## Uganda Charity Tours

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## The Pearl of Africa

Uganda is gifted by nature. From the splendour of the <u>Murchison Falls on the Nile</u> – the longest river in Africa, only second to the River Rhine in the world – to the thrilling game-driving experience in the <u>Queen Elizabeth National Park</u> in the great East African rift valley. From bird watching on the boat cruise on the Kazinga channel to <u>Gorilla tracking</u> in the Bwindi Impenetrable Rainforest. Did I mention <u>Kibale Forest National Park</u>, the home to the highest primate density in East Africa? Did I mention watching giraffes and Zebras graze the <u>Kidepo Valley National Park</u> grasslands? What about the diverse cultures engraved in the hospitality of the people? How about the rich <u>cultural monuments and historical sites</u>?

Whether you're planning your first Africa tour or a return visit, one person or a group, Uganda should be your preferred travel destination. Uganda will offer you a memorable, lifetime experience. From the moment you land at Entebbe International Airport on the shores of Lake Victoria and feel the breeze from the second-biggest freshwater lake in the world, you will feel that, indeed, Uganda is truly the Pearl of Africa.

Yet, this country has tremendous socio-economic challenges. Most of its 45.9 million people cannot afford two meals a day. Over half of its population (50.5%) is below 15. It's this young population that finds it difficult to access education. 40% of girls in Uganda are married off underage, where they face a higher risk of domestic violence. Only one in 10 girls is able to return to school after giving birth. The World Bank estimates that Uganda could save up to USD 3 billion by 2030 if child marriages were eliminated, and the country's productivity would be much higher if girls delayed marriage to their 20s and acquired a skill and worked. Can something be done about it? Yes!

## An Unconventional Tourism Expedition

The **UgandaCharityTours** give travellers to Uganda no ordinary tourism adventure but a **captivating travel expedition.** The **UgandaCharityTours** offers a combination of travel adventure and the **opportunity to serve humanity** by making a real difference in people's lives. Travellers to Uganda sign up to become **Partners and Charity Ambassadors** of the **Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship Fund,** through which scholarships are awarded to children and young people from disadvantaged and deprived backgrounds, otherwise without hope of attaining an education. The Scholarships and an opportunity to get an education bestows them a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. The charity Education & Development Opportunity—Uganda (EDOU) manages the Fund. While we award scholarships to boys too, we pay special attention to girls because, despite the gains over the last decades, significant barriers such as poverty, early marriages, cultural and social practices, gender inequalities, and unsafe or unwelcoming learning environments continue to inhibit girls from enrolling in school at all levels and reaching pivotal learning milestones.

EDOU has partnered with two tour and travel agencies, Mirembe Tours and Travel and Maranatha Tours and Travel, to organise the **UgandaCharityTours**. It is here where travel and humanity meet.

Come, let's transform lives together!

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