

Rwanda has a temperate tropical highland climate, and – thanks to its high elevation – lower temperatures than you would expect for an equatorial country. Kigali’s daily temperatures range from 12 °C to 27 °C, with very little variation throughout the year. The mountainous north-west, where Bisate is situated, is generally cooler than the lower-lying east.

Rwanda has two rainy seasons: the first is from around February to June and the second from September through December. These are separated by two dry seasons: June to September, during which there is often no rainfall at all, and a shorter dry period from December to February. Typically the west and North-west of Rwanda receives more rainfall annually than the South-east and east of the country.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE
TO SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER

- Two dry seasons: June-August and January-February
- While some rain still falls, this is a drier time of year with less muddy and dense conditions in the forests
- Fruiting trees in Gishwati and Nyungwe can make for great primate viewing
- This is arguably the peak time to visit the savannahs of Akagera for game viewing

MARCH TO MAY, OCTOBER
& NOVEMBER

- Two rainy seasons: March-May and September-December.
- Regular rainfall leaves the air clear and thus provides better photographic opportunities.
- Trees and plants start to flower, encouraging birdlife
- The entire country is lush and green.



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