



WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR/LEADER: Beb REYNOL - Delta Geographic

DATES: January 19-28, 2018

LENGTH: 10 days

PROGRAM:

The workshop takes us into the engaging process of the visual storytelling while we step into the lives of working communities from the street-maze built on hillside of Kigali to remote regions surrounded by terraced hills and lakes, initiating a dialogue with women like Marie-Jeanne and others who are empowered by will and determination.

## ITINERARIES



### Day 1 - Arrival Kigali

As you land in the morning, we pick you up from the airport and take you to our lovely and centrally located guesthouse Step Town Hotel, which looks at the magnificent hills of the capital city from its terrace. The afternoon is used to go over the workshop, review the itinerary and some of the practices in storytelling then we step into the neighborhood.

**Day 2 - Kigali**

In the morning, as we set to explore Kigali's oldest neighborhood, we step into its street maze built on hillsides to meet with its young residents. Rwanda has made significant achievements in tackling gender inequality ranking sixth in the world. However, young women still face numerous challenges to complete secondary education, limiting their ability to work their way out of poverty. We learn the process of storytelling while engaging with a culture growing in a time of change.  
*Guesthouse Step Town Hotel.*

**Day 3 - Kitabi**

Travel to the stunning Kitabi Tea Estate and discover its vast plantation carved into terraced hills, spreading through miles of eucalyptus forest, a colossal achievement of an industry rooted at the edge of one of world's untouched and vast mountain rainforest, the Nyungwe forest - elevation above 7000ft. After checking-in at the *Kitabi College Guest House*, trek through the hills and capture images of the impressive topography to get a sense of a place.

**Day 4 - Kitabi**

From the early morning, meet with the staff of the Kitabi Tea Factory then drive to the terrace farm fields to document the work of tea harvesters, working in high steep hills. Making a vital contribution to Rwanda's economy, the tea farming is a cash crop for the country in contrast with most of Rwandans who practice subsistence agriculture. The industry depends on its labor workers and most of them are women who play a significant role in the country's economic growth.  
*Kitabi College Guest House.*

**Day 5 - Kibuye**

Drive to the remote town of Karongi overlooking the Lake Kivu - elevation 4,780 ft. also known as Kibuye, a town lodged into a dramatic land of hills and forest. The lake is one of the African Great Lakes and shares its shores with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). After the civil war, 70% of the survivors were women whose responsibilities were to rebuild this country. After we settle into our rooms, we hike up to reach to remote communities.  
*Guest house Home St. Jean.*

**Day 6 - Kibuye**

We start the day on a motorboat and navigate across the shores of Lake Kivu to inaccessible villages. The majority of farmers in the region live on a subsistence economy depending on few natural resources and the geography, while spectacular, exposes elements to their identity.  
*Guest house Home St. Jean.*

**Day 7 - Kibuye**

Following our footsteps, we continue further and deeper into the region by motorboat, then we trek through hills to meet with the local farmers. We set to meet

women who play important roles in educating the new generation in the present selective economy.

*Guest house Home St. Jean.*

**Day 8 - Byumba**

Situated above 7000 ft. the remote town north of the country opens to many dramatic vistas and only kilometers away from Uganda. We take a break at our friendly *Ubwuzu Hotel* before capturing images of the local market and its cobblestone streets.

**Day 9 - Byumba - Kigali**

In the morning, we inch our way on off the beaten path through Eucalyptus forest to meet with local residents to capture their portraits. In the afternoon, we drive back to Kigali and re-cap our photographic adventure at our cozy *Guest house Step Town Hotel*.

**Day 10 - Kigali Departure**