

## RWANDA COVID-19 TRAVEL PROTOCOLS & UPDATES – NOV. 2021



Adventure greetings from Rwanda – The land of a thousand Hills!

It's one month to the end of 2021, and can proudly say, travel to the hilly Kingdom of the Gorillas has been amazing!

As part of the Government of Rwanda's measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, below are updated travel protocols as of November 2021.

In order to make easier for everyone to understand them, the guidelines have been compiled in form of;

### **"10 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"**

#### **1. What are the key requirements before flying to Rwanda?**

All travelers arriving in Rwanda must present a negative COVID-19 certificate. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within 72 hours prior to departure (meaning travelers must be tested and get results within 3 days of their first flight). Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs), are not accepted.

## 2. Does one need to carry out another test upon arrival in Rwanda?

All arriving passengers (including children above 5 years) irrespective of vaccination status or country of origin, are required to undertake a mandatory COVID-19 PCR test on arrival at the Airport or any points of entry.

All travelers arriving in Rwanda must complete the passenger locator form and upload the COVID-19 test certificate and vaccine certificate (if applicable) before heading to the airport. Please see passenger locator form via this [link](#).

## 3. What are the COVID 19 PCR test requirements in relation to children?

Children below five (5) years will be exempted from the requirement for a negative PCR test certificate if they are accompanied by parents holding a negative COVID -19 PCR test certificate. They will also be exempted from the arrival test.

## 4. What's the cost of testing on arrival and what's the recommended mode of payment?

All travelers will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival at the airport and the payment of USD 60 will be done as indicated in the passenger locator form – follow this [link](#) for details or check with our office for guidance – [sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)

Any passengers who opt for a cash payment on arrival, change will be given in local currency (Rwf). Overall, [we](#) recommend paying in advance.

## 5. What is the procedure upon arrival at Kigali airport or any entry point?

On arrival, all passengers are required to go through the recommended Port Health procedure of identifying body temperature and symptoms.

After entering the airport building (before customs), look out for Adventure Consults' VIP airport meet and greet staff with a signage reading "ADVENTURE CONSULTS and YOUR SURNAME"

Adventure consults staff will help you walk to the laboratory specialists to take a COVID-19 swab for testing.

## 6. What's the next step after collecting samples?

After health officials have taken their swab, our staff will help you through immigration procedures, then after pick your baggage. You will then meet the field guide and transfer to the hotel or proceed with your trip (only if fully vaccinated and depending on nature of itinerary).

If you are **not fully vaccinated**, adventure consults staff will transfer you to one of the designated hotels within Kigali (must have booked with us in advance) and wait for results. Precisely, unvaccinated travelers shall have to be quarantined at specific hotels for at least 24 hours before proceeding with the safari. Please check with our team for more info – [sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)

## 7. Does one need to wait for results before proceeding to the hotel or trip? Where do arriving passengers wait for results from?

**Fully vaccinated travelers** are allowed to proceed to hotels of their choice within Rwanda and wait for results.

One must present a valid vaccination certificate showing their full vaccination status to be eligible for the above treatment.

Adventure Consults shall transfer all travelers who are **not vaccinated** to designated hotels within Kigali and wait for results. In other words, unvaccinated travelers shall have to be quarantined at specific hotels for at least 24 hours before proceeding with the safari. Please check with our team for more info – [sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)

**8. How long does it take to get results and how are results availed to passengers?**

Test results will be checked on RBC website of covid-19 results portal by using phone number entered while filling Passenger Locator Form and Unique code received when submitted Passenger Locator Form prior to departures or by SMS and/or email, and the turnaround time for results is 24hrs from the time a sample is collected.

If the results are not out and you are beyond 24 hours, Adventure Consults' staff will be available to assist with quick follow up. Please call the numbers provided or contact central reservations office – [sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)

**9. How are passengers that test positive handled?**

If travelers test results are positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National Covid-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. [Adventure Consults](#) encourages all travellers Rwanda to have international travel insurance.

**10. What are the requirements for departing passengers?**

All travelers departing from Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19. The only accepted test is a SARSCoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within 72 hours before departure performed by the Rwanda Biomedical Center/National Reference Laboratory, Provincial or District Hospitals.

Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs), are not accepted.

COVID-19 test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years. All travelers are encouraged to book and pay for their tests at least 2 days prior to departure through the online platform available on [www.rbc.gov.rw](http://www.rbc.gov.rw)

Travelers are advised to check with airlines about the COVID-19 requirements of the final destination and/or transit countries.

Travelers are not allowed to go to the airport without negative COVID-19 PCR test results, if the results are not yet out within 48 hours as mentioned above, please contact LAB HELP DESK on (+250) 787243836 or (+250) 787793446 or (+250) 784026239.

Please note that information shared by Adventure Consults' team covers protocols as they are at the time of compilation. Standard operating procedures (SOPs) keep changing and sometimes at very short notice. We therefore recommend that you keep checking with our team [sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com) for more UpToDate information and ensure that you/your clients meet required travel procedures.



We welcome you to the Land of A thousand Hills – Rwanda!

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