



UGANDA TRAVEL GUIDE

Introducing Uganda

Uganda is a small land locked East African country located west of Kenya and north of Tanzania, east of DR Congo and South of Sudan. Uganda covers 236,040 sq km of both land and water area. It enjoys a tropical type of climate with abundant rains and two dry seasons (December to February, June to August); semiarid in northeast, the terrain is mostly plateau with rim of mountains. Its elevation extremes go for 621m at Lake Albert as the lowest and the highest point at Margherita Peak on Mount Rwenzori at 5,110m.

Best Time to Visit Uganda:

The general climate condition is good in Uganda all year round with dry and wet seasons, temperatures range between 22 and 27°C during day and a little low at night. Light clothes and 1 or 2 jackets can be carried because even when it rains the weather is not that harsh and it rains for an average of one hour. However the western part of the country especially Kabale and Kisoro Districts are somehow colder.

Visas to Uganda

A valid passport is mandatory. Single entry visas are available without difficulty on arrival at Entebbe or Kigali airports, or at land borders into Uganda or Rwanda. We recommend clients obtain their visa before travel. Visas can be obtained at Ugandan missions overseas or at Entebbe.

Health/Insurance:

Malaria vaccination should be taken prior to travel in order to avoid inconveniences. Most Malaria prescriptions can be bought affordably and with ease over the counter in Kampala. For the insurance part, clients are advised to take their Personal insurance before travelling to Uganda.

Official Language:

English is the National language and is widely spoken however, Luganda, Swahili and many other local languages are spoken. All the people you will interact with in hotels, lodges, airport and your driver guides are fluent in English while some are multi-lingua; speaking fluent Spanish, French, German, Italian and Mandarin among other languages.

Air Transport

The country's main hub is Entebbe International Airport. A number of international Airlines operate direct flights to Entebbe, these airlines include, British Airways, SN Brussels, Kenya Airways, KLM, Emirates, South Africa Airways, Egypt Air and Ethiopian Airways, and Emirates. Other Airlines include the Domestic and regional operators. These have scheduled and charter flights to most areas of the country and East Africa as a region.

Currency:

Ugandan Shilling is our National currency. However, other currencies like the US dollars, Euro, British Pound or Travelers' Cheque are acceptable in some places especially hotels and other tourist facilities.

Forex Services are available all around Kampala in Forex Bureaus and Banks. Bank and ATM services are provided widely in the Capital and Upcountry. Credit cards are accepted in major hotels, international banks and some restaurants but not widely. You are advised to carry local currency upcountry as you may not get forex services.

Clothing:

Light clothing, hats, and sturdy shoes are what I can advise you to carry. A sun cream and an insect repellent will be of great help and for those interested in Gorilla Tracking you will be required to have long pants (Jeans) and long sleeved shirts and blouses, rain gear- water proof jacket or rain coat that will protect your cameras from rain. In Bwindi Forest it rains almost daily and therefore sturdy shoes are recommended for the steep terrain.

Electrical appliances In Uganda

Electricity in Uganda is 240 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Uganda with a device that does not accept 240 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter.

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