



RWANDA INSIGHT TRIP





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4-6 DAY INSIGHT TRIP

“I still have fond memories from my time in Rwanda. I left feeling even more passionate about microfinance and inspired to become an even better leader. I’m in awe of the work you do. You inspire me!”

Megan Tamte
Insight Trip 2014

Opportunity's Impact in Rwanda

Clients with Active
Loans:

39,000

Clients with Savings:

115,600

Loans to Women:

80%

Seeing the Real Rwanda

Known as “the land of a thousand hills,” Rwanda is located in the heart of Africa and is home to spectacular volcanoes, blue lakes, tropical forests and rolling green hills. After the 1994 genocide left over one million people dead and countless exiled, the people of Rwanda began picking up the pieces of their broken nation, returning to their fields and businesses and working to support their families.

Travel to Rwanda today to be inspired by the Rwandans who are working to reconcile and share common aspirations.

Ninety percent of Rwandans are engaged in subsistence agriculture. Families that rely on farming for their primary source of income experience

the highest levels of poverty, often struggling to provide food for their own children. Opportunity Rwanda has made great strides toward the expansion of its agricultural lending portfolio. In 2013, Opportunity Rwanda scaled up agricultural lending to serve more than 15,000 clients with loans. Our bank is now increasing its reach to serve dairy and bean farmers in addition to coffee, potato, maize and rice producers.

Travel with us to witness this exciting time at Opportunity Rwanda. See Rwandans overcoming poverty with the assistance of financial education, skills training and loans, making it possible for them to build better futures for themselves and their children.

The Opportunity Experience

At Opportunity International, we are passionate about transforming lives around the globe. We host Insight Trips so we can share with you, our supporters, the hope, gratitude and excitement we experience every time we are in the field with clients working hard to achieve their goals.

Insight Trips are safe, eye-opening and unforgettable adventures that are authentic to each host country. You'll spend time with experts in the field and local hosts who know the culture inside and out—their personal perspective will give you

an intimate understanding of the culture and how we work alongside our clients to make significant and lasting changes. You'll witness how our clients are rising out of poverty and transforming their lives.

So come journey with us. We take care of all the details to ensure you travel in good company to authentic and exquisite sights. It will be an adventure unlike any other—one that will change you forever.

For trip schedule, cost and registration, visit opportunity.org/insight

Itinerary

DAY ONE

Arrive in Kigali, Rwanda, where local Opportunity Staff will meet you upon your arrival and take you to your hotel for a good night's rest.

DAY TWO

Begin your day with a briefing by senior leadership at Opportunity Rwanda's head office, followed by learning about the history of Rwanda at the National Genocide Museum. In the afternoon, venture into the field to observe a Trust Group and visit clients in their homes and places of business.

DAY THREE

Spend the day visiting with school proprietors and their students who have benefitted from our education finance program.

DAY FOUR

Meet our agriculture finance clients to hear about their successes in spite of difficult circumstances. Witness how our program is helping them grow more food to feed their families and increase their incomes.

OPTIONAL GORILLA TREK DAY FIVE - DAY SIX

In the morning, spend time shopping at a local craft market. After lunch, check out of the hotel and depart for Ruhengiri and enjoy rural life during your drive through the countryside.

Awake at sunrise to visit Volcanoes National Park. Trek the rain forest for an encounter with rare silverback gorillas in their natural habitat. In the evening depart home with wonderful memories, lasting friendships and a renewed spirit as you reflect on your role in Opportunity's work to end poverty.



BEATHE'S STORY



Beathe Irbagiza is a survivor of the genocide that left her widowed, physically disabled, jobless and dependent on charity from her neighbors. Refusing to lose hope, Beathe secured an Opportunity International loan to start a small business selling handmade crafts. As a result of hard work, skills training and a sound business strategy, Beathe has broken free from the cycle of poverty. She

now supports herself and her family for the first time, sending two of her children to university and employing four of her neighbors. With the help of Opportunity, Beathe is not only a successful business owner, she is a source of inspiration to her community and family.

Vision

Our vision is a world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve a life free from poverty, with dignity and purpose.

Mission

By providing financial solutions and training, we empower people living in poverty to transform their lives, their children's futures and their communities.

Motivation

We respond to Jesus Christ's call to love and serve the poor. We seek to emulate the Good Samaritan, whose compassion crossed ethnic groups and religions. We serve all people regardless of race, faith, ethnicity and gender.

Values

Commitment to our clients and their transformation.

Humility a spirit of serving in all that we do.

Respect 360 degrees of consideration and teamwork.

Integrity living our values with transparency and consistency.

Stewardship accountability, innovation, and urgency.

Transformation our ultimate goal in ourselves and others.

Method

We support local microfinance organizations that provide innovative financial solutions to empower people, create jobs and build vibrant communities.

- We create innovative partnerships to provide complementary services to our clients.
- We seek to impact the lives of our clients, staff and supporters.
- Our products, services and training enable clients to develop businesses, to save and to insure against an uncertain future.
- We strengthen and influence value chains to benefit our clients, connect them to viable markets and drive economic progress.

Discover more at opportunity.org

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Opportunity International provides access to savings, small business loans, insurance and training to nearly 5 million people working their way out of poverty in the developing world. Clients in over 20 countries use these financial services to start or expand a business, provide for their families, create jobs for their neighbors and build a safety net for the future.

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