



**INSIDE RWANDA
JDC Entwine & ASYV Insider Service Trip**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day One: Departure for Rwanda

Afternoon Depart for Rwanda

Day Two: Arrive in Rwanda

Evening Arrive in Kigali

Overnight in Kigali

Day Three: Welcome to ASYV

Morning Breakfast at Civitas Hotel

Welcome to Rwanda! Overview and briefing with JDC Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps Fellow

*The Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps (JSC) is a year-long, paid opportunity for Jewish young professionals to volunteer overseas with JDC, the world's leading Jewish humanitarian organization. Responding to international Jewish and humanitarian needs, JSC fellows facilitate and create innovative programs using their unique skills and talents. Currently, fellows are serving in locations such as Argentina, Estonia, Germany, India, Israel, Latvia, Poland, **Rwanda**, Turkey and Ukraine. There are currently four JSC Fellows serving in ASYV.*

Visit Kigali Genocide Memorial Center

The Kigali Memorial Centre was opened on the 10th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide, in April 2004. The Centre is built on a site where over 250,000 people are buried.

Afternoon Briefing & Discussion with JC, other Rwanda expert, ASYV graduate

Lunch at Local Restaurant

Core Conversation #1: *Setting Our Intentions*

Evening Dinner at Local Restaurant with JC, ASYV Village Director

Overnight in Kigali

Day Four: Service Work at ASYV

Morning Breakfast at Hotel

Arrive at Agahozo Shalom Youth Village

Grand Tour of Agahozo-Shalom & Overview of Service Projects

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Participants will have the opportunity to physically lend a hand in various areas of the Village. Additionally, the group will be divided by individual skills sets to work on projects to benefit the Village students and/or staff in different capacities.

Meeting with Yearlong ASYV Fellows (Cousins)

Introduction to Service Projects

Afternoon Lunch in Dining Hall

Core Conversation #2: *Arevut and JDC*

Participate in Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) Program

The Tikkun Olam program occurs weekly and allows our students to help the community outside of Agahozo-Shalom. Students teach English in the local primary school and help local community members with farming and rebuilding their homes. The Entwine group will join 2nd year students for Tikkun Olam.

Evening Meeting with Enrichment Year Family Mama's and Family Representatives

Each of the four grades at Agahozo-Shalom is broken down into eight "families," five girls families and three boys families. Each family has sixteen youth by gender and a "mama," a middle aged to older Rwandan woman, who acts as the primary caretaker for the 16 students for their four years at ASYV and often beyond. This will be an informal opportunity for Q&A and to meet the family mothers before the first family time that evening.

Dinner in Dining Hall

Family Time

After dinner each night, the members of each family gather for Family Time, which is an opportunity to share updates and feelings from the day, make announcements, play games or do activities, or just relax and enjoy their time together. The Entwine Group will be paired with first year students for Family Time.

Debrief with JDC Entwine Staff

Overnight at ASYV

Day Five: Volunteering at ASYV

Morning Breakfast

Service Work in the Village

Overview of ASYV Recruitment Process OR prep time for afternoon activities

Every summer, ASYV staff travel all over Rwanda to meet with the country's most vulnerable youth. Some villages are miles off the main road and are only reachable by foot. The process is very emotional for the staff as they have to select which students will have the opportunity to attend ASYV.

Visit to the Solar Field

Afternoon Lunch

Workshops with students

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Evening Dinner

Family Time

Overnight at ASYV

Day Six: Visit to Nyamata

Morning Breakfast and Depart for Nyamata

Tours of Nyamata and Ntarama Church Memorial Sites

Nyamata and the surrounding region suffered some of the most extensive devastation in 1994, a result of targeted attacks during the Genocide Against the Tutsi. These two churches have been preserved as memorials and provide a powerful visual of the events of the Genocide.

Core Conversation #3: *Arevut and Me*

Afternoon Lunch at Local Restaurant

Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Program

Village Time (Talent Show by Students)

Village Time is a weekly gathering of the entire Village. It is led by students from the Village Time Club and often consists of performances, speeches, a video news update produced by the TV Club, and various other updates about the week.

Festive Shabbat Dinner

Dance Party with Students (Optional)

Overnight at ASYV

Day Seven: Shabbat in the Village

Morning Wake up!

Mucaka Mucaka!

Mucaka Mucaka is a village-wide exercise program that occurs every Saturday morning. All students and staff members gather to jog and do exercises together, promoting physical fitness, and mental & physical health. Everyone cheers, chants, and sings in Kinyarwanda, and visitors who participate often say it's one of their favorite parts of Village life!

Note: students, staff, volunteers, and visitors who cannot participate on Saturdays due to religious observance are able to do *Mucaka Mucaka* and Farm on Sunday mornings instead of Saturday.

Breakfast

“Farm” Program

Saturday Service (“Farm”) is a time for all students and staff to work throughout the Village, cleaning communal buildings and spaces. Each family is assigned a different project weekly.

Note: *Those who do not work on Shabbat can still hang out with their families during farm time.*

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Afternoon Lunch in Dining Hall

 Sports competition

Participate in an interactive simulation of field day activities and competition with the 1st and 2nd year students.

 Career Panel with Senior 6

Evening Havdalah Service

 Dinner in the Village

 Night out in Rubona

Rubona is the closest town to Agahozo-Shalom. It is about a 25-30 minute walk, and shows what rural Rwandan life is like. Though the "bar" primarily consists of patio furniture and a cooler you can get cold drinks and local Rwandan snacks to experience the culture of a local Saturday night. On Tuesdays and Fridays there is a market where local farmers come to sell goods in order to make a living.

Overnight at ASYV

Day Eight: Day Trip to Akagera National Park (African Safari)

Morning Breakfast and Depart Village for Akagera in Jeeps

Akagera National Park is located in the north east of Rwanda along the border with Tanzania. It is named after the Akagera River that flows along its eastern boundary and feeds into a labyrinth of lakes of which the largest is Lake Ihema.

 Safari! (with ASYV boxed lunches)

Afternoon Lunch

Evening Dinner

 Family Time: African Dance

Day Nine: Volunteering at ASYV

Morning Breakfast

 Service Work in the Village

 Conversation with ASYV Graduates

The success of ASYV graduates is supported by a culture that participates in and cares about the future development of its students. The Career Development Center prepares ASYV students to enter the professional and academic world through workshops, test prep, career fairs, and computer trainings.

Afternoon Core Conversation #4: Action

 Lunch

 Activities with ASYV students

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Evening Reflection session led by ASYV International Coordinator

Dinner in Dining Hall
Final Family Time in Family Homes

Farewell Bonfire

Overnight at ASYV

Day Ten: Final Day in ASYV

Morning Breakfast

Afternoon Depart for Kigali

Lunch

Shopping at Kimironko Market

Evening Depart Kigali Rwanda