

Uganda

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Uganda due to crime, terrorism, and anti-LGBTQI+ laws and environment. Exercise increased caution due to potential risks and the unpredictable nature of public demonstrations.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

+(256)256-414-259791; U S Embassy Kampala, 1577 Ggaba Road, Kampala, Uganda; KampalaUSCitizen@state.gov;

<https://ug.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

256

Local Emergency Phone

112 (cell phone), 999 (fixed)

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Uganda: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; generally rainy with two dry seasons (December to February, June to August); semiarid in northeast

Currency (Code)

Ugandan shillings (UGX)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



Type G

Major Languages

English, Ganda or Luganda, other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, Muslim

Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

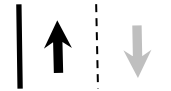
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

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Tourist Destinations

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park; Kibale Forest National Park; Queen Elizabeth National Park; Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary; Murchison Falls National Park; Tombs of Bugana Kings; Uganda Wildlife Conservation Center

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, basketball, athletics (track and field), boxing

Cultural Practices

Uganda culture and etiquette accept people of the same sex to talk while lightly touching. It is common to see people on the street talking while touching their hands, arms, and shoulders. When two people of the opposite sex talk, there is very little to no touching. The only appropriate touch is usually a handshake.

Tipping Guidelines

It is not customary to tip for service in hotels and bars. It is common to tip your driver and guide on a safari or hike, as well as the porter and cook that accompanies the group. Conventionally, \$10-20 (USD) per person per day would be a fair benchmark.

Souvenirs

Musical instruments, wood carvings, woven goods and batik fabric, locally made jewelry, local teas and coffees

Traditional Cuisine

Matoke (or Matooke) — unripe boiled, steamed, or roasted bananas typically mashed and paired with vegetable sauces, ground peanuts, or meat

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