



amazing  
**UGANDA**  
the pearl of Africa

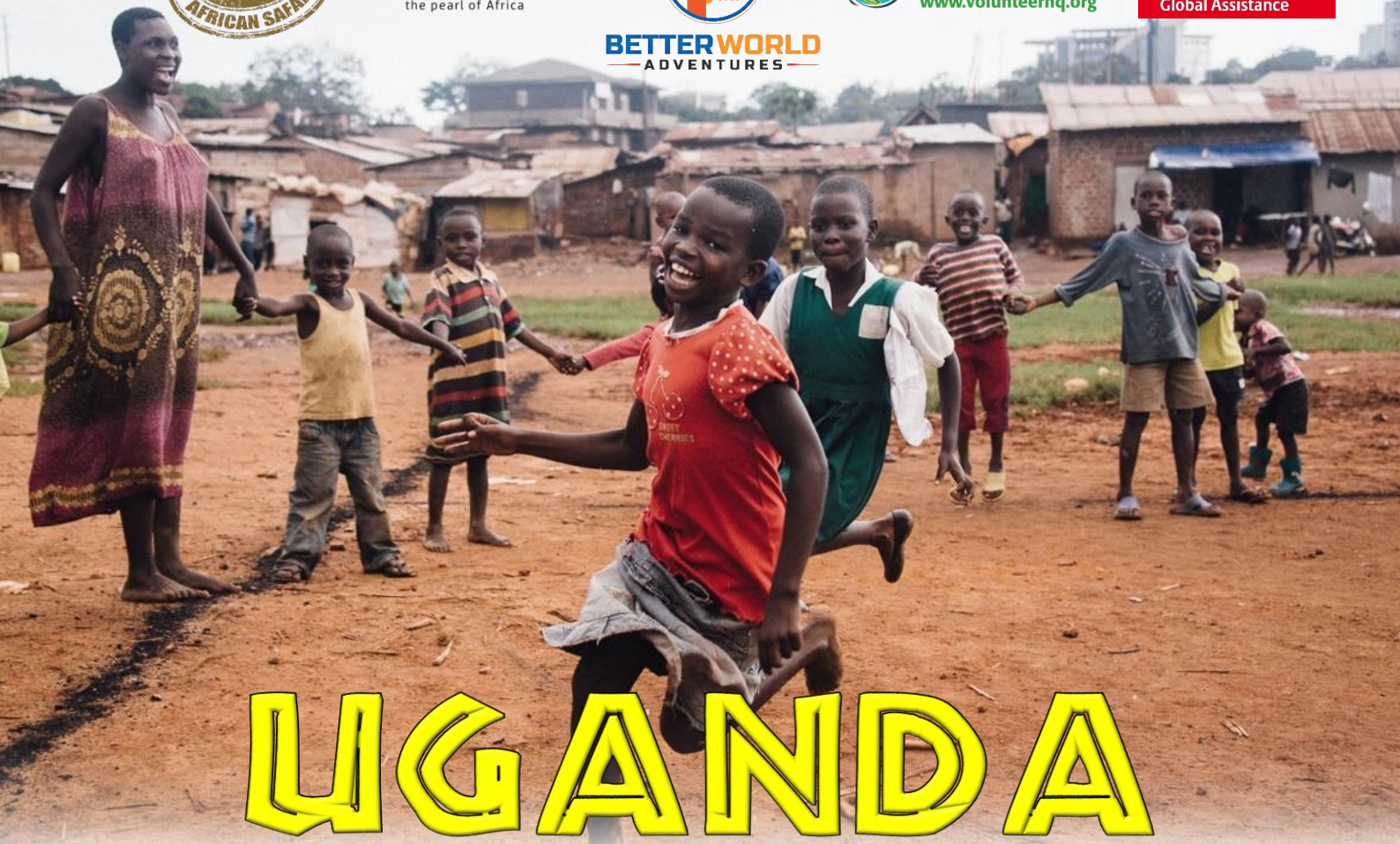


**BETTERWORLD**  
ADVENTURES



**INTERNATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER HQ**  
[www.volunteerhq.org](http://www.volunteerhq.org)

**Allianz**  
Global Assistance



# UGANDA

## AFRICAN VOLUNTEER SAFARI



Join with other Year 12 & 13 students on this adventure of a lifetime to Uganda in East Africa. Participate on a humanitarian project caring for disadvantaged children and search for big game on a Nile River wildlife safari.



- 2 Weeks volunteering in an African childcare centre in Kampala, Uganda
- Learn the benefits of fair-trade and microfinance to developing communities
- Go on a fantastic East African Wildlife Safari at the source of the Nile
  - Take guided tracking expeditions viewing white rhinos and chimpanzees
  - Get your adrenaline fix white-water rafting on the Nile River
- Go ride-wild during a full day at Universal Studios in Singapore! +

**21 nights - NZ\$6,950\***

- All Inclusive fully escorted tour. Minimal additional costs.
- Includes flights, transfers, insurance, accommodation, meals and listed activities\*

\*Terms & Conditions apply  
Final itinerary, activities and  
price subject to change.

\*Optional Singapore Stopover

**ONLY 22 PLACES! Email [info@betterworldadventures.com](mailto:info@betterworldadventures.com) for info**



# What's Included?



Wherever possible, known costs that will be incurred by all participants have been included up-front. Additional costs are minimal, and mostly personal. No surprises, no significant extras!

- 23 night fully escorted tour
- 2 tour leaders, including a teacher from your high school
- Economy-class return airfares to Africa ex Auckland
- All airport transfers (including to and from Auckland)
- Ugandan entry visa (for New Zealand passport holders)
- Comprehensive Travel and Medical Insurance
- Volunteer Registration fees for two weeks of volunteering Uganda
- All accommodation (single gender, twin or multi-share basis)
- 3 meals per day (excluding weekends when breakfast/lunch will be replaced with brunch, and in Singapore where lunches are a personal expense)
- Tour tipping (drivers, guides, group waiters)
- Ugandan SIM card with data (for unlocked devices)
- ½ day escorted *bodaboda* tour of Kampala city
- 4-day fully-escorted east African tented safari including local guides.
  - Entrance fees for Murchison Falls National Park
  - Guided wildlife game drives (dawn and dusk) in purpose-built safari vehicles
  - Guided chimpanzee tracking expedition in Budongo Forest
  - Guided endangered white rhino tracking expedition
  - Nile River wildlife viewing cruise to Murchison Falls
- Dance Performance and Dinner at Ndere Cultural Centre
- White water rafting on Nile River
- Day trip to the Equator
- Souvenir participant T-shirt
- Extensive pre-departure orientation
- Heavily subsidised vaccinations

## Includes all meals



23 Breakfasts  
18 Lunches  
23 Dinners



Hotel (2 nights)  
Dormitory (16 nts)  
Safari Tent (3 nts)  
Night flight (2 nt)



## Price includes

- 3-day (2 night) stopover in Singapore, including:
  - Full-day entry to Universal Studios Singapore
  - Walking tour of Singapore Chinatown
  - Singapore River taxi sightseeing cruise
  - Entrance fee to Gardens By The Bay Skywalk
  - Entrance fee to Marina Bay Skypark Observation Deck
  - 3-day EZLink public transport pass

## Exclusions

- Passport fee
- Some vaccinations
- Public transport in Uganda
- Personal spending



\* Suggested itinerary only. Itinerary amendment and activity substitutions may be made at the discretion of the tour organisers. Supplier costs and currency fluctuations prior to departure may increase or decrease the total trip price by a marginal amount.

# African Volunteer Safari Itinerary\*

## Uganda: The Pearl of Africa

Uganda is a country that is still relatively unknown to most African travellers, yet those who do make the effort to visit discover a country with friendly people, diverse wildlife, and with a genuinely welcoming culture.

Its equatorial location in central East Africa and the fact that it is the source of the great River Nile make it a fantastic country for wildlife safaris seeking out the famous "Big Five" game animals including lions, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant, along with giraffe, hippo, crocodiles, chimps and more. You save by not paying the very high tourist permit fees commonly charged to go on safari in its better-known neighbours of Kenya and Tanzania. You also experience less crowded parks. Historically, the Ugandan people suffered under the repressive dictatorship of President Idi Amin and decades of civil war. Uganda has made huge progress since it gained peace in 2005, but is still one of the poorer countries in Africa. Half of the population is under 15 years old, and child labour is common. Schools are short of staff and inadequately resourced and volunteers like you play an invaluable role in supporting the educational needs of both children, and the wider community.

In 1907 Winston Churchill wrote that "for magnificence, for profusion of brilliant life on a vast scale, Uganda is truly the Pearl of Africa." In 2012 Lonely Planet declared Uganda the world's best country to visit!

In 2017 a global survey conducted by the BBC ranked Uganda as the friendliest country on earth! So, what are you waiting for?



## Two Weeks of Volunteering. Change someone's life; possibly your own.

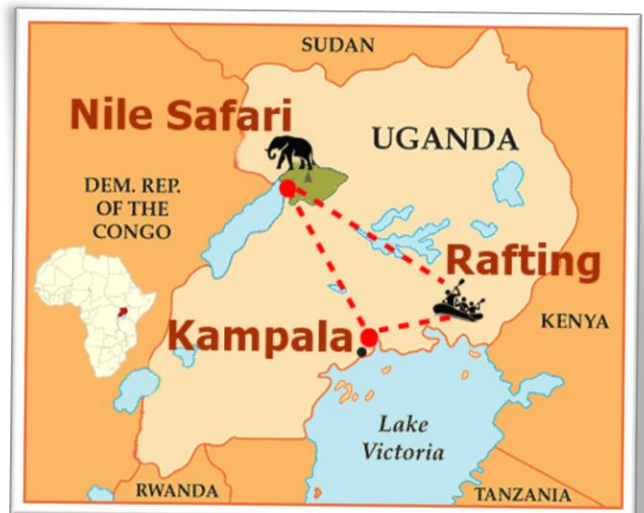
One of the greatest catalysts to personal growth for young people is their participation in a charitable community service. For this reason, the most significant part of our trip focuses on interaction with the Ugandan people through volunteering.

For volunteering logistics within Uganda, we partner with one of the world's largest global volunteer agencies; New Zealand based, **International Volunteer HQ**.

95% of international volunteers say their experience challenged their view of the world, so it is not unreasonable to think that that your African experience has the potential to profoundly affect you for the rest of your life. Your volunteering will not only benefit other peoples' lives, but also give you confidence, purpose, cultural sensitivity, communication skills, responsibility, and possibly develop life-long friendships.

## Uniquely exciting extras.

In addition to your volunteering, you'll have plenty of opportunities to discover what makes Uganda an undiscovered gem of a destination and participate in exciting cultural and wildlife experiences that will stay with you forever!



### Day 1 - 2: "Tukusanyukidde" Welcome to Uganda

Arriving into Entebbe International Airport we transfer to our accommodation in the Ugandan capital of Kampala.

### Day 3 - 6: East African Game Safari

We start our African adventure on a four-night tented wildlife safari in the Murchison Falls National Park in the northeast of Uganda.

This is a perfect safari destination as it enables us to combine awesome land-based wildlife viewing, cruising on the river Nile, and visiting the spectacular Murchison Falls where the entire Nile river is forced through a narrow chasm only 8 metres wide. Safari highlights will include:

- A cruise on the River Nile viewing pods of hippos and huge crocodiles.
- Tracking endangered white rhino in the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary.
- Journeying into the dense Budongo Forest with primate researchers to locate and observe troops of wild chimpanzees in their natural habitat.
- Two game drives (one in the evening, and one in the morning) in the Murchison Falls National Park on the edge of the Western Rift Valley to view the big game for which East African wildlife safaris are famous.
- Spending a night in traditional grass-thatched banda in Kigaragira village hosted by the Boomu Women's Group, experiencing local village life. Learn skills of cooking and handcraft making, and gain an understanding of how to make do with less.



### Day 7 – Settling into Kampala

We spend the day settling into the local Volunteer Accommodation. To orient ourselves to bustling Kampala, where we will be based for the next two weeks, we will enjoy a half day “bodaboda” tour of the city, famous for its chaotically crowded local markets.

### Day 8: Orientation to Uganda Volunteer Programme

At the start of your first week of volunteering, you will have an orientation to your Uganda programme including meeting the staff of IVHQ’s local partner Volunteer2Uganda, information on our group’s projects, rules and expectations, local customs, and safety.

### Day 9 - 12: Volunteering at a Childcare Centre

Ugandan childcare centres are understaffed and under resourced. This week you will provide responsible emotional support to the children in a childcare centre or school. This may involve playing educational games, helping with homework or doing basic maintenance such as gardening, painting or cleaning. Local staff often do not have time to give children the individual attention they need. As a volunteer, you can make a genuine and positive contribution to the lives of the children. Expect your time with them to be fun, personally challenging, humbling, and fulfilling.

### Day 13 - 14: White Water Rafting on the Nile River & Equator Visit

The Nile is the world’s longest river, with its source at Lake Victoria in Uganda, flowing north through Africa all the way to the Mediterranean Sea in Egypt. We spend the weekend visiting the town of Jinja, renown for adventure activities, where we will go white water rafting on the Nile with world leading Adrift Rafting. We will also spend a day travelling south of Kampala to visit the equator, where you can literally stand with a foot in both the Northern and Southern Hemisphere!

### Day 15 - 19: Volunteering Options

For our second week of volunteering, select from:

- **Childcare volunteering**, continuing from the first week.
- **Sports Education:** Volunteers are placed in primary schools to assist with the teaching of general education including English, Maths, Science, Geography and Physical Education. You will also teach soccer to children from poor families who cannot afford to have their children attend school. This project is open to all volunteers and prior experience in Sport Education is not required to participate.

### Day 20 - 21: Departure from Uganda

(Price includes: 3 day/2 night Singapore Stopover)

We have a final day to farewell new friends in Kampala and Volunteer2Uganda, before departing for our fabulous two-night Singapore stopover enroute. Singapore is a melting pot of Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures, where the old and traditional merge with the ultra-modern. Highlights of your city exploration include a walking tour of Chinatown, a boat ride on the Singapore river, a visit to the futuristic SuperTree grove, and watching the sunset from the 55-story Marina Bay Hotel Skydeck.

### Day 22: Universal Studios & VivoCity

Today you are up early for a full day at Universal Studios Singapore, with many exciting and fun rides including Transformers 3D, Jurassic Park, Revenge of The Mummy, and the world’s tallest duelling twin roller coaster! You then visit VivoCity; Singapore’s largest shopping mall for a traditional Singaporean dinner followed by an opportunity to hit the stores.

### Day 23: Singapore Shopping, Sightseeing and Departure

We don’t leave until evening, so you have the whole day for a last swim and selfie or some more shopping before heading to the airport, filled with the memories of so many new and life-changing experiences.

Day 24: Arrive into Auckland Airport, with a waiting shuttle to take you home.

WHEREVER  
there is a  
HUMAN BEING  
there is an  
OPPORTUNITY  
for a  
KINDNESS



<https://betterworldadventures.com>