



Population: 44 million, Home to 54 different tribes



Languages: Swahili | English



Size: 241,037 km². Roughly the size of the UK



Time Zone: 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +3



Currency: Uganda Shillings & US Dollar



National Bird: Grey Crowned Crane



Inbound Airlines: Uganda Airlines (launching nonstop from LHR-EBB) | Emirates | Qatar | Kenya Airways | Etihad | KLM South African Airways | Brussels Airlines | Fly Dubai

CLIMATE

Uganda experiences a temperate climate even though the majority of the country is within the Tropics with temperatures between 16 - 26°C for the majority of the year (April - November). However, during the warmer months (December - March) temperatures reach in excess of 30°C. The climate is influenced by the dry N.E. and Northerly air masses determining the dry weather in much of the North. The dry South Easterlies become moist after blowing over Lake Victoria causing wetter conditions in the South

Peak temperatures hit between Dec - March but this rarely exceeds 30°C (86°F) in the day or drop below 16°C (63°F) at night.



Dry season: June - October & mid December - February.



The topography, prevailing winds, lakes & rivers cause big differences in rainfall patterns. There are two rainy seasons: March - May & Oct - Dec. The northern regions only experience one rainy season, April - Oct.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Traditional Markets

All Year | Kampala

A trip to Kampala is not the same if you don't visit one of the many markets. Exposure Africa (largest), Craft Africa & Uganda Arts and Crafts Village are but a few. The fruit & vegetables of Nakasero market are wonderful and is a hive of activity.

Kabakas (King) Run

April | Annual | Kampala

(Music, Marathon & exhibition)
4 different lengths: Double Double (106km), Full (53km), Half (22km) & Half Half (11km). All proceeds go towards Kabaka's projects.

Murchison Falls

February - April | Annual | Murchison

Water levels are high, the pressure is at it's highest producing foam and rainfall making it very impressive and beautiful.

Shoebill Storks

Year Round | Murchison Falls, Mabamba Swamp

Whilst shoebill can be seen year round. The months of June - August provide better chances to spot them as the swamps begin to dry and water levels go down. Lungfish start to swim in the shallow waters, exposing them and attracting the shoebill.

Kampala Rolex Festival,

August | Annual | Kampala

No, not the watch, but a traditional road-side snack made from Chapatti, eggs and vegetables. A great experience for inquisitive foodies and lovers of music.

Nyege Nyege Festival

September | Annual | Kampala

A multi-day, multi-stage event at an abandoned riverfront resort in Jinja. At 9,000 attendees, it is the biggest electronic music festival in East Africa. It's name refers to a Luganda word describing "a sudden, uncontrollable urge to dance."

Imbalu

August - December | Every second year | Mbale

"Imbalu" marks the initiation of boys into manhood. Every year, hundreds of boys aged 16 and above qualify for the "Imbalu". Unlike in other African areas where circumcision is carried out indoors with few associates present, the Bamasaba or the Bagishu carry out the cutting without anesthesia and in public