

# Rwanda's First Multi-Stage Ultra Marathon to Take Place in January 2025

## Key points

- Ultra X Rwanda will be held in the Burera and Musanze districts of Rwanda's Northern Province on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January 2025.
- Runners can choose between two distance formats: a 2-day, 110km route across the weekend or a 50km race on Sunday.
- Over 100 international runners from the United States, Australia, and Europe are expected to participate.

## A Historic Event for Rwanda

Rwanda's first-ever multi-stage ultra-marathon, Ultra X Rwanda, will take place in January 2025, marking a major milestone in the country's sporting calendar. This event is part of an exciting year for Rwanda, which will also host the World Cycling Championships later in 2025.

The race will be held in the picturesque Burera and Musanze districts, featuring some of Rwanda's most breathtaking landscapes. The course includes stunning views of the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo, the majestic Virunga Mountains, and five iconic volcanoes: Mt. Muhabura, Mt. Sabyinyo, Mt. Karisimbi, Mt. Bisoke, and Mt. Gahinga.

Runners have the option to participate in:

- A 2-day, 110km race covering the full weekend.
- A shorter 50km race taking place on Sunday.

Over 100 international competitors will travel to Rwanda for the event, hailing from the United States, Australia, and Europe. In addition, Ultra X is offering a special local race entry fee to make the event more accessible for Rwandan and East African runners. Interested participants can access the local entry registration [here](#).

Ultra X, supported by the Clarion Welby Foundation, will also provide essential kit to local runners, ensuring they are fully equipped to compete.

## Quotes

Alexander Fetherston-Godley, Race Director at Ultra X said: “We are thrilled to bring the inaugural Ultra X Rwanda to life. The event will showcase Rwanda’s extraordinary beauty and allow our international competitors to experience its warm culture and welcoming people. Most importantly, we want this event to be celebrated as a Rwandan and African race first and foremost, which is why we’ve worked hard to make it accessible to East African participants.”

### **About Ultra X Rwanda – Tugende Partnership**

Ultra X is a global multi-day ultramarathon series offering trail races in some of the world’s most adventurous and scenic locations. The series has hosted events in Sri Lanka, Mexico, and Croatia, with its current portfolio spanning Rwanda, Tanzania, Scotland, Finland, Slovenia, Wales, England, Jordan, Nevada, Morocco, and Madeira.

Ultra X races are designed to cater to all trail runners, offering entry distances ranging from 25km to 50km, 60km, 110km (2-day races), and 220km (5-day multi-stage races).

For Ultra X Rwanda, Ultra X has partnered with Tugende, an organization that shares Ultra X’s mission of promoting well-being and creating a positive impact through sport and community. Tugende will support the operational and promotional aspects of the event, engaging both local runners and expats based in Rwanda.

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