

Uganda *CharityTours*

...where travel and humanity meet



Travel to the Pearl of Africa

Uganda is gifted by nature. From the splendour of the [Murchison Falls on the Nile](#) – the longest river in Africa, only second to the River Rhine in the world – to the thrilling game driving in the [Queen Elizabeth National Park](#) in the great East African Rift Valley. From bird watching on a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel to [Gorilla tracking](#) in Bwindi Impenetrable Rainforest. Did I mention [Kibale Forest National Park](#), the home to the biggest primate density in East Africa? Did I mention watching giraffes and Zebras graze the grasslands in [Kidepo Valley National Park](#)? What about the diverse cultures engraved in the hospitality of the people, [cultural monuments, and historical sites](#)?

Whether you're planning your first Africa tour or a return visit, solo or in a group, Uganda will offer you a once-in-a-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 get the sense that Uganda is truly the Pearl of Africa.

Yet this country experiences one of the biggest social tragedies. Uganda is one of the poorest countries in the world, with the majority of its [48.5 million people](#) not able to afford two meals a day. Almost half (45%) of Uganda's population is below the age of 15. Young people from the country's poor population find it difficult to access an education. Due to poverty and gender inequalities, [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.

An Unconventional Tourism Expedition

The **UgandaCharityTours** offer travellers to Uganda not an ordinary tourism adventure but a captivating travel expedition and the opportunity to serve humanity by donating to the Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship Fund, through which scholarships are awarded to girls at risk of child marriage, survivors of violence, and orphans. While we award scholarships to boys, we pay special attention to girls because, despite the gains over the last decade, 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. The Fund is managed by the charity Education & Development Opportunity—Uganda (EDOU).

A combination of adventure and the chance to make a real difference in the lives of those who otherwise have no hope of attaining education is why Uganda should be your preferred travel destination. We ensure that by the time you complete your expedition to the country, you truly have no substitute for the sense of adventure and inexplicable fulfilment. With **UgandaCharityTours**, you get much more than adventure. It is more than travel; it is where travel and humanity meet.

Partners and Ambassadors Connecting Willing Hearts to the Need

Travellers to Uganda who voluntarily sign up for the **UgandaCharityTours** become our Partners and Charity Ambassadors. A Partner donates to the Fund through which scholarships are awarded. Ambassadors share this cause with people in their networks and urge them to support our work. Ambassadors connect willing hearts to the area of practical need. Brian started EDOU at age 26. We seek Partners and Charity Ambassadors in 26 countries: the United States, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Finland, The Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Poland, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, France, Estonia, Hungary, Georgia, Portugal, Luxemburg, South Korea, and Japan.

Partners and Charity Ambassadors help:

- Contact individuals, families, churches, philanthropists, companies through Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, charities and foundations, and other social groups such as Rotary and Lions Clubs to EDOU and urge them to [donate](#) to the Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship Fund.
- Organize fundraising events in their counties, cities, states, or countries.
- Connect platforms where scholarship recipients can share their stories with a global audience.
- Incorporate and form an EDOU Chapter in your country, e.g. EDOU Denmark.
- Mobilise for the **UgandaCharityTours** where Partners and Ambassadors annually visit Uganda for a tourism expedition and experience firsthand how their donations are transforming lives.

Come, let's transform lives together

Please contact us at charitytours@edouganda.org or on WhatsApp at +256701378219. Alternatively, you can plan your tour through our partner tour and travel company, [Mirembe Tours & Travels](#), or use your favourite travel agency and connect with us in Uganda. Come, let's transform lives together!

About Education & Development Opportunity – Uganda

Education & Development Opportunity – Uganda (EDOU) is the charity that manages the **Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship Fund**. EDOU has been incorporated and operating in Uganda since 2009. Founded by [award-winning women's rights campaigner](#) Brian Mutebi, EDOU's mission is to transform lives. Our work is rooted in our strong conviction that man's primary responsibility is to serve humanity. We take up the case of strangers. We are the father to the fatherless. We answer he who called and none assisted him. We make the widow's heart sing.

“Orphaned at 10 and brought up by my peasant grandmother, I nearly dropped out of school when my grandmother could no longer afford the cost of my education. Along this difficult journey, however, I met Good Samaritans who held my hand up. Thanks to their support through school, I became the first graduate in my village in 2007 when I graduated with a Bachelor of Tourism Management from Makerere University! My journey of grace taught me that everyone needs a hand extended to them to realise their dreams. I wanted to do something that would make a real difference in people's lives. I conceived a Dream. It was a joyful burden on my heart – joyful because the thought of transforming lives was pleasant to the mind, yet a burden because I didn't know how it would turn into a life-transforming reality. A pen and paper, I had, however. I wrote down my dream. Convinced that education is key to transforming lives, in 2012, I sold my land worth \$1,500 to establish the [Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship Fund](#) for girls at risk of child marriage, violence survivors, and orphans.”

Our Impact: *Her Story*

Since its inception in 2009, EDOU has been [transforming lives in Uganda](#). The Fund has since awarded over 100 scholarships to pupils and students in [primary and secondary schools](#) and at universities.

Lisa, 25, lived with her mother, a single mother who struggled to take care of her and her 3 siblings. Her father abandoned them in a rented house in a Kampala slum. “Knowing that my mother could not afford to pay for my university education, I looked up scholarships. There is no single lead that I did not follow, but all was in vain. I lost all hope until the opportunity came through the Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship Fund. I have never been so excited,” Lisa said. In 2015, Lisa, a GBV survivor, was the first university recipient of the Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship. In January 2020, she graduated from Makerere University with a Bachelor of Laws.

Margaret was at risk of being married off after she and her three brothers dropped out of school because they could not pay school fees. Her parents are peasants in rural Uganda, and her mother was terminally ill for two years, which drained the meagre family income. “The piece of land we leased from a neighbour was too small to farm to get school fees. My relatives suggested to my parents that I should be married off, saying that it was a waste of money in the first place to take me to school. Luckily, I got a scholarship from Education & Development Opportunity - Uganda; it was God-sent! Now I have a bright future ahead of me,” she said. Margaret was awarded the Brian Mutebi Dream Scholarship in 2019. She graduated from university in 2024.

Management and Governance

EDOU is governed by a Board of Directors and an Advisory Council comprised of experienced management, finance, and development professionals. The Board supervises the management team, which is led by the executive director. To ensure we live up to the promise of being good stewards of people’s generosity, we have instituted a prudent financial management system that promotes transparency and accountability in how we use the resources we receive, including independent financial audits of the books of account. We share the audit reports with our partners.

Knowledge Management

We apply a robust knowledge management framework that documents project activities, challenges, impact, key learnings, and best practices, and we share reports with partners. We use mainstream and social media to share the impact of our work, while respecting the privacy rights of our partners and beneficiaries, in line with our partnership code and Child Protection Policy.

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