

VOLUNTEERING and HOLIDAYS WITH A DIFFERENCE at UGANDA LODGE

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at our community projects in Uganda. You will be most welcome and Entebbe airport is open for tourists as long as you arrive with a printed negative COVID test result. A tourist visa on arrival is \$50 and can be renewed after 3 months. Have you already seen our website at www.ugandalodge.com?

Please read our 'Volunteering at Uganda Lodge' information guide below, which will also give you further details about Uganda Lodge, and all the different things you can do whilst you are there. You can take advantage of full-on volunteering opportunities in our school and the surrounding area, give general help, work in a medical environment or simply have a 'Holiday with a Difference'

Feel free to come back to me (ann@ugandalodge.com) with any further questions via email, a phone call or WhatsApp. We ask for a **£100** booking/admin fee and your accommodation at Uganda Lodge, including all meals, is just **£140 per week**. To help the project with the costs for new building and general ongoing expense at the school and medical centre, we encourage volunteers to organise a fund-raising event prior to their arrival or put up your own fund-raising page to share amongst your friends at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/ruhanga> Alternatively some volunteers prefer to make an extra donation themselves. All fundraising plus small profits from your accommodation costs and safaris helps to run the projects in Uganda, rather than being used as 'expenses' in the UK. Details of Gorilla treks and different safaris are on the attached booking form.

When you decide that you would like to join us, please fill in and return the booking form below the info booklet, together with your £100 booking fee and as much information as you have at the present time. When this fee and the form is returned we guarantee that you can book your flights on any dates and we will have space for you. Your tentative dates can be changed if necessary, and you should make full payment for your airport pick-up and accommodation just 2 weeks before you arrive. This will then all be sent out to the project for them to hold your place and prepare for your arrival and it is thus not refundable, but even then your dates can be changed at the last minute with no problem (eg a failed negative COVID test)

We have vacancies for all proposed dates and can organise safaris, gorilla trekking and a wide range of other activities during your stay. Singles, couples, families and groups of all ages and interests are welcome as long as you are reasonably fit and healthy. All profits from our Guest House and Safaris help to fund the running of our School education programmes and our Medical Centre, plus we support the communities in two marginalised fishing villages that you will visit on a safari to QE National Park. Our programmes are not fixed and we can accommodate you regardless of if you just want an affordable 'Holiday with a Difference' or you prefer full-on volunteering, utilising a wide range of different skills and interests.

We are very flexible with no strict daily routine and with the help of our local co-ordinators, volunteers can choose what they would prefer to do once they arrive. Depending on your skills and interests you can spend much time in our school with (in normal times) 500 children aged 3-16 either helping the local teachers or running a session of your own choosing. (English

Conversation and reading, Traditional Subjects, Arts & Crafts, Music & Dance, Sports and IT etc) Even if you arrive during school holidays there are always children around who love to take part in holiday activities organised by volunteers.

Volunteers doing their Medical Elective and those with other medical experience can work at our own Medical Centre, shadow or assist in the local government hospital and help organise outreach work. (See www.MedicalElectives.org)

Those with Building, Carpentry, DIY, painting and general maintenance skills or who enjoy activities like cooking, sewing, tailoring etc can help our friendly local staff at the Lodge and Vocation Centre. Activities such as village walks amongst the surrounding hillside communities can be undertaken and most popular is a 'Home Visit' when you spend half a day with a village family being shown how they grow their vegetables and then help harvest, prepare, cook and eat a meal with the family.

Ruhanga is a beautiful rural area with hills both sides of the road so is suitable for great walks and as Uganda Lodge stands at 1,500 metres high it is never unbearably hot there. Nights are always pleasantly cool. Please confirm back to me when you have received this email and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries after reading the attached guide. I have visited Uganda many times and was out there for 4 months plus another 8 weeks again in 2020. I am always happy to chat on WhatsApp as below.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to Uganda Lodge as soon as is possible.

Many Thanks
Kindest Regards

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Uganda Lodge Booking Form

Accommodation, meals and transport, must be paid prior to your trip, to the following UK Barclays bank account:

'Ruhanga Resource Centre', Account No. 13075346, Sort Code 20-90-56 _ IBAN: GB26 BUKB 2090 5613 0753 46
or SWIFTBIC: BUKB GB22

Please try to raise £100 or more for our charity, which you can donate online at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/ruhanga>

or via our UK fundraising & donations account. An extra 25% Gift Aid can be claimed from eligible donors:

'Uganda Lodge Community Projects', Account 53252094, Sort Code 20-90-56 or IBAN: GB73 BUKB 2090 5653 2520 94 or SWIFTBIC BUKB GB22

If you do not have a UK bank account, payment can be made via Transferwise who seem to charge the lowest fees.

