

Rwanda Travel Guide

Phrasebook Essentials, Kinyarwanda



Greetings

- **Muraho** (moo-rah-hoh) — Hello
- **Mwaramutse** (mwah-rah-moo-tseh) — Good morning
- **Mwiriwe** (mwee-ree-weh) — Good evening
- **Amakuru?** (ah-mah-koo-roo?) — How are you?
- **Ni meza** (nee meh-zah) — I'm fine
- **Ijoro ryiza** (ee-jo-ro ree-zah) — Good night
- **Tuzasubira** (too-zah-soo-bee-rah) — See you later



Essentials

- **Yego** (yeh-go) — Yes
- **Oya** (oh-yah) — No
- **Nyabuneka** (nyah-boo-neh-kah) — Please
- **Urakoze** (oo-rah-koh-zeh) — Thank you
- **Sinumva** (see-noom-vah) — I don't understand
- **Vuga buhoro** (voo-gah boo-ho-roh) — Speak slowly
- **Wavuga mu cyongereza?** (wah-voo-gah moo chon-geh-reh-zah?) — Do you speak English?



Getting Around

- **Aho gare iri hehe?** (ah-ho gah-reh ee-ree heh-heh?) — Where is the bus station?
- **Nshaka kujya...** (nshah-kah koo-jah...) — I want to go to...
- **Taxi igura angahe?** (tah-ksee ee-goo-rah ahn-gah-heh?) — How much is the taxi?
- **Ibirometero bingahe?** (ee-bee-roh-meh-teh-roh been-gah-heh?) — How far is it?
- **Nshobora gufata igare?** (nshoh-boh-rah goo-fah-tah ee-gah-reh?) — Can I rent a bike?

Accommodation

- **Mfite réservation** (m-fee-teh reh-zehr-vah-syoon) — I have a reservation
- **Ufite Wi-Fi?** (oo-fee-teh wee-fee?) — Do you have Wi-Fi?
- **Nshaka icyumba kimwe** (nshah-kah ee-choom-bah cheem-weh) — I'd like one room
- **Amazi ari he?** (ah-mah-zee ah-ree heh?) — Where is the water?
- **Icyumba cyanjye kiri he?** (ee-choom-bah chahn-jeh kee-ree heh?) — Where is my room?



Food & Drink

- **Amazi nyabuneka** (ah-mah-zee nyah-boo-neh-kah) — Water please
- **Nshaka ikintu kidafite inyama** (nshah-kah ee-cheen-too kee-dah-fee-teh een-yah-mah) — I want something without meat
- **Ni iki?** (nee ee-kee?) — What is this?
- **Biraryoshye** (bee-rah-ryoh-shyeh) — It's delicious
- **Ufite lisiti y'ibiryo?** (oo-fee-teh lee-see-tee yee-beer-yoh?) — Do you have a menu?

Shopping

- **Iki kiguze angahe?** (ee-kee chee-goo-zeh ahn-gah-heh?) — How much is this?
- **Ufite igiciro gito?** (oo-fee-teh ee-jee-chee-roh gee-toh?) — Do you have a lower price?
- **Nshobora kwishyura n'ikarita?** (nshoh-boh-rah kwee-shee-oo-rah nee-kah-ree-tah?) — Can I pay by card?
- **Nkeneye impano** (nkeh-neh-yeh eem-pah-no) — I need a gift
- **Nshaka kugura...** (nshah-kah koo-goo-rah...) — I want to buy...

Emergencies

- **Mutabare!** (moo-tah-bah-reh!) — Help!
- **Nkeneye muganga** (nkeh-neh-yeh moo-gahn-gah) — I need a doctor
- **Hamagara polisi** (hah-mah-gah-rah poh-lee-see) — Call the police
- **Nabuze pasiporo yanjye** (nah-boo-zeh pah-see-poh-ro yahn-jeh) — I lost my passport
- **Nababaye** (nah-bah-bah-yeh) — I'm hurt



Cultural Phrases

- **Rwanda ni nziza** (rwan-dah nee nzee-zah) — Rwanda is beautiful
- **Nkunda aha hantu** (nkoon-dah ah-hah hahn-too) — I love this place
- **Nishimiye guhura nawe** (nee-shee-mee-yeh goo-hoo-rah nah-weh) — Nice to meet you
- **Ikinyarwanda kiragoye** (ee-kee-nyah-rwan-dah kee-rah-goh-yeh) — Kinyarwanda is hard
- **Murakoze cyane** (moo-rah-koh-zeh chah-neh) — Thank you very much

Thank you for reading!

