: 'PRE-EVENT'

3.1 Entry Details

Potential entrants for this rally must send an entry form duly completed to:

The Secretariat
Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally
P. O. Box 2450,
Kigali, Rwanda
Tel: +250 788 30 93 30
Tel: +250 788 30 84 87
Email: info@motorsportrwanda.com

The entry form together with the entry fee must reach the organizer at the latest on:

Closing date: Sunday September 15th, 2013 at 23h59

Details concerning the co-driver can be sent up to 23h59 Sunday September 15th, 2013.

If the entry is sent by Fax, the original must reach the organizer at the latest three days after close of entries.

Entry fees can be paid either in Rwanda Francs or the equivalent rate in any convertible currency (1 US \$ = approx. FRW. 650). Payment may be made in cash or by bank deposit directly into the Rwanda Automobile club bank account. Proof of payment MUST be send to the rally organizer.

The bank details are as follows:

Name of Bankers: BCR Branch: Anywhere

Branch Code: Account Number: 023119-01-84

Sum of entry fees (non-manufacturers) is as follows:

With the organizer's optional advertising, full payment before 23h59 Sunday September 15th, 2013:

Entry Fee: US \$ 250.00

Late Entry Fees:

Without the organizer's optional advertising an additional amount to US \$ 400.00 must be paid.

The entry fees specified above include: -

- **Rally Car Plates**
- **Two Service Car Stickers**
- **One set of unofficial Pace Notes**
- **One set of Road Books**
- **One set of Service Books**
- **Four Service Personnel Passes**

3.2 Competitor Assistance

For international entrants, organizers are negotiating for the following concessions:

- **Free Entry**
- **Fuel** - At the time of going to press, negotiations with a potential fuel sponsor had not been concluded. This information will be relayed to foreign competitors as soon as it is available.
- **Accommodation** – At the time of going to press, negotiations with the rally hotel, Umubano Hotel, are taking place. Special rates will be offered to all participants during the event. Information on these rates will be relayed to all participants as soon as it is available.

Details of other hotels in the environs of Kigali will be available on this page at a later date.

3.3 Vehicle Eligibility

African Rally Championship events are reserved for the following groups and classes of cars:

Classes	Groups
2	S2000-Rally: 1.6 T engine with a 30mm restrictor S2000-Rally: 2.0 Atmospheric Group R4
3	Group N car over 2000cc (current N 4)
4	RGT cars
5	Group A car over 1600cc and up to 2000cc Super 1600cc R2C (car over 1600cc and up to 2000cc R3C (car over 1600cc and up to 2000cc R3T (car up to 1600cc / nominal) R3D (car up to 2000cc /nominal)
6	Group A car over 1400cc and up to 1600cc R2B(car over 1400cc and up to 1600cc) Kit car over 1400cc and up to 1600cc
7	Group A car up to 1400cc Kit car up to 1400cc
8	Group N car over 1600cc and up to 2000cc
9	Group N car over 1400cc and up to 1600cc R1B (car over 1400cc and up to 1600cc
10	Group N car up to 1400cc R1A (car up to 1400cc)

Super 2000 Cars

Cars homologated as kit cars where the capacity is between 1400 and 1600cc may be accepted if they also comply with Article 255 – 6.2 “Weight” of Appendix J.

Two wheel drive cars equipped with a supercharged diesel engine with a nominal cylinder capacity of less than 2000cc are accepted in Groups A and N. Turbo restrictors and weights as currently valid in Group N of Appendix J (33 mm restrictors)

GROUP S CARS (NON – HOMOLOGATED CARS): are authorized.

The Stewards may, for reasons of safety, seed all drivers including FIA seeded drivers.

3.4 Vehicles and Parts Importation

All vehicles and spare parts, temporarily imported into Rwanda must be guaranteed against import duty and taxes. There are three ways in which this can be done:

i) AIT/FIA Carnet de Passage

This document allows the temporary importation of a vehicle and any spare parts declared on related documents. Guarantees the payment of import duties and taxes on the vehicle or spare parts, should you 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 port of entry and again at the port of exit.

The Carnet de Passage is obtainable from your local ASN.

ii) Insurance Bond

This involves the execution of a customs bond with an insurance company. The Commissioner of Custom 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.

iii) 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.

3.5 Radio Licensing (VHF, 2 Ways)

It is illegal to operate any radio communication in Rwanda without radio license. The process of obtaining a license from the Rwanda Communications Commission is very tedious, and it is advised that crews requiring a team channel to utilize one of the mobile phone companies' services.

3.6 Medical Cards

It is a FIA requirement that all competitors (drivers and co-drivers must be in possession of a valid medical card. This can be obtained from your local ASN. A Medical Certificate of Aptitude is incorporated in the medical card.

A card is valid for five years but needs to be stamped annually after a medical examination, by a certified medical practitioner in your country.

This card must be surrendered to the Chief Medical Officer at the start of the RMGR 2013 and will be returned to you at the finish, on retirement or exclusion from the event.

Should you have met with an accident during a previous event, the Chief Medical Officer of that event should have filled in the relevant part of the medical card. Should you have sustained an incapacitating injury during this previous event, you will need another medical examination before you are allowed to participate in the RMGR 2013. Your local ASN approved Medical Practitioner or any licensed Medical Practitioner in Rwanda should conduct this examination.

3.7 Personal Accident Insurance

Personal Accident Insurance is not mandatory for this event, but can be obtained from the following place:

TBA

3.8 Servicing Arrangements

There is one Service Park per leg, which will be indicated in the Road Book and the Service Notes. Access will be by tarmac (asphalt) roads.

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

For non-manufacturers, 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.

3.9 Fuel

Competitors who would like to obtain AVGAS should place their booking with the Rally Secretariat as soon as possible. At the time of this document, one cylinder 200 litter of Avgas cost approximately US \$ 900.

3.10 Tobacco Advertising

There are restrictions on tobacco advertising in Rwanda at the time of publication of this Rally Guide.

3.11 Prize Giving

The Prize Giving ceremony will be held on Sunday September 22nd, 2013 on the finish podium.

3.12 Corporate Hospitality

Corporate hospitality, for both organizers' and competitor: sponsors, is available at the Service Parks for all the legs.

4.0 COMPETITORS ARRANGEMENTS: 'EVENT'

4.1 Secretariat

The secretariat will be at the Rally Hotel during the running of the event and will be open at the following times - Sunday September 15th to Friday September 20th, 2013- 09h00 to 20h00

- Saturday September 21st, 2013 – 07h00 to 20h00
- Sunday September 22rd, 2013 – 06h30 to 19h00

The following people will be available at the secretariat:

- Miss. Nathalie KAKANA – Event Secretary (+250 788 85 99 91)
- Mr. Fabrice Semana – C.R.O (+250 788 30 84 87)

4.2 Practice (Testing and Shakedown)

There will be no official shakedown for the RMGR 2013. However, as part of the rally, Leg 1A will comprise of a Super Special (Spectator) Stage.

4.3 Reconnaissance Arrangements

Competitors wishing to carry out Reconnaissance must register with the Rally Secretariat. Reconnaissance is limited to two passages per crew.

Reconnaissance, for all crews will be as follows:

Wednesday September 18th and Thursday September 19th, 2013.

Road books and unofficial pace notes will be available as from Tuesday September 17th, 2013 at 17h00 at the Rally HQ.

The organizer can help in sourcing vehicles for hiring, suitable for reconnaissance, at reasonable rates.

4.4 Reconnaissance Accommodation

Accommodation during Reconnaissance: N/A.

The routes are accessible from Kigali within a day. The whole route can also be recced within 1 day.

4.5 Media Publicity

The RMGR is usually well covered by the media. The event will feature in the local media regularly for the three months prior to its running. There are three leading English daily newspapers, in addition to numerous periodicals that cover the event. Rwanda has a number of FM stations with vibrant sports programmes that usually give motor sport a lot of airtime.

The pressroom will be situated at the Rally Hotel (Umubano Hotel) from Thursday September 19th, 2013, for the duration of the event. There will be press media liaison officer who will send information back to Headquarters during the event. If requested, please assist the media regarding newsworthy items concerning your performance.

There will be an official result service at service parks, which will be updated regularly.

4.6 Turbo and Spares Sealing

The sealing of the turbo (compressor) and the transmission gear mounted in the car will be carried out prior to scrutinizing. In addition, spare turbo 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.

4.7 Competitors Briefing

Competitors (drivers) briefing will be held at the Rally hotel on Thursday September 19th, 2013 from 20h00.

This is a mandatory briefing because 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.

4.8 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.

Documentation, at Rally HQ, will be done Tuesday September 17th 2013, 17h00.

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.

After verification of the above, the following will be handed out:

- Competition numbers and plates and any sponsor stickers.
- 2 Service Stickers per Crew.

The Road books, Service books and the unofficial pace notes can be collected from Rally HQ from Tuesday September 17th, 2013, provided correctly filled in entry form along with the correct entry fee have been submitted.

4.9 Scrutineering

Venue: TBA

Date Friday September 20th, 2013

Time 08h00 – 12h00

Note Any lateness will be penalized 15.000 FRW per minute up to a maximum of 60 minutes. Lateness more than 60 minutes may be penalized, at the discretion of the stewards, by exclusion.

5.0 GENERAL

5.1 Facts about Rwanda

Please check the 'General Services' section for more details

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 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 30 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 three 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 18:00 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.

- Immigration** All Africans passport holder can apply for their visas at arrival.
Information as to whether Visas are required should be sought from the nearest Rwanda Tourist Office. Visas are obtainable at Kigali International Airport for a fee (presently \$60.00 single entry for 30 days).
- Language** Kinyarwanda and English are the official languages, while Kiswahili and French are the other widely spoken languages.
- Restaurants** 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'.

Functions (Social Activities)

Kigali has several sport center of high standard. In addition there is cinema center Kigali town a KTC tower and theatres that stage local and international plays music festivals etc. on a regular basis.

The daily newspapers have an entertainment section that lists the social activities for that particular day.

- Security** a hundred per cent sure place
- Time Zone** Rwanda is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT + 2).
- Transport** Taxis are easily available and should be used where possible. 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.

5.2 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 belts**. Talking on a mobile phone (without a hands free gadget) while driving is a serious offence.

All residential, business and industrial areas and areas having streetlights (built up areas), have a speed limit of **40kph**. In some areas, road signs indicate varying speed limits. Elsewhere, the speed limit is **60kph**.

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: Most accidents involve buses, lorries and mini buses (matatus).

There are emergency breakdown services available in most places in Rwanda. **Beware of roadside mechanics if your car does break down.**

5.3 Important Information

Emergency Service	Telephone
Ambulance	112
Fire Brigade	112
Police (for and accident)	112
Central Police Station Kigali	0788311112

5.4 Consular Services

LISTE DES MISSIONS DIPLOMATIQUES ACCREDITES A KIGALI

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Fax: (00250) 252 59 65 91

FRANCE (Ambassade de la République Française)

14, Rue Député Kamuzinzi
Kigali
Tél (00250) 252 55 18 05

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Tél (00250) 252 58 40 98 / 252 58 57 71
Fax: (00250) 252 58 20 44
E-mail: embassy.kigali@fco.gov.uk

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5.5 General Services**Banks**

Kenya Commercial Bank
Bank of Kigali
Rwanda commercial Bank
Ecobank
Acces Bank
Banque populaire du Rwanda
Fina Bank

www.kcbbankgroup.com/rw/
www.bk.rw
www.bcr.co.rw
www.ecobank.com
www.subs.accessbankplc.com/rw/
www.bpr.rw
www.finabank.com/rw/

Mobile Telephony Operators

- **MTN:** Tel: 456
- **Airtel:** Tel: 456
- **TIGO :** Tel: 123

NOTE: Local Sim Cards can be obtained for the equivalent of less than US \$ 2

Secretarial Services - Business Centers can be found in most Hotels.

Restaurants

- **Belgicain** - Le Cactus, Avenue Paul VI
- **Chinese** – Flamingo/Kimihurura
- **Dolce Bar et Restaurant/** Kiyovu
- **Ethiopian** – Lalibela, opposite Amahoro stadium
- **French** – Restaurant SELECT/Kacyiru
- **Greek** – Restaurant HELLENIQUE/Kimihurura
- **Indian** – Indian Khazana/Kiyovu
- **Italian** – Sole Luna

5.6 Medical Services

In case of an emergency, please call the KCB RWANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY 2013 offices for the Chief Medical Officer. If unavailable, (or outside office hours), please check the relevant information below.

Hospital rates vary, with fair to good service. It is advisable to check with the Rally Chief medical Officer.

All Hotel Reception desks have a good, private practitioner on call:

Hospitals

Telephone

King Fayçal Hospital	3939
CHUK	025257555
Muhima Hospital	0788300058

5.7 Vehicle Services

Batteries

CPQ 0788306631

Repairs

Akagera Motors 0788836164

Tyre Dealers

Quick Auto 0788526668

5.8 2013 FIA African Rally Championship Calendar

01– 03 March 2013	Rally Bandama Cote D'Ivoire ***
18 – 20 April 2013	Sasol Rally South Africa
17 – 19 May 2013	Zambia International Rally
14 – 16 June 2013	Tanzania Rally
05 – 07 July 2013	Kenya Safari Rally
16 – 18 August 2013	Pearl of Africa Uganda Rally
20 – 22 September 2013	Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally
01 – 03 November 2013	International Madagascar Rally

5.9 TESTIMONY ABOUT THE 2012 RWANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA RALLY

"KCB Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally 2012 lived up to its billing as one of the better run events in the FIA African Rally Championship series calendar-thanks to the dedicated Team of young organisers comprising Christian Gakwaya and Salim Abdulgani ,Fabrice Semana & Eric Gakwaya.

This particular edition will perhaps go down in the folklore as one of the most successful events. It treated spectators to some exhilarating displays. It was encouraging to see picturesque "fast and twisty" stages running up and down the mountains.

With Zambian Mohamed Essa and his Zim partner Greg Stead sealing ARC championship in Rally Tanzania, only 17 cars entered the Kigali based tour.

Spectator fever was incredible. The super special alone attracted some 6000 spectators. There was no littering reported and most importantly no alcohol consumption at the super special witnessed-kudos to spectators for setting a good precedent.

Action-wise, the rally was full of drama. Giancarlo Davite and Sylvia Vindevogel crashed out with a sheared ball joint while leading on SS2. Cristakis Fitidis wasn't lucky either as he rolled his Subaru in one of the tricky sections.

Elefter Mitraros and his partner Paolo Paganin in a Subaru Impreza was the winner with a cumulative time of 3.55.14 hours followed by Olivier Costa and Christophe in a similar make on 4.08.80 hours."