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Return Flights to Entebbe

Melbourne = $1800 AUD

Sydney = $1950 AUD

Perth = $2100 AUD

Los Angeles = $1200 AUD

New York = $1150 AUD

London = $750 AUD

Dubai = $450 AUD

Program Costs

This Money goes straight to supporting the cause. It includes Accomodation (Laundry), Meals (3), Support for Local Staff, Pre Service.

2 Weeks = $800 AUD

3 Weeks = $1200 AUD

4 Weeks = $1600 AUD

8 Weeks = $2800 AUD

Adventures We Recommend

Gorilla Tracking: Gorilla tracking will include accommodation, Gorilla Permits, Transport, tour guides, food round trip at $1700 it looks very expensive but it is worthy “once for a life time” . We will organize for you everything.

Lake Mburo National Park Safari 3 days and 2 nights: Accommodation with breakfast, permits, transport, tour guides and boat cruise. $800

Nile White Water Rafting: 15km at cost of $140, accommodation for two nights at Safari tent single $30 per night with river view

Zip-lining in Jungle: High tree top to tree top, traveling over creeks, tracks with 10+ ziplines. $80 which includes transport

Other Costs

Direct Donations: Monetary contributions towards the schools, our previous volunteers found offering treats was greatly appreciated.

Transport: There are several public taxis that are $1-$4 per trip. These are called boda-bodas. We have contacts with private drivers, this can be used for long trips (3-6 hours) and will cost roughly $20-$60.

Food & Water: Daily Expenses you may spend $3-$7/day for your drinking water, local markets, treats, beer or other.

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Practical Information for Volunteers

Essential Items to Pack

While some items can be purchased locally in Mukono supermarkets, it's useful to pack essentials like:

Towel

Bathing soap

Toothbrush

Head torch

Toothpaste

Sunscreen

If you prefer not to carry these items from home, rest assured they are readily available for purchase here.

You will need funds for various personal expenses such as bottled drinking water, phone and internet services, additional food for special occasions, safaris, and other outings. For instance, a stay at a reputable backpacker's hostel might cost about AUD 15 per night, while camping options can be even more affordable.

Currency & Personal Expenses

In Uganda, the local currency is the Uganda Shilling (UGX). You can easily exchange your foreign currency at the money exchange office located at the airport. Personal expenditures will naturally vary depending on individual preferences and circumstances. However, most volunteers typically manage comfortably on a budget ranging from AUD 50 to AUD 230 per week .

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Financial Readiness

It is advisable to bring a combination of cash and credit cards to manage your personal expenses. Mukono has several banks equipped with ATMs and also hosts a Western Union branch in case you need to have money wired to you. Numerous forex bureaux are available in Mukono where you can exchange your currency; bringing large-denomination bills can often attract better exchange rates.

We understand the importance of transparency, especially when it comes to the utilization of funds. We pledge full reporting with receipts at the completion of each construction phase, ensuring our donors and supporters are informed and involved every step of the way.

Additional Costs & Information

Transportation during weekends travel & transport from the airport to the host house and return.

Airfare, Visa and Visa extension fee

Personal travel and sightseeing (trekking, jungle safari etc);

Internet access, telephone, drinks or other costs accrued during training and placement;

Gifts to project staff and host family, if you wish to buy any;

Should you wish to spend more time in Uganda pre and post placement period, please remember to budget accordingly!

Travel and medical insurances, immunization, health expenses;

You will also need a weekly budget of up to US $50-$200 to cater for all your other expenses.

What does the School of Hope Expect from a Volunteer?

While you are in Uganda, you are representing yourself and your country. We expect you to:

Strive to have a wonderful and rewarding experience. If you're not, please talk to us.

Treat yourself and others with respect and dignity. Be polite and do your best to adjust your behaviour according to local culture.

Avoid smoking in the presence of children or within the community. If you need to smoke, please do so at the designated area in our accommodation.

Respect our headquarters and other residents or colleagues living and working here by keeping the area clean.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Can I talk to a previous volunteer about their experience?

Yes, absolutely! Please contact us and let us know if you'd like to chat with a volunteer.

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You are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider at your earliest convenience to discuss your upcoming trip to Uganda. Some vaccinations need to be administered well in advance of your departure.

You must obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate before traveling to Uganda. Additionally, there are several other vaccinations you may want to consider, including Polio, Hepatitis A and B, Rabies, Tuberculosis, Cholera, and Typhoid. Preventative Malaria medication is also recommended while you are in Uganda. Malaria is entirely preventable with appropriate medication, which is relatively inexpensive by Western standards. Consult your physician for guidance and instructions regarding all necessary vaccinations.

We are located near the International Medical Centre, and in case of an emergency, we will take you directly to the best hospital available. If you feel unwell at any time, do not ignore it. You also have the option to visit Mukono International Hospital—a clinic that meets Western medical standards.

Uganda Electronic Visa - Must be done before arrival

The Government of Uganda introduced an online visa/permit application system with effect from 1st July 2016. The Uganda Electronic Visa/Permit Application System performs checks against law enforcement databases. All travellers seeking admission to Uganda are required to obtain a visa using this system prior to being granted boarding. Those intending to travel to Uganda should apply using the link below: https://visas.immigration.go.ug/

Language

English is the official language of Uganda and BACOP teaches their curriculum in English. However most people in the villages do not speak English and many people in Mukono speak both languages. The main language spoken in our communities is Luganda. People in Uganda will be more than happy to help teach you and will be excited to hear you say “Thank you” in the local language

Learn more about Luganda here

Weather

Ugandans will insist it is never winter in Uganda. And they are right! It’s hot and dry in January and February, warm with slight rain in April and May, warm with more rain in June and July, hot and dry in August and September, and warm and rainy from October to December. Daily temperatures range from 20C – 30C or 70F – 80F.

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