

Abercrombie & Kent

RWANDA



SHOPPING EXCURSIONS

KIGALI

Rwanda is a small but vibrant country that has its own unique geometric designs that are echoed in its clothing, baskets and various other memorabilia. Kigali is a fantastic place for your guests to shop and find something extraordinary to take home with them

ABRAHAM KONGA COLLECTIONS

Abraham is a talented jewelry maker working mainly with recycled metals and bone. His store is also his workshop and you can see him crafting his beautiful pieces while you visit. It's the jewelry that sets this place apart and makes it unique but he also has a nice collection of items brought in from many different artisans and this central store makes one of the best stops for a variety of interesting items.



AZIZI LIFE BOUTIQUE

Azizi Life focuses on fair trade and ensuring that the creators of the items they sell have economic security for them and their families. There is variety of items available here from baskets to candles all of which are made in a sustainable and responsible manner.



IBABA RWANDA

This workshop is all about embroidery and there are a huge range of items for sale from baskets to make up bags, from aprons to hats. Each item is hand embodied and infused with the geometric and colorful patterns that make up much of Rwanda's design.



NYAMIRAMBO WOMENS CENTRE

If your guests are shopping for their children or grandchildren this should be the first stop on their itinerary. The shop produces a variety of fun kids clothing from the local Kitenge fabric as well as a variety of toys. In addition there are a variety of home décor and accessory options. The center provides work for 18 women and at the forefront of their philosophy is tackling gender based violence, inequality and discrimination.

INEMA ARTS CENTRE

Inema, which means a blessing, a gift, a talent, is a workshop with space for ten artists which are frequently located. Each artist produces his own unique work however the main theme that ties them together is the contemporary take on Rwanda's culture. During a visit to the art center your guests will be able to meet the artists and watch them at work and come away with their own unique piece for their wall at home.

NEW CACTUS GIFT SHOP

This little gift shop has a variety of unusual items for sale that are not available in many of the other shops in Kigali. The shop its self is not very big but makes a good shopping stop on an itinerary.





HOUSE OF TAYO

House of Tayo is a distinctly Rwandan-born brand that works with local artisans and tailors and supports the local community by providing a stable income and employment opportunities.

With its unconventional combination of colors and patterns, the brand is bold and futuristic; edgy, yet sophisticated; and reflective of the current proliferation of African arts, culture, and style on the world stage. The brand is truly authentic and homegrown, utilizing African textiles and fabrics, and produced by Rwandan tailors and artisans. Here your guests will find a wide variety of clothing including a fantastic range of men's wear.

CAPLAKI CRAFTS VILLAGE

Caplaki consists of over 40 stalls each with an individual vendor all located in the same area. Here your guests will find a wide selection of Rwandan made handcrafts as well as items from Kenya, Uganda and the Congo. As with most African markets bargaining is a common, and mostly expected, practice - don't forget to let your guest know before they go!

HAUTE BASO

This small boutique shop sells a variety of lovely items - many of these are made with the traditional Rwandan Kitenge fabric however there are a variety of other clothing lines that are ideal for summer wear. In addition there are a variety of household items available in the shop.



TUBAHUMURIZE ASSOCIATION

The Tubahumurize Association is a grassroots project that aims to support women who are victims of violence by providing counselling, training and microloans. The little shop is famous for its quilts but have a huge range of other items including yoga bags, circle scarves and fun kitchen wear.

RWANDAN CLOTHING COMPANY

This is the ideal shop for your guests who are looking for modern styles with a Rwandan twist. There are a great range of men's and women's lines available in the shop or they can order an item that can be tailored to their size. In addition to clothing they also sell jewelry, bags and other accessories but they all have something in common—the bold, bright Rwandan style.



UMUTAKO

The main focus of Umutako is furniture however they have a great selection of vases, pots, paintings and fabrics. This is also the best place to get the less traditional Imigongo Paintings with a wide selection of the usual patterns and colors but also a grown display of the more modern style which is increasing in popularity.