

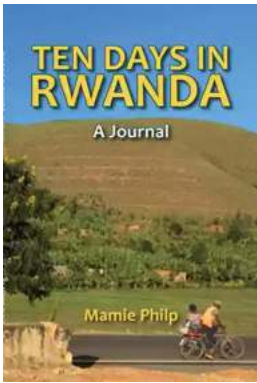
Ten Days In Rwanda Journal: A Journey of Beauty, Resilience, and Hope



Join me on a transformative journey through the stunning landscapes and remarkable people of Rwanda. Over the course of ten incredible days, I immersed myself in the country's rich history, vibrant culture, and inspiring resilience. From the bustling capital of Kigali to the breathtaking beauty of Lake Kivu, each day brought new adventures and profound experiences.

Day 1: Kigali - The Heartbeat of Rwanda

Stepping off the plane in Kigali, I was immediately struck by the warmth and friendliness of the local people. The city welcomed me with open arms, and I quickly set out to explore its many attractions. From the breathtaking views at the Kigali Genocide Memorial to the vibrant local markets, Kigali captivated me with its energy and vitality.



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Day 2: Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park

One of the most awe-inspiring experiences of my journey was the gorilla trekking adventure in Volcanoes National Park. With an experienced guide leading the way, I journeyed deep into the lush rainforest to observe these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. The encounter was nothing short of magical, and the memory of being just a few feet away from these majestic animals will stay with me forever.



Day 3: Discovering the Beauty of Lake Kivu

Leaving Kigali behind, I made my way to Lake Kivu, a true hidden gem. The crystal-clear waters and surrounding lush hills provided the perfect backdrop for relaxation and rejuvenation. Whether it was kayaking through the peaceful waters, exploring the charming lakeside villages, or simply taking in the awe-inspiring sunsets, Lake Kivu mesmerized me with its beauty and tranquility.



Day 4: Nyungwe Forest National Park - A Pristine Wilderness

As nature enthusiasts, Nyungwe Forest National Park was a true paradise. The untouched beauty of the rainforest, its diverse wildlife, and numerous hiking trails made every step an adventure. Standing atop the canopy walkway, I felt a connection to the rich biodiversity that surrounded me. It was a truly humbling experience.



Day 5: Historical Exploration in Butare

Butare, known as the intellectual and cultural heart of Rwanda, enthralled me with its historical landmarks and vibrant arts scene. The National Museum provided a fascinating insight into the country's past, while the traditional performances at the University of Rwanda left me in awe of the local talent. Butare offered a unique glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Rwanda.



Day 6: Akagera National Park - Where Wildlife Roams Free

Akagera National Park, with its vast savannahs and abundant wildlife, was a dream come true for any nature lover. Embarking on an exhilarating game drive, I had the opportunity to spot elephants, giraffes, zebras, and even the elusive lions. The park's conservation efforts are commendable, and being part of their mission even for a day was a humbling experience.



Day 7: Exploring the Serenity of Musanze

A hidden gem nestled in the heart of the Virunga Mountains, Musanze offered a serene and picturesque escape. Whether I was hiking up Mount Bisoke, visiting the nearby twin lakes, or taking part in a traditional dance performance, Musanze provided a perfect harmony of adventure and tranquility.



Day 8: Cultural Immersion in Rubavu

My journey continued to the charming town of Rubavu, located on the shores of Lake Kivu. This vibrant hub of local culture allowed me to engage with the friendly locals, taste delicious Rwandan cuisine, and witness traditional dances that celebrated the country's vibrant heritage. Rubavu was a true melting pot of traditions and stories.



Day 9: Back to Kigali - A Reflection on Rwanda's Resilience

Returning to Kigali for my final day in Rwanda, I took the opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey I had undertaken. The city's modern skyline and bustling streets were a testament to the country's remarkable progress in rebuilding and healing. Rwanda had transformed itself into a beacon of hope and resilience, and

the people I encountered along the way had taught me invaluable lessons in resilience and forgiveness.

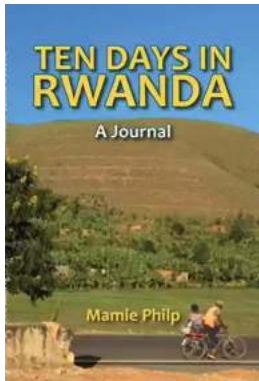
Day 10: Farewell Rwanda, Until We Meet Again

As I bid a fond farewell to the beautiful country of Rwanda, I carried with me unforgettable memories and a newfound appreciation for the strength of the human spirit. The ten days I spent in this remarkable nation had left an indelible mark on my heart. Rwanda had shown me the power of hope, unity, and the determination to rise above adversity.



Ten days in Rwanda had transformed me in ways that words cannot fully capture. The country's beauty, resilience, and the warmth of its people had opened my eyes to the extraordinary stories that lie within every corner of the world. Rwanda,

with its remarkable wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture, is a true testament that hope can bloom even in the face of unimaginable challenges.



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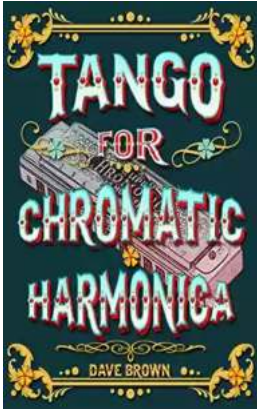
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Mamie Philp first travelled to Rwanda in April 2019 to find out about the work of SURF (Survivors Fund), its partner agencies and the Reaching Rwanda programme. This book describes her varied experiences during her ten days there including visiting memorial sites of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, teaching children and spending time with residents in the only residential care home for elderly people in Rwanda. In February 2020 Mamie returned to Rwanda. Mamie describes some of the events of the genocide which makes this book unsuitable for young children. She also shows us the progress this beautiful country has made in the years since the tragedy of those one hundred days. In particular, we can see the importance of the work being done to support and help survivors and those living in poverty to rebuild their lives and help them to have sustainable, self-sufficient futures. Proceeds from this book will be shared with SURF and Reaching Rwanda.



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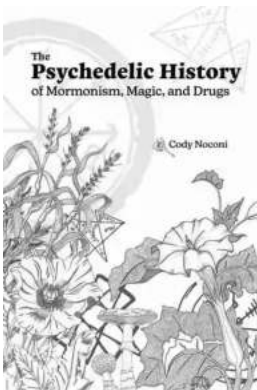
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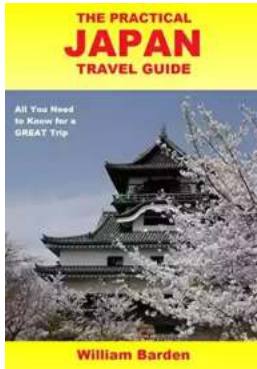
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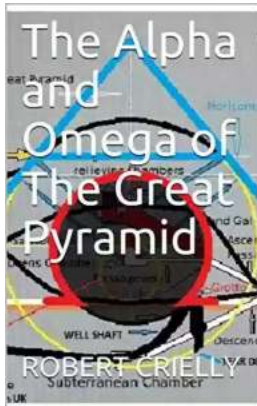
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