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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Rwanda has been internationally lauded for its efforts to promote women in leadership positions within the government, as well as to empower women at the grassroots level economically, socially and politically. It is the only country in the world with a female majority in Parliament (currently at 64%), and it has established a 30% quota for women's participation in all decision-making bodies nationwide, from the village councils all the way up to the level of national government.

Women were crucial to the reconstruction of Rwanda following the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, and their hard work and commitment remains just as indispensable today. In this spirit, FAWCO and GEI invite passionate and open-minded individuals to participate in an experiential learning program to discover just how these achievements were made possible, and to celebrate women's continuing vital role in leadership in Rwanda.

PROGRAM DESTINATION

Experience Rwanda...

- Feel safe and secure walking the streets of its modern green capital
- A place where zero tolerance for corruption really means zero tolerance
- The most gender-progressive parliament in the world
- Globally admired for its achievements in healthcare and education
- Just a stone's throw away from world-class tourism activities like the tracking of endangered mountain gorillas

Welcome to Rwanda, possibly the greatest development success story in the world today.



PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

The Strength of a Woman tour features direct and interactive engagement with some of the most influential women in Rwanda, from government representatives and parliamentarians to key business leaders and academics. Not to be overlooked, however, are the women rebuilding the country at the grassroots level, from the income-generating cooperatives to the associations of young female entrepreneurs to the educational institutions preparing women for careers in politics, business and academia. Participants in this program will enjoy a holistic overview of "the state of the nation" for Rwanda's women, learning about the many challenges they continue to face in legal, social and economic terms, while also having the opportunity to share experiences and strategic advice with their Rwandan counterparts, and above all, to celebrate their many triumphant victories along the way.

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PROGRAM DATES AND PRICES (EXCLUSIVE OF FLIGHTS)

- Optional pre-program gorilla trekking extension (Rwanda): October 23-25 | \$1,400 per person
- Main program (Rwanda): October 25-November 1 | \$2,500 per person
- Optional post-program safari extension (Tanzania): November 1-5 | \$1,700 per person

PROGRAM ITINERARY

- Oct 25: Personal welcome at the airport | program briefing | welcome dinner
- Oct 26: Welcome breakfast & program briefing | historical exploration of Kigali | Kigali Memorial Center | dinner with members of the Women Parliamentarians Forum
- Oct 27: Women for Women International's Women Opportunity Center in Kayonza | Nyamata genocide memorial church | Rwanda Men's Resource Center
- Oct 28: AVEGA Agahozo and visit to a women's support group | Ministry of Gender & Family Promotion and/or Gender Monitoring Office | Nyamirambo Women's Center | Open a Door
- Oct 29: Azizi Life experience in a rural Rwandan household | King's Palace | National Museum in Butare
- Oct 30: Murambi genocide memorial | Nyungwe National Park
- Oct 31: Canopy walk in Nyungwe National Park | return transfer to Kigali
- Nov 1: Free morning with optional market visit | personal farewell at the airport

Optional pre-program gorilla trekking extension (Rwanda):

- Trekking of a family of mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park

Optional post-program safari extension (Tanzania):

- Game drives in Serengeti National Park and overnight in a luxury tented camp
- Game drives in Ngorongoro Crater and overnight in an old farm house



Delegation leader: Therese Hartwell

The delegation will be led by Therese Hartwell, chair of the Women, Peace and Conflict Committee of FAWCO's Human Rights Task Force and a past President and current FAWCO representative for the American Women of the Eastern Province. Therese has a BA in Psychology and a JD and is currently conducting research on the effect of war and other violent conflict on women.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Acquire an in-depth understanding of Rwanda's National Gender Machinery, via interactive discussions with women from the Rwanda Women Parliamentarians' Forum and the Gender Monitoring Office
- Learn about women's vital role in the reconstruction of the country following the genocide of 1994
- Share your own knowledge and experiences while having the opportunity to see the new Rwanda through a unique African perspective on women and leadership in developing countries
- Create once-in-a-lifetime memories and build lasting friendships with professional counterparts
- Experience the excitement that can only come from witnessing Rwanda at a pivotal moment in its history, on the rise socially and economically as one of the greatest success stories of development in the world today
- Explore the country and its people through excursions to national parks, cultural villages and relevant organizations

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

This program is an inclusive experience that covers the entire in-country arrangement:

- All accommodation in good 3* hotels
- All in-country transportation for the delegation
- All meals, as specified in the itinerary, inclusive of one locally produced soda or mineral water per meal
- Admission to all activities, as specified in the itinerary
- Mineral water on the vehicle
- Full-time local delegation management and guiding
- 24/7 emergency support from our local program office

Not included are the international transport (flights, airport taxes etc), visas, travel and medical insurance, alcoholic and additional non-alcoholic drinks, personal expenses and other extras.

ABOUT GEI

The Global Engagement Institute (GEI) is a social enterprise that provides international students and professionals with high-impact education and engagement programs in developing countries in Africa and Asia.

Participants of these short-term trips of 1 to 4 weeks have the opportunity to upgrade their own knowledge, skills and intercultural competence while making significant contributions to the development of capacity of local counterparts, institutions and systems.

