

# CREATE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME



# EXPERIENCE UGANDA YOUR WAY



With a tapestry of landscapes and breath-taking wildlife watching, Uganda packs a lot into one small country. It's home to Africa's tallest mountain range, the source of the Nile—the world's longest river—and the continent's largest lake. But what makes this country so unique is its people, ready to welcome all who visit.

Whether your travel goals are focused on exploration, service or both, your decision to take a 10-day (or more!) visit to Uganda will significantly benefit the people of Bunnamweri and change your life forever. We're grateful for the opportunity to share with you the vision that Father Dennis Kasule and Stepping Stones Foundation of Hope have for St. Raphael's and the communities that it serves.



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## AIR FARE



Airfare to Uganda varies somewhat depending upon the month you travel. Although fluctuations in airfare can occur, travel agents have identified roughly three price groups for coach seating from Chicago to Entebbe, with a stop in Amsterdam. Upgrades to business class are typically available if purchased in advance for an additional fee. (\*Note: certain dates/holidays will affect airfare pricing.)

### **Group A \$900—\$1200 per person round trip coach fare**

Travel months: September, November, December\*, January\*, February, March, April

### **Group B \$1100—\$1700 per person round trip coach fare**

Travel months: May & October

### **Group C \$1100—\$1700 per person round trip coach fare**

Travel months: June, July, August

## TRAVEL VISA

Eligible individuals that are planning to visit Uganda are able to complete a short and easy online e-Visa application form for tourism purposes.

The Uganda e-Visa permits visits for up to thirty (30) days and is valid for a three (3) month period. It's mandatory the visitor's passport is valid for at least six (6) months from the date of arrival into Uganda. Have your passport on hand when completing the application. The process takes up to 36 hours to complete

[www.us-passport-service-guide.com](http://www.us-passport-service-guide.com)

## REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

The CDC and World Health Organization (WHO) have created a list of recommended vaccines prior to traveling to Uganda. In particular, proof of Yellow Fever vaccination, is required before entry. And you'll need to begin taking pills to protect against Malaria a few days prior to travel, during your stay, as well as a few days after your return home.

Some of the other vaccines needed include: Hepatitis A&B, Typhoid and updated Tdap, and Measles/Mumps & Rubella (MMR) adult booster. Depending upon where you go for your vaccinations and the number required, the costs can range from \$350-\$500.

[www.passporthealthusa.com/destination-advice](http://www.passporthealthusa.com/destination-advice)





## PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER



What better way to capture all your amazing Uganda memories than by having your own personal photographer with you during your stay! Our professional photographer will be there for each exciting moment, providing you with an assortment of candid and posed shots, for a photo album you can reminisce over for a lifetime.

### Derrick Kabuye

Derrick lives in Kampala where he runs his own studio and creative agency, providing professional photography and videos for clients throughout Uganda. He recently joined the local Rotary and volunteers his time and talents to promoting the needs of St. Raphael.

\$400 per week (5 days)



## PERSONAL DRIVER/CONCIERGE

### Tonny Mbogga

Tonny is one of the first students to have his schooling sponsored, and is an example of why our organization works so hard to support continued education for the students of Bunnamweri.

As SSFOH's new Chief Operating Officer, Tonny wears multiple hats, from administrative duties at St. Raphael to filling in as driver and concierge for visiting guests. A native Kampalan, Tonny will be guide and driver for your day trips, as well as provide transportation to/from the airport.



Van: 500 + gas for 5 people up to 10 days. Does not include Safari trips.

Bus: Holds 20+ people

- \$160/day to Mpigi/St. Raphael School
- \$270/day to Ziwa Sanctuary (safari)



## Murchison Falls /Safari (3 Days)

On the way from Kampala to Paara Safari Lodge, you'll stop at Murchison Falls, where the River Nile explodes through a narrow gorge. Bring your camera for a view you won't believe.

Day 2 will begin with a 6:30 a.m. game drive to see early morning risers, like the lions and hyenas. Throughout the day, you'll have opportunities to see a variety of animals including monkeys, giraffes, elephants, buffalos, antelopes and several bird species.

The cost includes 2 overnight stays at the Paara Safari Lodge, all meals and transportation to/from Kampala. You may choose to take a boat ride down the River Nile for another look at the amazing wildlife living in Murchison Falls National Park.



- 4 travelers: \$970 (double occupancy)
- 5 travelers: \$840 (double & 1 twin occupancy)

## White Rhino Tour (1 Day)

Located 110 miles north of Kampala, Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary is the only place in Uganda to see these magnificent, endangered creatures.

Guided by your rangers, you'll enter the territory of the southern white rhinos on foot to experience them as they travel within the vast sanctuary grounds. During your bush trek, you'll likely encounter a range of other wildlife including Uganda kobs, oribis, bush bucks, as well as a variety of bird species.



The best times to see the rhinos are 8-10am or 2-4pm. Your visit will last 1.5 - 2.5 hours, depending upon the location of the rhinos. Wear long pants, closed shoes and insect repellent, and bring water.

**\$ 110 per person, based on 20 participants in a coaster bus; lunch included.**

**Combine your Ziwa experience with your 3-day Murchison Falls Safari (including van):**

- 4 travelers: \$1035 per person (double occupancy)
- 5 travelers: \$910 per person (double & 1 twin occupancy)

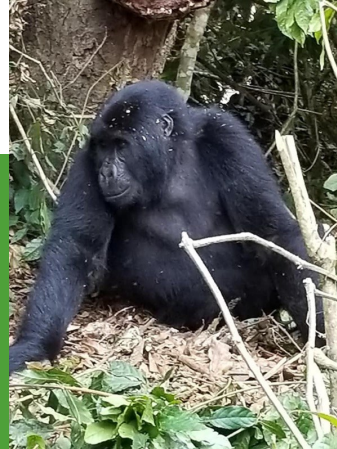
*Alternate excursions are available. Visit [mcberntours.com](http://mcberntours.com) for details.*



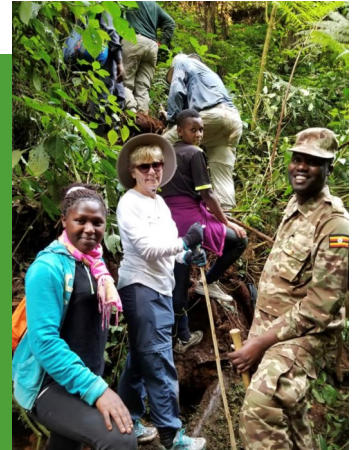


## Legendary 3-Day Gorilla Safari

After a day of travel, visiting small villages along the way, including lunch at the Equator, you'll arrive at Bwindi Forest. Ardent hikers will love tracking the gorillas through steep and muddy conditions before reaching them. Then enjoy watching them as they eat, play and rest. If you're lucky, one may want to touch you.



For those not ready for such a physically intensive experience, the safari includes a guided village walk to see the local people and learn about their culture. The cost includes 2 overnight stays at Bwindi or Haven Lodge, dinners on days 1 & 2, as well as breakfasts and lunches during travel times.



**\$2,050\*** per person in a double/twin room @ Bwindi Lodge (4-star)

*\*Based on 5 people; 2/room occupancy.*

**\$1,350\*** per person in a double/twin room @ Haven Lodge (2-3 star)

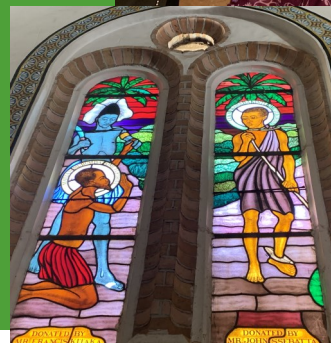
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## Kampala Area Sightseeing

There's so much to see!

From shopping in Jinja by Lake Victoria, to touring the cathedrals and monuments, you'll get a true flavor for Uganda and its many jewels. Be sure to take a trip to the equator for lunch & shopping, and experience what it's like to be on both hemispheres at the same time!

And if you've selected the personal transportation package, the only costs are based your sightseeing, meals and shopping expenses for the day.





# FOR ALL EXPLORERS



To complete your Africa experience, we encourage all of our travelers to see firsthand what our vision at SSFOH is about - loving all of God's children by bringing hope to communities in need.

## St. Raphael School & Grounds

St. Raphael Junior School opened in 2016 to provide access to education for the most underserved grade levels—nursery through 7th grade. You'll have the opportunity to meet the students of St. Raphael, and witness their excitement and enthusiasm for learning.



While on the grounds, you'll also tour the new church and small medical clinic that cares for hundreds of families in the surrounding villages.



And before leaving, you'll want to stop at the youth center to learn about the trades these students have learned to create financial independence.



## Saint Francis Clinic Tour

Stepping Stones Foundation of Hope has partnered with Father John Bosco to help this "nun run" haven for patients whose families are no longer able to care for them. Ages range from infant to 100+ with conditions that include mental and physical disabilities, as well as multiple chronic illnesses.



Over the next few years, the clinic will be increasing its staff by 1 physician and 2 nurses - SSFOH is currently sponsoring the education of these three women to provide needed support.

It's our hope that by visiting St. Francis you'll witness the blessing of God's love as you meet those who are cared for, and those who care for the truly neediest of His people.







# ACCOMMODATIONS



Your accommodations in Uganda can be as posh or authentically African as you'd like. We have identified 4 options for your stay, but feel free to do your own research to find a place that you can call home throughout your stay in Uganda.

## Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort

This 5-star luxury resort is located in Kampala and features a full-service spa, a marina, and five restaurants. There's fun for all ages with a children's pool and a playground, and barbecue grills are available on site.

Enjoy the 2 outdoor pools and free perks like buffet breakfast, internet and a refrigerator in your room.

The resort is also connected to a shopping center and you'll be within a half mile of Lake Victoria. The Kibuli Mosque and Kabaka's Palace are just 9 miles away.

\$200-\$300 per night—Check on website for availability and pricing based on room occupancy and travel dates.



## Protea Hotel by Marriott—Kampala

This 4-Star hotel is located within Kampala's business district, and is within a 15-minute drive of Lake Victoria and Uganda Golf Course. It's less than 1 from The Aca-cia Mall.

Each room contains a private balcony, and features iPod docking stations, DVD players, and plasma TVs with satellite programming. Wireless Internet is free.

The hotel features a 24-hour health club, restaurant and 24-hour room service. Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at the bar/lounge. A complimentary buffet breakfast is included with your stay.

\$150 per night—Check on website for availability and pricing based on room occupancy and travel dates.







# ACCOMODATIONS



## Father Dennis' Home

The home of Father Dennis is located near the St. Raphael School and church in the village of Mpigi.

Considered upscale for the region, this modest 3-bedroom home is available to rent for a one-week (5-overnights) stay. It includes 2 full bathrooms with showers. No air conditioning, internet or TV.

Save money with this authentic option, where students will be on hand to prepare 3 meals per day with the food you've purchased, do all clean up and support most needs. A \$100 tip per student is encouraged.



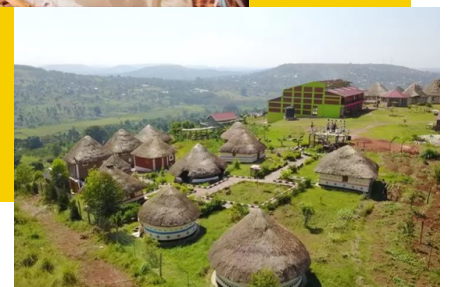
\$500 for 5 nights

## Kitende

You can't get much more authentic than this.

Considered a "social innovation experience", this 3-star lodge is located in Mpigi, just around the corner from St. Raphael.

Cabins include private bathroom, coffee/tea maker and access to its coffee shop, bar/lounge as well as the property's garden and terrace.



\$25 per night



If it's a serving heart that brings you to Uganda, there is plenty of work to go around!

## Service Work

We're proud to have recently completed construction of a new 3-story school building!

Once complete, this addition will allow another 600 students to attend St. Raphael School! We'll be looking for help in the spackling and painting of the newly finished first floor.



\$570 per person to cover cost of materials & lunch (5 days)

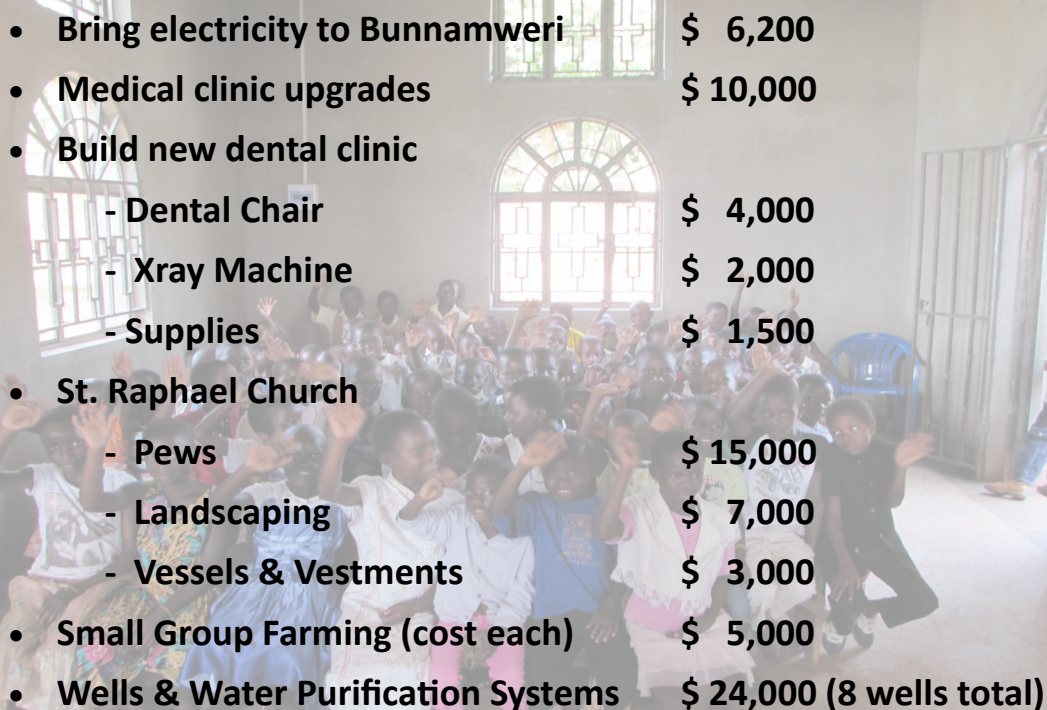
Additional transportation costs will vary depending upon the number of travelers.

## Wish List

**Across Uganda, and in Bunnamweri specifically, there is no shortage of needs!**

If you're not a traveler but still want to contribute, we have a wish list of projects that would benefit greatly from a financial donation.

Your generosity—and those you share our vision with—will mean the world to the people of this community.

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- Bring electricity to Bunnamweri \$ 6,200
  - Medical clinic upgrades \$ 10,000
  - Build new dental clinic
    - Dental Chair \$ 4,000
    - Xray Machine \$ 2,000
    - Supplies \$ 1,500
  - St. Raphael Church
    - Pews \$ 15,000
    - Landscaping \$ 7,000
    - Vessels & Vestments \$ 3,000
  - Small Group Farming (cost each) \$ 5,000
  - Wells & Water Purification Systems \$ 24,000 (8 wells total)

# PUTTING IT TOGETHER



Here's a summary of costs for a typical 10-day trip (per person):

- Airfare: \$1000
- Vaccines \$ 200
- Visa \$ 50
- Driver \$ 500
- Gas \$ 250
- Photographer \$ 400 (per family)
- Murchison Safari \$ 800
- Service Volunteer\* \$ 500

*\* The service-related parts of your trip (airfare and service volunteer) can be booked through SSFOH, making them tax deductible.*