

# Introducing Thousand Hills Expeditions

Thousand Hills Expeditions was founded in 2004, in Rwanda. The unparalleled experience of growing a fragile tourism product in a post-conflict environment has seen it develop into a leading Destination Management Company in the region. [Thousand Hills Expeditions](#) now has offices in Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. Our diverse customer base is mainly comprised of well-read, well-travelled, adventurous and discerning travellers from around the world.



#### Jacqui Sebageni - Owner

Jacqui was born in Rwanda, but was raised in Uganda and Kenya. Her 30 years of experience in tourism began with Abercrombie & Kent in Kenya where she rose through the ranks to become Sales & Marketing Manager. After almost seven years, she relocated to Montreal, Canada at which point she decided to branch out and work in print media. Her love of travel was deep rooted however, and she eventually started working at Voyages Ideal. After a few years she took the leap and decided to go solo with a clientele of mainly software companies serving the entertainment industry. After almost 15 years in Canada, Jacqui moved with her family back to her native Rwanda. Shortly after arriving in 2004, she started Thousand Hills Expeditions (THE) together with her business partner Manzi Kayihura. Jacqui is currently on the board of Akagera Management Company, representing African Parks, has served as Vice-Chairman for the Rwanda Tours and Travel Association (RTTA), Vice-Chairman in the Rwanda Tourism Chamber and was a member of the Northern Corridor Joint Tourism Marketing Committee. She has also been on the Board of Great Plains Rwanda, the Advisory Board of Nike Foundation – Girl Hub in Kigali, and previously served on the Board of the Montreal Mirror. Her international career has come full circle and she is delighted to be living in Rwanda again, promoting tourism in the country she loves.



#### Manzi Kayihura - Owner

After 14 years in Germany, Manzi returned to his native Rwanda to found Thousand Hills Expeditions (THE) with Jacqui Sebageni. He brings considerable experience in international airline and travel management, 15 years of which has been in senior management or ownership positions. Manzi's insight, and significant skills in marketing, analysis, planning, and negotiation have served him well in his career, and he is excited to have the opportunity to use these skills to further the growth of tourism in Rwanda. Manzi's extensive experience in organising and leading the development of the Rwandan travel and tourism industry, including leading Rwandair Express, Rwanda's national carrier, for three years, mean he is perfectly placed to grow Thousand Hills Expeditions through international partnerships. Manzi is the founding member and past Chairman of the Rwanda Tours and Travel Association. He is currently Chairman of the East African Tourism Platform, and sits on the Board of Directors of Akagera Aviation. He firmly believes that ecotourism in Rwanda is poised for take-off.



#### Sylvie Dushime - Head of Reservations

Sylvie joined Thousand Hills Expeditions over two years ago and has brought with her excellent communication skills and organisational competence. Her skillset has a strong academic base – she holds a degree in Media and Social Sciences, with emphasis in translation and interpretation – and is further strengthened by her experience in promoting Rwanda both locally and internationally. As a multilingual Rwandan, Sylvie is at home on any stage. She began her career with the Rwanda Film Institute, and was part of the team responsible for the organisation and supervision of the annual Rwanda Film Festival. Sylvie coordinated the Rwanda Media Project, a film school supported the Rwanda Cinema Centre and the Government of Germany.

