

## **BURUNDI**

The Republic of Burundi is a land locked country in the African Great Lakes region of Southeast Africa, bordered by Rwanda to the north, Tanzania to the east and south, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west. Sometimes it is also considered as part of Central Africa. Burundi's capital is Bujumbura.

A tiny little nation of soaring mountains and languid lakeside communities was ruled as a kingdom for over two hundred years and presently, Burundi is governed as a presidential representative democratic republic.

The main language is Kirundi, a Bantu language. Both Kirundi and French are official languages. Swahili is used as a lingua franca along Lake Tanganyika and in the Bujumbura area. Burundian Franc is used as currency.

For a look into the very heart of Africa, it is great to experience the natural and culturally diverse country. Here, you can experience adventures into lush rainforests, on the tops of hills, across lakes and beautiful beaches. There are so many sites to visit and things to do for those that are adventurous. Burundi is well known for their drumming, which is an integral part of their cultural heritage. Not only will you experience the ethnic sound of their drums, but also the grace of their dancers, and the ingenuity of their creative craftsman. It is a place for cultural immersion, even with their unique variety of delicacies.