

Canoe & Kayak Leader Training Course

Musanze & Rubavu | 16 August – 9 September 2022

Two full-time jobs available in Musanze or Rubavu

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Canoe and Kayak Leader for Kingfisher Journeys. You will need to work very hard, but if you are successful, this intensive course will teach you the skills that you need to lead the most exciting watersports activities in Rwanda.

Before applying, you must be fluent in English, you must be fit, active and **able to swim 100m VERY well**. Ideally, you will also have some experience leading tourist activities. You should also be good at solving problems and mathematics. Minimum age: 22.

Important: You must be available to work for Kingfisher Journeys full-time in Musanze or Rubavu. You cannot have any other employment.

Course Details

16 August: Pre-course assessment. Rubavu.¹

Before beginning the training, your core skills including your ability to competently swim in open water will be tested as well as your ability to solve problems and work as a team. You will be continuously assessed and if selected, you will be invited to continue.

19 – 25 August: Training Week 1 – Canoe Skills. Musanze²

Starting with how to move, steer and control a modern canoe, you will also be taught about safety and how to look after yourself and others on and in the water. You will be shown how to apply leadership and group skills on the water and there may also be one day of kayak training. Your competence, skills and aptitude will be continuously assessed and those showing the greatest competence will be invited to continue.

26 August – 2 September: Training Week 2 – Leadership & Group Skills. Musanze²

Building on your personal skills, you will be taught more about risk assessments, safety and leadership, working with clients as well as managing incidents and first aid. There may also be one day of kayak training in Rubavu. You will continue to be continuously assessed and those showing the greatest competence will be invited to continue.

No training on Saturday 27 August for Umuganda

5 – 9 September: Training Week 3 – Kayak Skills & Leading Trips. Musanze & Rubavu²

Whilst learning more kayak skills Lake Kivu, this week will focus on bringing all your skills and training together to begin leading client trips. Two people who prove their competence and commitment to lead trips at the required standard, will be offered full-time jobs as canoe or kayak leaders. There are likely to be more opportunities in the future.

<https://www.kingfisherjourneys.com/canoe-kayak-leader.html>

¹ If you pass the swimming test, lunch & travel are included. If you cannot swim, no expenses will be paid.

² Lunch, travel & shared accommodation included for remote applicants. Evening meal is not included. All expenses must be claimed with a valid EBM receipt with the correct TIN or bus ticket.