

WHY UGANDA?



With a rich diversity of landscapes, incredible wildlife and friendly people - this landlocked country, known as “The Pearl of Africa” is today recognised as one of the safest destinations in Africa with a vibrant and emerging tourism industry despite its dark history. Here’s why you should put it on the top of your bucket lists!

- Home to all the “Big 5”
- The remote Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is home to around 340 gorillas - making up almost half the world’s surviving mountain gorillas.
- Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary on an island in Lake Victoria is home to around 50 orphaned chimpanzees. Enjoy a forest walk with the chimps or an overnight experience!
- It is a birder's paradise - with more species of birds per square kilometre than anywhere else in the world. In fact 11% of all birds (1000+ species) in the world can be found in Uganda.
- Home to the snow-capped Rwenzoris - Africa's tallest mountain range
- It has the source of the Nile - the world's longest river
- It has Africa’s largest lake - the immense Lake Victoria
- Murchison Falls National Park is Uganda’s largest national park - teeming with wildlife and known for its 45m-tall waterfall, made famous in the Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart movie “*The African Queen*”
- Igongo Cultural Centre is a cultural village on the grounds of a former palace of the Ankole king. This museum showcases the peoples of southwestern Uganda, particularly the Ankole, through artefacts, a cultural village replica and a restaurant serving traditional dishes.
- Mengo Palace, built in 1922, is the former home of the king of Buganda, though it has remained empty since 1966 when it was attacked by the forces of Idi Amin to oust Kabaka Mutesa II, then President. The notorious underground prison is open to tours.
- Kidepo Valley National Park is tucked away in a lost valley surrounded by mountains and is home to various animals found nowhere else in Uganda, including cheetahs, bat-eared foxes, aardwolves and caracals.
- Great value for money
- Kampala is known as the entertainment capital of East Africa.
- Temperatures all year round average 25-30c.

Where to stay?

- [The Kampala Serena Hotel](#) is an oasis of cool and green, with a secure environment ideally located in an excellent location in the heart of Kampala, which is the focal point of national, regional, corporate, political and social life.
- [Lake Victoria Serena](#) rises on gentle slopes above the marina, with long views across the lush greens to Lake Victoria beyond, the hotel has been styled to echo a Roman Villa with its campanile, glittering mosaics, rustically arched pool terrace and shaded colonnades.

