

Kibeho Pilgrim Checklist

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Before you travel

- ☐ Check your visa: most visitors apply online at irembo.gov.rw
- ☐ Confirm Mass times with the parish; they change around feast days
- ☐ Book rooms and transport early for 15 August and 28 November
- ☐ Tell us if someone in your group has difficulty walking
- ☐ Carry some cash; cash machines are available in Kibeho and mobile money is widely used

What to bring

- ☐ Clothes that cover shoulders and knees
- ☐ Shoes with a good grip for dirt and gravel paths
- ☐ A light layer for early mornings
- ☐ A rain jacket in the rainy months
- ☐ A clean bottle with a lid for spring water
- ☐ Your rosary and a notebook for intentions
- ☐ Some cash in Rwandan francs for candles, offerings and small shops
- ☐ A snack on feast days; for water you can also drink the holy water from the spring

At the sanctuary

- ☐ Speak quietly; someone nearby is usually praying
- ☐ Phones on silent during Mass
- ☐ Ask before photographing anyone
- ☐ Follow what priests and caretakers ask of you
- ☐ Go early to Sinai Hill, before the midday sun

Key facts

- ☐ Distance from Kigali: about 160 km, 3.5 to 4 hours by road
- ☐ Busiest days: 15 August (Assumption) and 28 November
- ☐ Weather: mild most of the year; rain can come quickly