



# Welcome to Kigali, Rwanda

**Practical guide for  
delegates & staff at the  
7th StreetNet  
International Congress**



# About Kigali

Kigali the capital city of Rwanda is mostly known for its cleanliness and the **welcoming aura** that it gives to everyone who steps foot in it.

Despite the tragic history that Rwanda faced, the country has managed **to build itself again under the concept of unity and reconciliation.**

Every corner of Kigali city and the whole country in general has witnessed some tragic and unspeakable events. There are **several memorials around the country** that were built over mass graves and each one have a different story to tell about what happened in the genocide against the Tutsi people in 1994

# Where we are staying

We are staying at the **Lemigo Hotel** in Kigali, where the 7th International Congress of StreetNet will take place. The hotel is situated within the city center/business district and is only 5km away from the airport




**Lemigo Hotel**  
Kimirura | KG 624 St, Kigali



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# Art & history

Kigali genocide memorial is the biggest one and it is a place for remembrance and learning. This memorial is the right place to visit if one wants to learn about the history of what happened in Rwanda in the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi people and also for honoring the victims that lost their lives in the tragedy.






# Art & history

Among other things that makes Kigali a beautiful city, there is the Rwanda Art Museum that holds Rwanda's history since the kings' regime era.

There are also many entertainment centers that occupy free time of kigalians and as well as everyone else who visits. Those centers are: Inema **Art Center, Fazenda Sengha Country Club, BK Arena, Amahoro National Stadium and many more.**



# **Restaurants, shops and markets**

Kigali city has various restaurants, coffee shops and hotels that are mostly known for their hospitality and the top-notch customer care. A variety of those restaurants and hotels are also rated 5 stars on an international level.

**Nyabugogo** modern market and **Nyarugenge** market are the most popular markets among the locals as they are located in the center of the city. **Many members of SYTRIECI Rwanda also do their daily activities inside and outside of those markets.**



# Health & Safety



- Drinking tap water is debatable but it is **recommended to use bottled water** in case you can't buy the filtered water that is mostly used by the locals
- It is **completely safe** to walk at night in Kigali but, as you would in any other place, be highly **cautious and not bring valuables** with you to avoid attracting unnecessary attention.
- The weather in Kigali have been hard to predict recently which is why **there might be a little rain in May** differently from the past years where the month was mostly warm and sunny.

# Health and Safety

- To enter Rwanda **a yellow fever vaccination is mandatory** to travels coming from yellow fever endemic countries and any country with an active yellow fever outbreak
- Covid-19 testing is no longer a requirement prior to boarding the flight to Rwanda. However, regular Covid-19 testing is encouraged. It is also important to be vaccinated for covid-19 before coming to Rwanda to ensure your safety and the one of the others around you. Although it is not mandatory to be vaccinated before you come to Rwanda, regulations can change and **we highly encourage you to vaccinate and bring your COVID-19 vaccination certificate.**



# Health and Safety

- There are **two hospitals** that are close to the Lemigo Hotel: **La Croix du Sud Hospital** (10 minutes drive) and **King Faisal Hospital** (15 minutes drive).
- The emergency telephone contact is **112, for police and medical emergencies**. You should contact **113** in case there is a traffic accident.
- Traffic jams in Kigali are unlikely to happen unless there is **road construction issues** or some hours during the evening when people are going home from work. However, those traffic jams do not take longer than **30 minutes**.

# Languages spoken

Most locals of Kigali speak **English** and **French** but **Kinyarwanda** is the commonly used language in places like markets and public transports. In either one of those places you shouldn't expect everyone to speak English or French.



# Useful expressions

- Hello = Muraho
- Thank you = Murakoze
- How are you? = Amakuru?
- Yes = Yego
- No = Oya
- Excuse me = Munyihanganire
- Sorry = Mbabarira
- Please = Ndakwiginze
- Help! = Mfasha!
- How much is this? = Nangahe?

# Places to visit

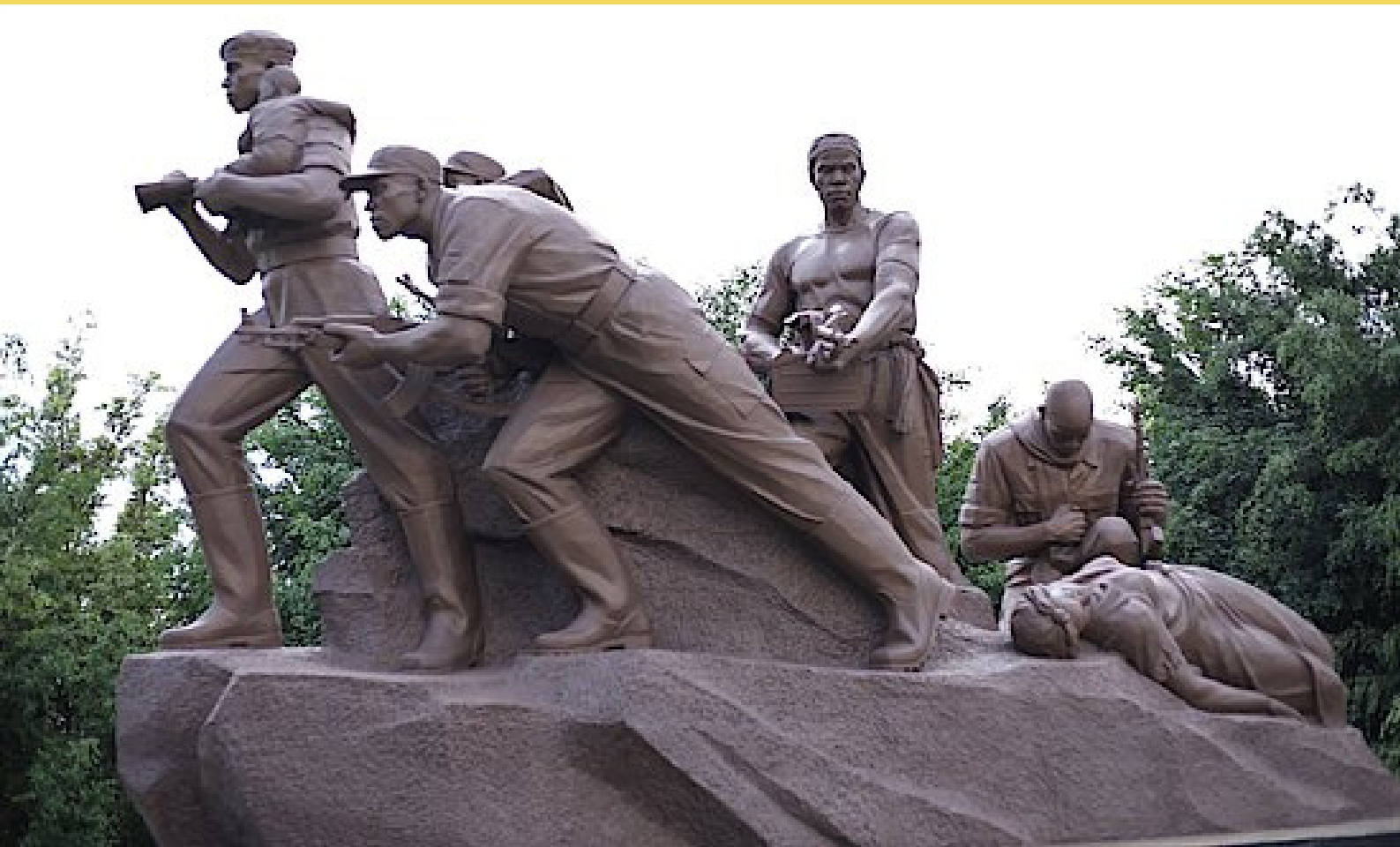


The Kigali Genocide Memorial includes three permanent exhibitions, the largest of which documents the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. There is also a children's memorial and an exhibition on the history of genocidal violence around the world. The education centre, gardens, and Genocide Archive of Rwanda contribute to a meaningful tribute to those who **perished, and provide a powerful educational experience for visitors.**

***Address: KG 14 Ave (13 min drive from hotel) |  
Open 8am-4pm***



# Places to visit



The **Museum for Campaign Against Genocide** is located in the parliamentary building, in Kigali just 800m behind Kigali Convention Center roundbout, and just 4.9km, 9 minutes drive from Kigali International Airport. This Campaign Against Genocide Museum was opened officially on 13th December 2017 by H.E Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda.

***Address: RN3, Kigali, Rwanda  
(9 min walk from hotel) | Open 8am-4pm***

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Nyabugogo modern market was constructed by the government **specifically for street vendors** who were surrounding the area of Nyabugogo.

***Address: 326X + 24J (around 17 min drive from the hotel) | Open 6am-8pm***



**We wish you a  
great stay and a  
productive  
Congress!**

