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Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) currently advises Australians travelling to Uganda overall to exercise a high degree of caution. This is the second lowest level of travel advice on a scale of 1 to 4.

DFAT advises Australians to reconsider their need to travel to the Karamoja region or within 50 kilometres of the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is the third level of travel advice on a scale of 1 to 4.

Australians are advised by DFAT not to travel within 50 kilometres of the border with South Sudan. This is the highest level of travel advice. on a scale of 1 to 4

Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Uganda at www.smarttraveller.gov.au.

Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Uganda. This visa can be applied for online at www.visas.immigration.go.ug. Applicants should be able to provide documentary evidence of their itinerary, return ticket and vaccination against yellow fever. The application fee for a single entry tourist visa is US\$50. Passports should be valid for six months beyond intended stay.

Those entering Uganda before visiting Kenya or Rwanda may be eligible to apply for an East Africa Tourist Visa (EATV) which allows entry into all three countries for a fee of US\$100.

Alternatively, visa applications may be made via the Ugandan High Commission in Canberra for additional fees.

Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact the Ugandan High Commission listed below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to apply for an online visa.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Uganda. There is a high risk of malaria in Uganda; sporadic or limited transmission of the zika virus also occurs; thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary; pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Uganda. Most travellers to Uganda will require a typhoid vaccination, especially if visiting smaller cities or rural areas. Yellow fever vaccination is usually required. Travellers returning to Australia (or entering many countries) within six days of visiting Uganda will be required to present a yellow fever vaccination certificate (see www.health.gov.au/yellowfever for further information).

Depending on their itinerary, travellers may also need to consider vaccination against cholera, hepatitis B, meningitis and rabies. Care with food and beverage selection in Uganda is very important. Do not swim in fresh water to avoid exposure to diseases such as schistosomiasis (bilharzia). Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Uganda should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au.

Representatives of Uganda in Australia and abroad

High Commission of Uganda, Canberra

11 Ngunnawal Drive Tel: (02) 6286 1234
O'MALLEY, ACT 2605

Web: www.ugandahighcommission.org

Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control, Uganda

Web: www.immigration.go.ug



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Time Differences between Uganda and Australia

Uganda is Greenwich Mean Time +3 hours . Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Uganda is called Eastern Africa Time (EAT).

Uganda, 12 noon, December = Perth 5pm, Darwin 6:30pm, Brisbane 7pm, Adelaide 7:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.
Uganda, 12 noon, June = Perth 5pm, Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Uganda: +256

To Dial Australia Call: 000 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
Call the UK on +44 207 649 9404

Visa Global Assist:
Call the US on +1 303 967 1096

MasterCard:
Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
Call Australia on +61 2 8223 9171

American Express Credit Cards:
Call Australia on +61 2 9271 8664

Emergency Services:
999
112 (from a mobile phone)

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Uganda

Australian High Commission, Kenya

Riverside Drive
(400 mtrs off Chiromo Road)
NAIROBI

Tel: (+254 20) 4277 100

Web: www.kenya.embassy.gov.au

Australian Honorary Consulate,
Uganda

Plot 22, Acacia Avenue,
CNOOC Building,
3rd Floor, Left wing
(Next to Khana Khazana)
KAMPALA

Tel: (+256 393) 515 865

The Honorary Consulate in Kampala can only provide limited services. The Australian Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya is accredited to this country and can provide full consular assistance.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305. Australians in Uganda are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Allowances when entering Uganda:

Alcohol: Up to 1 L of spirits or 2 L of wine.
 Tobacco: Up to 250 g or 250 cigarettes.
 Perfume: Up to 250 ml or 500 ml of eau de toilette.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Uganda and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Ugandan customs please visit www.ura.go.ug, or for information on Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors and Voltage

Electrical Socket type: British (type G).

Supply: 220-240 V, 50 Hz (same as Australia).

A voltage converter will generally not be required to use appliances designed for Australia.

A socket converter is usually all that will be required for these appliances.

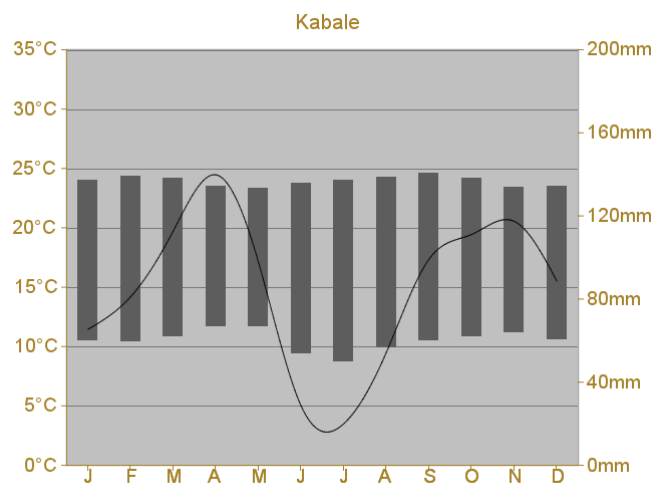
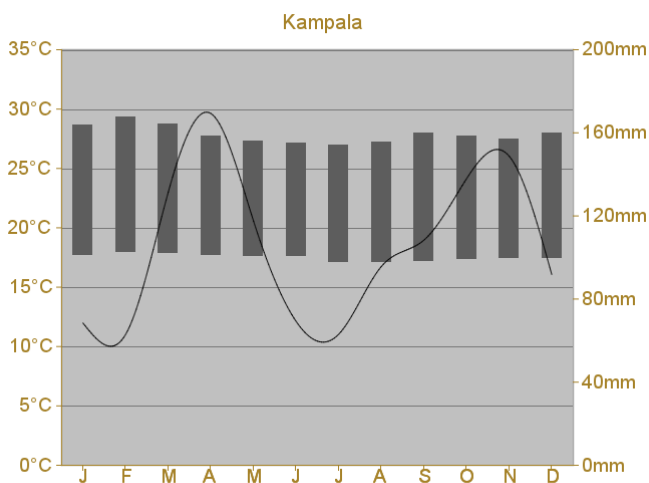


Ugandan Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Years Day	03 Jun: Martyrs' Day
26 Jan: Liberation Day	09 Jun: National Heroes' Day
16 Feb: Janan Luwum Day	15 Jun: End of Ramadan*
08 Mar: Women's Day	21 Aug: Feast of the Sacrifice*
30 Mar: Good Friday	09 Oct: Independence Day
02 Apr: Easter Monday	25 Dec: Christmas Day
01 May: Labour Day	26 Dec: Boxing Day

*Islamic holidays are determined by the sighting of the moon, and thus may vary slightly to those dates outlined above.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Uganda



Source: Department of Meteorology, Uganda. For forecasts please go to www.unma.go.ug.



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Interbank Rate
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 2,690 Ugandan Shillings
 1,000 Ugandan Shillings (UGX) = 0.3718 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 2,586 Ugandan Shillings
 1,000 Ugandan Shillings (UGX) will cost 0.3866 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

USh. 5,000 = \$1.93 AUD

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

USh. 10,000 = \$3.87 AUD	USh. 100,000 = \$38.66 AUD	USh. 1 million = \$386.63 AUD
USh. 20,000 = \$7.73 AUD	USh. 200,000 = \$77.33 AUD	USh. 2 million = \$773.25 AUD
USh. 30,000 = \$11.60 AUD	USh. 300,000 = \$115.99 AUD	USh. 3 million = \$1,159.88 AUD
USh. 40,000 = \$15.47 AUD	USh. 400,000 = \$154.65 AUD	USh. 4 million = \$1,546.50 AUD
USh. 50,000 = \$19.33 AUD	USh. 500,000 = \$193.31 AUD	USh. 5 million = \$1,933.13 AUD
USh. 60,000 = \$23.20 AUD	USh. 600,000 = \$231.98 AUD	USh. 6 million = \$2,319.76 AUD
USh. 70,000 = \$27.06 AUD	USh. 700,000 = \$270.64 AUD	USh. 7 million = \$2,706.38 AUD
USh. 80,000 = \$30.93 AUD	USh. 800,000 = \$309.30 AUD	USh. 8 million = \$3,093.01 AUD
USh. 90,000 = \$34.80 AUD	USh. 900,000 = \$347.96 AUD	USh. 9 million = \$3,479.64 AUD
		USh. 10 million = \$3,866.26 AUD

Ugandan Currency

The official currency of Uganda is the Ugandan Shilling which has the currency code "UGX" and is abbreviated using the symbol "USh.". The Shilling can be subdivided into 100 cents. The following banknotes are the most common however other versions and denominations are in circulation (including coins). Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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About Uganda

Full Name: Republic of Uganda.

Size: 241,038 sq km (similar to Victoria).

Population: 39.5 million.

Ethnicity: Baganda 16.5%, Banyankole 10%, Basoga 9%, Bakiga 7%, Iteso 7%.

Language: English is the official national language, but over 40 indigenous languages are also spoken, including Luganda and Swahili.

Religion: Protestant 45%, Catholic 39%, Muslim 14%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$2,400 (Australia US\$49,900).

Electrification: 26% of the population.

Significant Dates:

- 1500 AD - Bitu dynasties of Buganda, Bunyoro and Ankole founded by immigrants from present-day south-eastern Sudan.
- 1700's - Buganda begins to expand, becoming the dominant power.
- 1840's - Slave and Ivory trade with Arab merchants begins.
- 1870's - British and French missionaries begin to spread Christianity.
- 1890-94 - Britain and Germany agree to grant the British rights to the area. Uganda becomes a British protectorate.
- 1962 - Uganda becomes independent under Prime Minister Obote.
- 1971 - Army chief Idi Amin topples Obote and becomes President.
- 1976 - Amin declared president for life. Entebbe Airport raid by Israel.
- 1971-79 - Idi Amin's reign of terror claims approximately 300,000 lives.
- 1979 - Tanzania and Ugandan exiles force Amin to flee to Libya.
- 1986 - Museveni becomes President. Retains power for over 30 years.
- 2005 - Multi-party political system is introduced.
- 2009 - Oil is discovered in Uganda.

