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## We Invite You to The WJCB Annual Meeting Tour 2019



### Visits to East Africa, Rwanda and Kenya

The World Jersey Cattle Bureau invites all Jersey cattle breeders and their friends from around the world, to East Africa and in particular Rwanda and Kenya in June 2019.



Over the last few years Jersey cattle have been improving the lives of many African families and we want to showcase how this has been done and more importantly how the Jersey cow can influence the future. No visit to East Africa would be complete without the option to view the wonderful array of wildlife, so on this trip you have the option to visit one of the world's most game-rich areas, the 'Mara Triangle' in the Masai Mara National Reserve, famously featured in "Big Cat Diary" on TV. Also, uniquely on a WJCB tour, an option to see Gorillas in the wild at only one of two places in the world where this is possible.

This tour will be different from the normal trip in that in many ways participants will be real life ambassadors for the breed. We will not be seeing large herds of well-bred cattle, but seeing how Jerseys and cross-bred Jerseys are contributing to a better life for families in East Africa. The Regional Dairy Workshop is both a celebration of the work already done and helping to map out future exciting developments. This is your opportunity to be a part of that process.



## Rwanda

### About the Country



Most people are aware of this country as a result of the appalling genocide that occurred in a 100-day period in 1994. There is so much more to this wonderful country that we invite you to discover. The 4<sup>th</sup> smallest country in Africa and with a population of around 12 million, Rwanda lies a few degrees south of the Equator. The country, known as The Land of a Thousand Hills, is at a high elevation generally over 3000 feet (1000 metres). The

altitude helps in making the temperature much more stable than most equatorial countries. Kigali, the capital where the tour will be based, has a typical daily range between 12 and 27 C (54 and 81F) Kigali has just recently been voted the safest city in Africa, and Rwanda has the reputation of being the least corrupt African country to do business in.

Many people believe that Rwanda is the source of two of Africa's greatest rivers, the Nile and the Congo, and is a sub area of the Great East African Rift valley. The hills and mountains are home to only one of two accessible areas where you can view Mountain Gorillas. Beware this comes at a high cost as the official permit fees are very high, as those funds are used to provide the vital protection of these animals.

### The path from Genocide

Without going into the somewhat complicated history that led to Genocide, which the tour will cover at the Memorial centre, the period from 1994 to 2000 was a sad time in the history of Rwanda. Current President Paul Kagame was one of those who led the uprising that in turn has formed the basis for the current country. Send a Cow Rwanda work with the communities, both in offering access



to agricultural training and dairy stock, but also through village testimonies where stories of reconciliation and personal development are encouraged. Since first being elected in 2003, President Kagame has served two full 7-year terms and was re-elected in 2017 for another 7 years.

His leadership and drive have been instrumental in ensuring both political and economic change and stability. He is also a great fan of the Jersey cow!

Paramount to all change are the changes in attitude in making people think of themselves as Rwandans and not from their historic backgrounds. Great steps have been taken but there are plenty more to come! Rwanda is one of only two countries in the world where the majority in parliament are ladies. It currently stands at 64%!



### **The Farming**

In respect of farming, it is mainly subsistence farming with Tea and Coffee being the two crops that provides most of the income. It is believed that over 400,000 people are involved in coffee production alone. However this is changing. Many NGOs, and in particular Send A Cow, have been working at making small-scale dairy farming one of the ways out of poverty. Not only does the cow provide milk and something to sell, but the manure enhances the production of forage and cash crops on the small plots. Other organizations, including the Jersey Island government and RJA&HS, have provided help with AI and semen to increase dairy production based on the advantages of the Jersey cow. It is these programmes that we will be studying in depth on the tour.

### **Regional Dairy Workshop**

The World Jersey Cattle Bureau has taken the bold step to run, in conjunction with its annual tour, a Regional Dairy Workshop. The idea is that by showcasing what has been done in Rwanda and neighbouring countries, it can demonstrate a template that will work across other countries in the region. The Jersey cow has driven the success of the work so far, and the aim is to ensure that the Jersey cow is the breed of choice for the future. Your participation and support of this event will help to ensure that this happens.



### **How to get to Rwanda and Kigali International Airport**

Several airlines have services into Kigali via another hub either in Africa, Europe or the Middle East. Kenya Airways will be operating a direct New York to Nairobi service from Oct 2018. Many international airlines serve Nairobi and there are several connecting flights each day to Kigali. We would be happy to advise on flight options to participants or their travel agents to ensure a smooth journey.

We encourage you or your travel planner to discuss with us your flight options before booking flights. We have negotiated discounts with some airline partners. The detailed program is as follows



## PRE-TOUR

***Your very limited chance to see the Gorillas. Early booking is essential if you want this option.***

### **13 June 2019**

Participants to arrive at Kigali International Airport during the day. Please note a visa fee is payable on arrival of \$30USD. You will be met and transferred to the Kigali Serena hotel. Wide choice of meals available in the hotel or relax by the pool.

### **14 June 2019**

You will be transferred to the Serena Lake Kivu hotel with its own beach and fabulous facilities. Watch the sun set over the lake and after an early dinner included in the cost, early to bed ready for the next day.

### **15 June 2019**

05.00 - transfer from your hotel complete with breakfast box for the 1 hour transfer to the Volcanoes National Park



07.00 - briefing at the visitor centre. You are then allocated in small groups, often of similar fitness, you are allocated a guide team and a specific gorilla family to interact with that day. You will then travel the short distance to the start point of your trek. Once contact is made with your allocated Gorilla family you are allowed one hour to view these fascinating animals. The Gorillas are totally wild and range quite large distances in a day depending on availability of their food source.



*Please be aware that you need to be fit enough to walk, scramble or climb up to 6 hours per day in mountainous terrain if needed. Also you need to ensure that your insurance policy will pay out if you are unwell on the day. You will not be allowed to join the Gorilla trek if you have a cold or flu symptoms. You also need to have suitable clothing and shoes for walking in mountainous terrain.*

Depending on how far you have to walk to find the Gorillas, lunch will be served locally or back at your hotel. Dinner is also included at your hotel.

### **16 June 2019**

After breakfast you will be driven back to Kigali via the IBy Iwacua cultural centre and will arrive back in Kigali late afternoon. You will then join the main tour as detailed below.

The cost includes the following items:

- Pick up from Kigali airport and transfer.
- 1 night in Serena Kigali on B&B basis
- 2 Nights in Serena Lake Kivu on full board basis.
- Ground transportation in 4x4 safari vehicle
- 1 non-refundable Gorilla permit good for one day only.
- Iby Iwacu cultural centre visit.



**Cost is £2649 per person and a non- refundable deposit of £1250.00 pp is required**

*Please be aware of the comments on insurance and fitness required – single supplement £349*

## **THE MAIN TOUR**

### **16 June 2019**

The main group arrives at Kigali International Airport today and will be met and transferred to the Kigali Serena Hotel. Please note a visa fee is payable on arrival of \$30 USD. After check-in you have the option to use the excellent facilities of the hotel to relax. Join the other tour participants at the welcome dinner this evening.

*Please note we are also holding rooms for any that due to their travel arrangements need to arrive a day earlier please ask for details. All participants even if arriving early will be met at the airport.*



### **17 June 2019**

First meeting of the WJCB Council at 07.00 to 10.00 in the hotel. Early breakfast arranged. Other participants after breakfast depart the hotel for a city tour of Kigali including lunch. The group will leave in phased departures from 09.00 with those at the WJCB council meeting going on the last departure. The tour will take in a city view, local markets and the Genocide Memorial centre. Milk is sold somewhat differently in Rwanda than most of us are

used to. Since the success of the dairy projects, an increasing number of milk bars have been set up. These sell fresh milk and also a local yogurt drink, both of which you will get to try. We also visit a special coffee outlet run by an NGO that is helping ladies grow and market coffee. You get to taste this mountain grown coffee.

On return to the hotel you can eat to your own account in the hotel or we can arrange for you to try some local restaurants including transport. There are some fabulous restaurants in Kigali.

### **18 June 2019**

Today we depart by coach to the King's Palace in Nyanza, and the museum that depicts life in Rwanda before and during the colonial influence. At the King's Palace they maintain a herd of the local Inyambo cattle. Lunch will be packed lunch to allow for flexibility of movement today. The places we are visiting mean that we will need to stagger the coaches so everybody has a good experience. Recently there has been some ET work with Jersey embryos taking place in Rwanda and we hope to be able to see some of the first calves from this exciting work that aims to supply bulls for sustainable A.I. Return to the hotel you can eat to your own account in the hotel or we can arrange for you to try some local restaurants including transport.



### **19 June 2019**

Today we look at the work of Send A Cow in Rwanda. This UK based NGO has several projects on-going in Rwanda and the region, and again to allow everybody to get a full and meaningful experience we will use staggered coaches and packed lunches. The day will involve visiting and meeting small holders who are participating in the project work being done. We will experience first hand the difference Send A Cow has made to their lives and how many in turn are using this experience to help others. The

Jersey cow is helping lead the way in enhancing the lives of these ordinary rural folk. Return to the hotel you can eat to your own account in the hotel or we can arrange for you to try some local restaurants including transport.

### **20 June 2019**

Today the Regional Dairy Workshop takes place in the hotel, with delegates from many countries in the region. Organised by the WJCB, it is designed to celebrate what has already been achieved and map out potential for the future. It promises to be an inspiring day and has the full support of the Rwandan government. Being an important event regionally, it will be widely broadcast on TV, radio and in the press. Truly a prestigious event and what a great opportunity to promote the Jersey breed across the region.



The speakers are all acknowledged leaders in their fields. Lunch will be provided by the pool, with a great opportunity to interact with local and regional industry leaders. Following the conclusion of the Workshop there will be a Dinner in the hotel to celebrate the day. We are aware that some may not

want to attend the workshop or indeed only attend for part of the day. We will be organizing an alternative visit for those people.

**21 June 2019**



On arrival in Nairobi, and those on the early flight, you will be transferred to the Nairobi Serena hotel. Lunch will be served on arrival. Please note a visa fee of \$50 USD needs to be paid on entry to Kenya along with completing a long form! This ends your short stay in this fascinating country Rwanda. We are sure you will be encouraged by the development you are seeing with much being driven by the Jersey cow.

This morning is the second part of the WJCB Council meeting, which will be held in the hotel. Air lift from Kigali to Nairobi is limited so any participant not planning to attend the council meeting will leave on the morning flight to Nairobi. Those staying will, at the conclusion of the council meeting, have lunch and transfer for the afternoon flight to Nairobi.

What is included in the Rwanda section of the tour.

- Meet and greet and transfers on arrival at Kigali International Airport.
- 5 nights B&B at the Kigali Serena Hotel
- Welcome dinner on arrival
- Meeting rooms on 17 and 21 June for WJCB meetings.
- City tour of Kigali including lunch, and the Genocide Museum.
- Full day trip to the King's Palace and packed lunch.
- Full day trip with Send A Cow with packed lunch.
- Regional Dairy Workshop with lunch. Alternative non-dairy program.
- Final Dinner for both RDW and WCJB delegates.
- Lunch for delegates staying for WJCB meeting.
- Lunch will be provided on arrival for the early departures in Nairobi.
- Transfer from hotel to KGL airport on the Friday.



**Cost is £1432.00 per person based on double occupancy**  
*Single supplement is £470.00 per person*

## **POST TOUR**

### **Kenya**

This may be a return to a country that you have visited before, but for some it is a first visit to one of Africa's most important and influential countries. For many the word 'Kenya' is closely associated with the word 'safari' and Kenya is blessed with many fantastic game parks. Perhaps the greatest of those is the Masai Mara and the area within the Mara considered to be amongst the most dense game areas in the world is the 'Mara

Triangle'. You will get a chance to see the "Big Five" – lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo – during our stay. We have been fortunate to get access to one of the best lodges within this game-rich area.

### 21 June 2019



The group will reassemble in Nairobi after flights from Kigali. Transfers are provided from the airport to this spectacular central hotel in Nairobi, the Nairobi Serena, which has just undergone a massive upgrade. Lunch provided in the hotel for early arrivals.

### 22 June 2019

Early breakfast has been arranged with the hotel today before the group departs for a full day trip to visit the Mills family farm just outside Nakuru where the Rawhide herd of pedigree Jerseys is based. On the way we will travel in to the Great Rift Valley, and will stop on the escarpment so you can get a chance to take in this spectacular view. Joe & Janet Mills not only have one of Kenya's largest herds of Jersey cows but they are also involved in breeding horses. Lunch on the farm before returning to the hotel in Nairobi. Dinner on your own account in the hotel.

### 23 June 2019

Later start this morning after a long day yesterday. We will be visiting herds in the greater Nairobi area, looking at some small holder herds typical in this part of the country. Lunch will be on the farm of Dr Romi Grammaticas near Karen, and a chance to look around her fabulous Ol Endeti Jersey herd with female lines originally from the Island of Jersey. This evening we will be joining local breeders at the world famous Carnivore Restaurant. Carnivore, as the name suggests is one of the best restaurants for meat in Africa, but also serves a wide variety of other foods. For sure you will not leave hungry as you dine under the stars at this fantastic location. Return to hotel when full!



### 24 June 2019



This morning we head to Kabete AI centre which has for many years been a beacon of excellence in Africa. It houses Kenya's home bred bulls used in the local AI service. In addition it acts as the distribution point for imported semen. We will hear of developments in distribution as well as plans to progeny test more locally bred bulls. Not far away is the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) which in turn is affiliated to CGIAR. Many WCJB Member countries governments contribute via their own overseas aid programmes via their own governments' overseas aid programs contribute to the important work being done to secure long term world- wide food security. Some of the work being done here is at a theoretical level which is often needed before the more practical solutions can be formulated. The Institute has done major work in designing models of sustainable livestock farming and a practical example of what has been achieved is the work we have seen in Rwanda. Lunch arranged



along the way. The day will end at the home of Karen Blixen after whom part of greater Nairobi is named. This interesting story made famous by the film *'Out of Africa'* has strong farming and dairy connections. Her home shows actually how she lived and also looks at the farming operations she was involved in. Return to hotel with dinner to own account.

### **25 June 2019**

Early breakfast and start this morning as we head via Naivasha along the floor of the Great Rift Valley to the Masai Mara. Enroute we plan to visit a flower production facility in Naivasha. To allow some flexibility today we plan a packed lunch. This should allow us to traverse across to the Masai Mara National Reserve (Park) and allow for a game drive enroute. Dinner in the game lodge.



### **26 June 2019**

Breakfast in the lodge with full game drives pre and post lunch. The Masai Mara is one of the world's most game-rich areas and has been made famous in recent years by the highly acclaimed TV show *'Big Cat Diary'*. Please note this lodge has excellent facilities including a great swimming pool. Dinner served in the lodge.

### **27 June 2019**

Early breakfast as we set out towards the far end of the 'Mara Triangle' often considered the gem in the whole Masai Mara area. Lunch today will be a bush lunch to allow us to spend the maximum time in this area. Return late afternoon to the lodge for dinner.



### **28 June 2019**

Today after breakfast we retrace our steps back to Nairobi airport for your flight home. Please note that due to entry and exit restrictions in the park all onward same day flights from Nairobi need to be after 17.00. We are also holding some rooms if your flights mean you need to overnight in Nairobi. Lunch today will be to your own account.

Your Kenya section costs include the following:



- Flight from Kigali to Nairobi in economy class. The right to impose a late charge for late bookings is reserved
  - Meet and greet at Nairobi airport and transfer to hotel.
  - Lunch on day 1 for early arrivals from Kigali, and lunch in Kigali for those on the later flight.
  - 4 nights Serena Nairobi hotel on B&B basis
- Full day with lunch to the Great Rift Valley and Nakuru farm visit.
  - Full day in and around Nairobi including farm lunch.
  - Dinner at the famous Carnivore restaurant with local Jersey club members. Drinks to own account.
  - Full day visit to Kabete AI centre and ILRI institute. Lunch provided
  - Day ends with a visit to Karen Blixen's house made famous from the "Out Of Africa" film.
  - Full day transfer in safari vehicles to the Masai Mara. Visit enroute to Flower farm.
  - Entrance to the Masai Mara National Park
  - 3 nights full board at the Mara Serena Safari Lodge on a full board basis.
  - 2 full day game drives.
  - Includes a safari lunch out in the game areas to allow for travelling to the far end of the reserve.
  - Departure from the Masai Mara to fit in with check-in at Nairobi for home bound flights.
  - Note flights out of Nairobi will need to be after 17.00 hours to allow for a comfortable transfer. Lunch today on own account

**The cost £2499 per person based on double occupancy**

*Single supplement is £550*

Some may wish to extend their stay in East Africa, as there is so much more to see. Maybe a visit to the fabulous Indian Ocean coast of Kenya, just an hours' flight away from Nairobi, would be a good option. Another alternative would be to spend some time on the beautiful and richly historic island of Zanzibar (the "Spice Island"), flying there via Dar es Salaam, capital city of Tanzania. There are so many options so please contact us today to discuss and make sure you get the best options and prices available.

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# PROVISIONAL BOOKING FORM FOR WJCB TOUR - 2019

## World Jersey Meeting June 2019 being held in Rwanda and Kenya

This trip is offered in two joined sections with a pre tour to the Rwanda Section to see the Gorillas.

This form is used to gather the information we need to make a booking for you and allow us to assist in making the whole as seamless as possible. Once we have your information we will email you or your travel organiser a formal quote. During in this time we will hold the space on the tour pending receipt of your deposit. We will furnish full details of our bank account with the quotation. All prices are quoted in UKL sterling and all payments are received into a UK bank account. Your money is fully protected under UK law as we hold ATOL/ABTA/IATA licences.



Full payment is required 12 weeks prior to travel and all deposits once paid are fully non-refundable. We strongly suggest that you take out suitable insurance in your home country as soon as the deposit is paid. A full list of our terms and conditions will be sent with your quotation together with a shorter formal booking form.

The people looking after you are the same team as handled the UK, Ireland and Jersey tour in 2016. We look forward to meeting old friends again and meeting new ones as well. We have been out in both Kenya and Rwanda recently is very sure that this trip will fully meet your expectations. The hotels are superb, the welcome friendly and our hosts are excited about the upcoming visit. The impact the Jersey cow is currently making in both countries is a joy to see.

Please see the main document for full details of each tour.

### **There will be 3 stages to the confirmation and firm booking of your placement, as follows**

- Step 1: Collect the initial details
- Step 2: Issue and send you a firm quotation along with our legal Terms and Conditions and Booking Form.
- Step 3: On receipt of the deposit, we will then issue you with the formal invoice which will need to be paid 12 weeks before the departure date. We will send you our bank details in step 2.

**It is a requirement that you have adequate travel insurance for your trip. ou will be required to share this information with us on the formal booking form that we issue you.**

### **Travel Details:**

All rooms will be non-smoking

Which room would you like:    Single             Twin             Double

The official times of the Tour and Meeting will be in English, are you able to understand?    Yes     No

Please tick one of the options below for your desired Itinerary/Trip:  
 (Please note that Option 1 can only be taken in conjunction with Option 2)

Tour Options	Option 1 Meet the Gorillas	Option 2 Rwanda Explored	Option 3 Kenya revisited
Date	13 <sup>th</sup> June to 15 <sup>th</sup> June Arrive Kigali	16 <sup>th</sup> June to 20 <sup>th</sup> June Arrive Kigali – if your flight arrives a day earlier we have rooms/airport transfers available	21 <sup>st</sup> June to Arrive Rwanda, we have rooms/airport transfers reserved should you need to stay an extra night
Price	£2649.00 per person twin share or double. £349.00 per person Single supplement	£1432.00 per person twin share or double. £470 per person single supplement	£2499.00 per person twin share or double £550 per person single supplement
Selection – Please tick which Option/s you require and number of people			

***N.B. It is very important that you advise us as soon as possible regarding Option 1 as there are a limited amount of spaces available each day.***

**Medication:** You always should check with your own Doctor but as a general rule it is normally advised that you would take suitable Malaria precaution throughout your trip. In addition Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccinations should be up to date.

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(For Overseas Clients) if you have already booked through a Travel Agency, then please advise their name, contact number, address and email details so that we may co-ordinate with them directly.

**For further information, please call – 00 44 1509 618810 Today**

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Please indicate what passport the participants hold:

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Your Contact phone number both landline and mobile please.

Your Contact email:

What date do you plan to join the tour and do you need an extra night:

What Date do you plan to depart the tour and do you need an extra night?

Please add any relevant information below that you think might help us make your trip more enjoyable. Helpful things are to know of any dietary needs or allergies