

## SAMPLE, Rwanda, June 12 - June 19, 2021

Sat, Jun 12, 2021		Welcome to "The Land of a Thousand Hills"	day 1
morning	<b>arrive in Kigali</b> Meet ISP representative at the airport		air
	transfer to hotel, check in		bus transfer
	lunch: own arrangements		
late afternoon	<b>orientation talk: orientation talk with ISP representative and university faculty</b> <i>e.g. Go Discover Africa</i> <i>e.g. International Study Programs</i> Get familiar with the upcoming schedule and activities, uncover the secret ingredients for a successful trip and learn some useful tips, from where to take the best selfies to what's happening in the city.		conference room
	<b>free to relax and explore</b> <i>ISP's recommendation</i> : after a long journey to the heart Africa, recharge by taking it easy poolside whilst sampling some of Rwanda's delicious fresh fruits. Don't forget to try one of the local beers - we recommend Virunga Mist!		

Sun, Jun 13, 2021		Remarkable Rwanda: "Big 5" safari	day 2
	breakfast		
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for safari		game viewing vehicles
morning	<b>cultural event: PART I: Akagera National Park safari</b> Home to the "Big Five", hop in a jeep and venture through Central Africa's largest protected wetland. Here you'll have the opportunity to see all of sub-Saharan Africa's most iconic species including lions, leopards, elephants, black rhinos, buffalo, giraffes, hippos, zebras, antelope and crocodiles, to name a few. Get a competition going with your fellow travelers and see how many animals you can spot!		game viewing vehicles
	<b>boxed lunch</b> Step out of the game viewers for lunch beside one of Akagera National Park's many lakes and see if you can find some of its aquatic inhabitants. Look out for hippos, crocodiles, water monitors and waterfowl, or if you get really lucky, you might catch some elephants cooling off in the hot sun!		lakeside boma
afternoon	<b>cultural event: PART II: Akagera National Park safari</b> After lunch, you'll head to the northern part of the National Park toward the grasslands and savannahs. Here you'll have your best chance of spotting the recently introduced lions and rhinos. Stop off at 'hippo beach' to see some of the continent's largest species bathing on the shores of the lake and look out for the prehistoric-looking shoebill amongst the singing reeds.		game viewing vehicles
evening	<b>welcome dinner in the African wilderness</b> Enjoy traditional Rwandan cuisine with dinner under the bright stars of the African night sky. Listen to the sounds of nocturnal wildlife and gaze up at the northern and southern constellations that can only be seen together from locations close to the equator.		boma

	return to hotel	game viewing vehicles
	rest of the day at leisure	

Mon, Jun 14, 2021		Rising from the ashes	day 3
	breakfast		
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for visit		bus full day
early morning	<p><b>cultural event: Kigali Genocide Memorial</b></p> <p>Gain a deeper understanding of the events leading up to the 1994 genocide at this permanent memorial to those who fell victim. Explore the exhibitions, the largest of which documents the genocide in 1994, helping to give Rwanda's nightmare historical context and walk around the memorial gardens and national documentation center.</p>		
late morning	<p><b>visit: Rwanda 101: Africa's unexpected poster child</b> <i>e.g. Rwandan Development Board (RDB)</i></p> <p>Learn about how Rwanda has become one of the fastest-growing economies in Africa. Discover how its sustained high economic growth, robust governance, access to markets, investor-friendly climate and untapped investment opportunities make this little east-African nation an emerging economy to watch.</p> <p><i>presentation, discussion</i></p>		
	<b>group lunch</b>		restaurant
afternoon	<p><b>entrepreneurial labs: introducing the Rwandan social entrepreneur sphere</b> <i>e.g. Impact Hub Kigali</i></p> <p>Visit one of the most famous centers for innovation and entrepreneurship in Rwanda to learn about their role in promoting social enterprise across the nation. You'll then break up into smaller groups where you'll advise local social entrepreneurs on how to take their business to the next level in a flash consulting style format. The group will then reconvene and share key takeaways from the discussions with one another.</p> <p><i>presentation, discussion, mentoring sessions</i></p>		
	<p><b>free for shopping and sightseeing</b></p> <p><i>ISP's recommendation</i> : explore more of Rwanda's recent history at the Rwanda Art Museum, Camp Kigali, Ntarama and Nyamata Memorial Sites, or go further back in time at the Kandt Museum.</p>		

Tue, Jun 15, 2021		Developing traditional industries in 'The Singapore of Africa'	day 4
	breakfast		hotel
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for visits		bus full day

morning	<p><b>visit: laying the foundations of a middle-income nation</b>  <b>e.g. See Far Housing</b>  <b>Eric Salongo Kalisa, Director of Operations</b></p> <p>Rwanda has big aspirations of becoming a middle-income country with a prospering middle class and youth opportunities. One of the nation's largest issues is a housing shortage but there are several ongoing projects to tackle this problem and help spur economic development. Meet with the Director of Operations at this social enterprise, who is developing durable and sustainably designed homes, priced within the means of low- to middle-income families in the city of Kigali. Discuss the project and tour one of the estates in Kabeza. Learn about their commitment to financially supporting youth projects such as the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village, an NGO we'll visit later on in the program.</p> <p><i>management presentation, discussion, tour of facilities</i></p>	
	<b>group lunch</b>	restaurant
afternoon	<p><b>visit: farmers first: building lasting pathways to prosperity</b>  <b>e.g. One Acre Fund</b>  <b>Eric Rukundo, External Relations Lead</b></p> <p>Visit this social enterprise to learn about how they're supplying one million smallholder farmers with everything they need to boost their harvests and turn over increased profits. Discover how instead of giving handouts, this organization is investing in farmers through financing and training programs. Meet with some of the farmers to hear about their personal stories and business ventures.</p> <p><i>management presentation, discussion, tour of premises</i></p>	
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for distillery tour	bus transfer
evening	<p><b>optional cultural event: 1000 Hills Distillery tour</b></p> <p>Founded in 2014, 1000 Hills Distillery was started by two gentlemen with a love of fine whisky. You'll discover stunning views at this distillery and a strong sense of pride in working with local communities. Take a tour of the distillery and learn about their commitment to social impact, sourcing local ingredients and supporting micro and small businesses.</p>	sts pay individually

Wed, Jun 16, 2021	<b>Happiness starts with good health</b>	day 5
	breakfast	hotel
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for visit	bus full day
morning	<p><b>visit: robots to the rescue: drones saving lives</b>  <b>e.g. Zipline</b></p> <p>Find out how this innovative social enterprise is using drone technology to deliver vital medical supplies including blood and COVID-related products in order to save lives in Rwanda, as well as other African nations' most rural communities. Take a tour around the distribution center to learn more about their operations and see drone technology in action.</p> <p><i>discussion, tour of distribution center</i></p>	
	<b>group lunch</b>	restaurant

afternoon	<p><b>visit: frontline discoveries, scalable solutions, lasting change</b> <i>e.g. TIP Global Health</i></p> <p>Learn from this leading authority in developing lasting solutions on the frontlines of health. Hear about how their transformative approach to collaborating with frontline healthcare workers, early alignment of their work with government priorities and rigorous data-gathering, enables the scale-up of highly-effective solutions to extend access to life-saving quality care. <i>presentation, discussion, tour of facilities</i></p>	
	<p><b>rest of the day at leisure</b> <i>ISP's recommendation</i> : Explore more of Rwanda's recent history at the Rwanda Art Museum, Camp Kigali, Ntarama and Nyamata Memorial Sites, or go further back in time at the Kandt Museum.</p>	

Thu, Jun 17, 2021	<b>Exploring Rwandan arts and local culture</b>	day 6
	breakfast	hotel
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for visit	bus full day
morning	<p><b>brainstorming session: Rwanda's lifeblood from crop to cup</b> <i>e.g. Question Coffee Kigali</i></p> <p>Hear about Rwanda's largest export from one of the best-known local social entrepreneurs in the industry. Find out what motivated him to build his business and create a positive social impact among farmers and the wider community. In this meeting, you'll also break up into teams to brainstorm ideas and potential solutions to a live business case that'll be presented to you. Use your skills and experience to help this startup on its way toward becoming a successful scale-up. <i>management presentation, discussion, brainstorming session</i></p>	
	<p><b>group lunch with cultural performances</b></p> <p>Indulge in a BBQ lunch on a terrace with stunning views of the capital whilst enjoying cultural performances including Rwandan traditional dance and songs.</p>	restaurant
afternoon	<p><b>visit: prosperity through paintbrushes</b></p> <p>Learn about how this media arts collective and social enterprise produces cutting-edge creative arts from Rwanda's top, emerging artists. Learn more about their mission of providing opportunities for artists to develop their talents into successful careers. Talk to the US-born founder to learn what it takes to start a social enterprise in Rwanda and his motivation for doing so. Take a tour of the gallery, recording studio, media center, etc. and meet with some of the local artisans. <i>discussion, tour of premises, meet with local artisans</i></p>	
	<p><b>rest of the day at leisure</b> <i>ISP's recommendation</i> : immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of Kimironko where you'll find Kigali's largest market. Try your hand at haggling for souvenirs. Get yourself measured up for a tailor-made dress or shirt by one of the local artisans or pick up some of Rwanda's fresh produce at the farmer's stalls.</p>	

Fri, Jun 18, 2021	<b>A new dawn</b>	day 7
	breakfast	hotel

	meet in hotel lobby, depart for visit	bus full day
morning	<p><b>visit: transitioning from NGO to social enterprise</b> <i>e.g. Acts of Gratitude</i></p> <p>Meet with the CEO and Founder of an organization that focuses its programs on social enterprise development in Rwanda. Hear about their mission of tackling youth unemployment and contributing to achieving other SDGs by solving key social challenges in local communities. Learn how they are placing a big emphasis on women's empowerment to make them real drivers of positive change. Discover how the organization went from being a charity to a social enterprise. <i>management presentation, discussion</i></p>	
	<b>group lunch</b>	restaurant
early afternoon	<p><b>visit: solar energy: lighting up the nation</b> <i>e.g. Gigawatt Global</i></p> <p>Head east toward Rwamagana and learn about the 8.5 megawatt (MW) power plant designed so that, from a bird's-eye view, it resembles the shape of the African continent. Discover how this green solution has created 350 local jobs and increased Rwanda's generation capacity by 6%, powering more than 15,000 homes. <i>presentation, discussion, tour of facilities</i></p>	
late afternoon	<p><b>visit: it takes a village: restoring the rhythm of life</b> <i>e.g. Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village</i></p> <p>Take a tour around the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village, a center that was built to heal Rwanda's most vulnerable teens and transform them into socially responsible citizens and future community leaders. Learn about the organization's holistic approach by providing at-risk youth with a strong education, physical and mental healthcare, necessary life skills and healing extracurricular activities in a loving, family-oriented environment. Discover how the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village is transforming the lives of thousands of children and their communities. <i>presentation, discussion, tour of premises</i></p>	
early evening	<p><b>wrap-up session: 'village time' wrap-up</b> <i>e.g. Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village</i></p> <p>Gather together under the famous mango tree, the perfect place to reflect on everything you've learned throughout the trip. You'll then head to the amphitheater where the students of ASYV will perform their weekly talent show named "Village Time".</p>	
evening	<p><b>group dinner with ASYV students</b></p> <p>Join the students of the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village for dinner and speak to some of them about their daily life in the village whilst enjoying some traditional Rwandan recipes cooked by the organization's legendary chef, Hilar.</p>	ASYV dining hall
	<b>rest of the day at leisure</b>	

Sat, Jun 19, 2021	<b>Monkey business at Volcanoes National Park</b>	day 8
	breakfast	hotel
	meet in hotel lobby, depart for Volcanoes National Park	game viewers

<p>morning</p>	<p><b>cultural event: mountain gorilla or golden monkey trekking in Volcanoes National Park</b>            Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet the critically endangered mountain gorillas whilst trekking in the stunning Volcanoes National Park. Learn about the gorilla's conservation story and come face-to-face with our primate cousins in their natural habitat. Rwanda is one of only three countries in the world where you can see these gentle giants. A cheaper option to gorilla trekking, discover the playful and inquisitive nature of the golden monkey, a beautiful little creature found only in the high-altitude forests of the Volcanoes National Park. Spend the morning searching the lush vegetation at the foot of Mount Sabyinyo for one of two habituated groups of the golden monkey, one of them a troop of more than 80 members. Watch their frolics as they leap among the slender shoots of bamboo or tumble among the dense foliage on the forest floor.</p>	<p>sts pay individually</p>
	<p>lunch: own arrangements</p>	<p>restaurant</p>
	<p>check-out            Latest check-out is 12:00 noon</p>	
	<p>meet in hotel lobby, transfer to airport</p>	<p>bus transfer</p>
	<p>depart for the United States</p>	<p>own arrangements</p>