



## RWANDA COVID-19 TRAVEL PROTOCOLS & UPDATES – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022



Image: Silverback Gorilla at Volcanoes National Park – Rwanda.

In a bid to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Rwanda, the following resolutions were put forward by the cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

All travelers arriving in Rwanda **must** complete the Passenger Locator Form and upload the negative COVID-19 test certificate before their departure to Rwanda. The Passenger Locator Form is available on the left side of RBC's website [here](#). Please get on touch with our sales team for any assistance that might be needed [sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)

All travelers arriving in Rwanda are required to have a negative COVID-19 certificate. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV2 Real Time Polymerase (RT-PCR) performed within **72 hours prior to departure for Rwanda**. All other forms of COVID-19 tests are not permitted.

COVID-19 testing is not required for accompanied children under 5 years old.

Effective January 27, 2022, both COVID-19 PCR and rapid tests are taken upon arrival and an additional mandatory COVID-19 rapid test will be performed on day three post-arrival to Rwanda at a designated testing site. Arriving passengers will not be required to quarantine.



PCR tests can be booked online through the online platform Irembo via [here](#). Both COVID-19 PCR and rapid tests cost USD 70.

Online payment is available through the scheduling website but the [Adventure Consults](#) recommends paying with credit card or cash at the testing site. Cash should be changed.

After collecting samples, you are left to proceed as per planned itinerary as there's no more quarantine in place.

PCR test results are generally delivered within 48 hours via text message (results only) and through the RBC's COVID-19 Test Results Portal [here](#).

Rapid antigen test results are available shortly after the sample is taken and are delivered in person and/or via text message.

An additional Ag, RDT COVID-19 test, is required on day 3 from the arrival date at designated testing sites (Camp Kigali or nearest Provincial or District hospitals for those out of the City of Kigali).

RBC offers rapid antigen testing without appointment at dozens of accredited private hospitals/clinics throughout Rwanda. Rapid antigen tests cost approximately \$5 (RWF 5,000). A complete list of accredited private clinics offering this service is found [here](#). Rapid antigen test results are available shortly after the sample is taken and are delivered in person and/or via text message.

Both mandatory tests, taken on arrival and day 3, will be paid for upon arrival at the Kigali International Airport.

If a traveler's test result is positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic or if the traveler is already vaccinated) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National COVID-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered. All treatment is at the expense of the traveler.



Travelers departing Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV2 Real Time Chain Polymerase (RT-PCR) performed within 72 hours before departure. All other tests are not permitted. Travelers are encouraged to book and pay for their tests at least two days prior to departure through the online platform [here](#).

Masks/face coverings are required in public.

Transit passengers who are not leaving the airport will be screened upon entry and are not required to test upon arrival.

Tourists, including children over 5 years, where applicable, visiting the country's national parks will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours.

An RT- PCR COVID-19 test is required for all visitors wishing to see primates at Volcanoes, Nyungwe, and Gishwati-Mukura National parks.

All guests intending to stay in hotels and other accommodation establishments must provide valid negative Ag RDT or RT-PCR COVID-19 test results taken within 72 hours.

A facilitation request accompanied by guest identification details as well as their travel itinerary is required to be submitted by the tour operator or hotel to [visitrwanda@rdb.rw](mailto:visitrwanda@rdb.rw) 72 hours prior to your arrival.

The ministry of health has continuously encouraged the public to take immediate preventative measures such as avoiding crowds, wearing masks and encouraging vaccination as well.

Important to note is that these measures keep changing and sometimes at last minute, so we recommend that you get in touch with our team ([sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)) or check updates on this link



<https://www.adventureconsults.com/news/stories-updates.html> for more up-to-date information.

**General information in summary;**

- Kigali International Airport remains open.
- Negative RT-PCR test results taken within **72** hours of departure are required to board a plane to Kigali.
- Travelers departing Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19 within **72** hours before departure.
- Masks/face coverings are required in public.
- The Government of Rwanda has a zero-tolerance policy for exporting positive COVID-19 cases. If you test positive for COVID-19 upon arrival or during your time in Rwanda (even if you are fully vaccinated), the severity of your symptoms will determine whether you are isolated in a government-run treatment center or a hotel at your own cost. You will not be permitted to leave Rwanda until you receive a negative PCR test result, which could take several weeks from the first detection of your infection.
- Your vaccination status does not change these protocols.
- All travelers arriving in Rwanda **must** complete the Passenger Locator Form and upload the negative COVID-19 test certificate before their departure to Rwanda. The Passenger Locator Form is available on the left side of RBC's website here <https://www.rbc.gov.rw/index.php?id=188>
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- COVID-19 testing is not required for accompanied children under 5 years old.
- Health screening procedures are in place at airports and other ports of entry.
- Travelers will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival at Kigali International Airport. The payment for the test at the airport is \$70. The payment is to be made online or by cash upon arrival.
- Transit passengers who are not leaving the airport will be screened upon entry and are not required to test upon arrival.



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  - Travelers departing Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV2 Real Time Chain Polymerase (RT-PCR) performed within 72 hours before departure. All other tests are not permitted. Travelers are encouraged to book and pay for their tests at least two days prior to departure through the online platform [here](#).
  - Tourism activities continue normally but in strict adherence to COVID-19 health guidelines. Highly recommend to book through a registered and licensed [tour operator](#) for smooth execution of your trip.
  - Tourists, including children, visiting the National Parks will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours. please get in touch ([sales@adventureconsults.com](mailto:sales@adventureconsults.com)) for more details.
  - A negative RT-PCR test result is required for Volcanoes, Nyungwe, and Gishwati-Mukura National Park.
  - A negative antigen rapid COVID-19 test result is accepted for Akagera National Park.

[We](#) continue to provide Premier safari experiences and welcome you to Rwanda!

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