



Essentials

Currency: Burundian Franc (BIF)

Languages: Rundi (Kirundi),
French and Swahili.

BUJUMBURA

Bujumbura, the economic capital of Burundi, is nestled on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, and offers a captivating blend of natural beauty and cultural charm. Visitors can unwind on sandy beaches, explore bustling markets, and immerse themselves in the city's vibrant nightlife. Historical sites add to its allure, making it a must-visit destination.



What to see

Explore



Rusizi National Park

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Image Source: Wikipedia

Discover diverse wildlife and picturesque landscapes in this scenic reserve along Lake Tanganyika's shores. Visitors can spot hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species while enjoying boat safaris and nature walks.

Musee Vivant

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Immerse yourself in Burundian culture at this living museum, showcasing traditional architecture, crafts, and dance performances. Visitors can learn about local customs and heritage while interacting with artisans and experiencing the vibrant rhythms of Burundi's music and dance.

Livingstone-Stanley Monument

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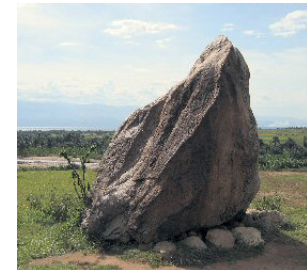


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Explore the historic site commemorating the meeting of explorers Livingstone and Stanley. The monument stands where they reportedly greeted each other in 1871, marking a significant moment in African exploration history.

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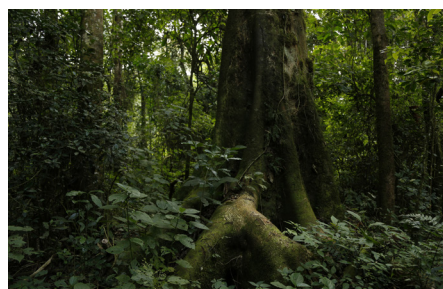
Experiences

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Boat Cruise

Embark on a thrilling boat cruise on Lake Tanganyika, Africa's second-largest lake, offering breathtaking views and opportunities for swimming, snorkelling, and fishing in its clear waters.

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Trekking in Kibira National Park

About an hour from Bujumbura, explore the lush forests and scenic trails of Kibira National Park, the largest rainforest in Burundi, on an adrenaline-filled trek, encountering diverse wildlife and enjoying the natural beauty of Burundi's largest protected area.

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Kayaking

Paddle through the tranquil waters of the Rusizi River on a kayaking adventure, discovering mangrove forests, bird sanctuaries, and scenic landscapes while immersing yourself in the natural beauty of Burundi's wetlands.



Handwoven baskets

Browse the vibrant stalls of Bwiza Market for intricately woven baskets crafted by local artisans, perfect for adding a touch of Burundian craftsmanship to your home decor.



Where & what to buy

Shop

Kitenge fabric

Explore the textile vendors at Kinindo Market to find colourful Kitenge fabrics, popular for making traditional garments and accessories, allowing you to embrace Burundian fashion and style.



Banana wine

Sample and purchase locally produced banana wine from markets like Kamenje Market, where you can find bottles of this unique and flavourful beverage, made from fermented bananas and enjoyed as a traditional drink in Burundi.



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Eat Right



Brochettes at Chez André



Indulge in succulent grilled brochettes, skewers of tender meat marinated in flavourful spices, served with grilled plantains and savoury sauces at Chez André, a popular spot for savouring this beloved Burundian delicacy.

Fish at Chez Maman



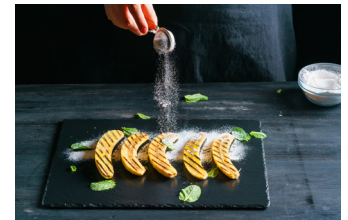
Enjoy fresh fish dishes at Chez Maman, where you can savour tilapia, Nile perch, or capitaine cooked to perfection and served with fragrant rice and local vegetables, offering a taste of Lake Tanganyika's bounty.

Mandazi at local bakeries



Start your day with mandazi, delicious deep-fried doughnuts flavoured with coconut milk and spices, available at bakeries throughout Bujumbura, perfect for enjoying with a cup of locally brewed Burundian coffee.

Grilled bananas at street vendors



Sample grilled bananas from street vendors across Bujumbura, where you can taste this popular snack, known locally as "matoke," grilled to caramelized perfection and served piping hot, offering a sweet and savoury treat on the go.