# **BURUNDI TOURISM INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



SAFARIS – LODGES – BEACH RESORTS – BOAT CRUISES – AMUSEMENT PARKS 5 STARS HOTEL WITH CONFERENCES CENTRE ON THE SHORES OF LAKE





#### I. OVERVIEW

Since the 2020 Presidential Elections, Burundi is witnessing a true rebirth of its political, social and economic sectors thanks to the vision, hard work and bilateral cooperation restoration efforts of His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

His Excellency's energy and drive have not only set the example to follow by all his cabinet ministers but have also caught the eye of foreign Heads of states, donors and investors. In this regards, the government of Burundi is currently looking to attract business investors in all aspects of the economy.

In this short document, the Ministry in charge of the Tourism industry listed its top tourism investment opportunities.

# II. WHERE TO INVEST

Burundi's offers a wide range of tourist attractions due to its unique heritage (landscapes, flora, fauna, culture and history). The destination is still virgin in terms of tourism



infrastructure and skills. Visitors who come to Burundi for the first time will be surprised by both its authenticity and its investment opportunities the country has to offer.

Burundi has more than one hundred tourist attractions. On this section we proposed the main tourism investment opportunities which could be most valuable for experienced investors:

- 1. Developing tourism facilities including M.I.C.E amenities and initiating beach projects on the shores of Lake Tanganyika;
- 2. Restocking our national parks and reserves in order to promote lodges and game drives;
- 3. Developing a variety of activities and facilities at our most marketable landscapes;
- 4. Developing monuments and museums at our most marketable historical and cultural sites.

Kajaga International Conference Center (PROJECT)







# III. LAKE TANGANYIKA

The shore and clear fresh water of Lake Tanganyika hold the prime tourism investment opportunities Burundi has to offer. The Burundi Ministry of Tourism would like to suggest the following business opportunities to investors wishing to start a tourism project on the shores of Lake Tanganyika:

1. 5 star hotel and beach resort (preferably by an International chain of hotels);

- 2. 4 star hotel and beach resort:
- 3. Cruise Boat with rooftop balcony, bar & restaurant;
- 4. Marina/harbor for medium sized boats;
- 5. International Conference Center (minimum seating capacity of 10 000 seats)
- 6. International Exhibition Center;
- 7. Water amusement park / aqua park;
- 8. Tanganyika National Aquarium;
- 9. Luxury Private Beach Resort & Spa;
- 10. Tourism and Hospitality Training Center



# IV. PARKS & RESERVES

The second most attractive tourism investment opportunities within Burundi lay in our national parks and natural reserves. Burundi has two national parks (Ruvubu and Kibira) and five natural reserves (Rusizi, Kigwena, Bururi, Rumonge and Lake Rwihinda). The Burundi Ministry of Tourism suggests the following business opportunities to investors wishing to start a project in any of our parks and reserves:

- 1. Restocking Ruvubu National Park to promote game drives and luxury lodges;
- 2. Restocking Rusizi Natural Reserve to promote game drives and restaurants;
- 3. Chimpanzee habituation in the Kibira National Park to promote chimpanzee trekking;
- 4. Small monkeys restocking and habituation in the Kigwena, Bururi and Rumonge Natural Reserves
- 5. Develop birding related activities at Lake Rwihinda (also called Lake of Birds)



# V. UNIQUE LANDSCAPES

The third sector that offers attractive tourism investment opportunities in Burundi is found in our unique landscapes and geological formations. The Burundi Ministry of Tourism suggests the following business opportunities to investors wishing to start a tourism project in any of our unique landscapes:

- 1. Developing extreme sports and family activities at the Nyakazu Crator
- 2. Developing a national museum with hotel at the most southernest source of the Nile river
- 3. Build the Karera Water Falls Lodge (hiking, mountain biking, etc)
- 4. Muhweza hot springs wellness center
- 5. Magara hot springs wellness center
- 6. Munini hot springs wellness center
- 7. Ruhwa hot springs wellness center



- 1. Create a Kiganda Peace Treaty Museum;
- 2. Expansion, renovating and restocking the Gitega National Museum;
- 3. Turn the Gitega Boman into the Burundi National Colonial Museum;
- 4. Renovating the Livingstone and Stanley Rock Memorial;
- 5. Create the King Mwezi Gisabo Royal Palace Memorial;
- 6. Create Mugamba Traditional Huts Village.

