

C u l t u r a l h e r i t a g e

The richness of Rwandan culture is apparent in the wide range of crafts and the deep rooted love of oral traditions such as proverbs, songs and chants. The people are known for their epic songs and dynastic poetry chronicling their origins.



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Music and dance plays an important role in the traditions of the people. Traditional song is often accompanied by the lulunga, a harp-like instrument with eight strings. Celebratory dance is backed by drum orchestras which collectively produce a hypnotic and exciting explosion of intertwining rhythms. The finest exponent of Rwanda's varied and dynamic traditional dance styles is the Intore Dance Troupe. The Intore - literally 'the chosen ones' - once performed exclusively for the Royal Court but



now the rhythmic dance can be viewed at the National Museum at Huye (Butare).

The Hoe dance from the northern region of Rwanda is another fine example of traditional dance.



Lucky visitors may chance upon spontaneous traditional Intore performances in the villages of Rwanda.

This rhythmical exposition of traditional dance can be viewed, at short notice, if arranged through the National Museum in Huye (Butare).

Imigongo, cow dung painting, can be viewed and purchased in most craft stores in Kigali. Nyakarimbi is the home of this unique craft. It is worth visiting the source of craft and see the painting process first hand. P. from the local artists.

Basketry, traditional wood carvings, ceramics and a variety of other local crafts are available from the main market and the numerous street stalls of Kigali.

Butare National Museum Tariffs

| | Rwandan Resident (Rwf) | Foreign Residents (Rwf) | Foreign Visitors (Rwf) |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Children & Students | 200 | 1 000 | 3000 |
| Adults | 500 | 2 000 | 3 000 |

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