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14 DAY
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GROUP
TOUR



Immerse yourself in village life on this 14 day service adventure program in Uganda! You will have an opportunity to meet and volunteer with our partner communities and to experience some of the amazing wildlife and natural attractions in *"the Pearl of Africa".*



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All are welcome!

We will be staying in the eastern part of Uganda – lush agricultural valleys and forested mountains. This is an opportunity for a real connection, access to communities we've been working with for many years, not just a tourist stop along the route. You'll help document the challenges and successes of the school farm beneficiaries at Buyanga and Buppala Primary Schools. You'll gather stories, data and photos to measure the impact of the organic farms and the Give a Goat projects. You'll get to know students, teachers and community members, spend time volunteering, and do a bit of sightseeing, including a wildlife safari!

You'll also have time to enjoy the country (average summertime temperature, 78 degrees Fahrenheit) in the beautiful surroundings.

Location: Southeastern and western Uganda

Experience: None required

Dates: June -23-July 6, 2018

Highlights

- Immerse yourself in local Ugandan culture.
- Work alongside Ugandan students on the organic school farm.
- Gather data measuring the impact of the Give a Goat project in two nearby communities.
- Participate in a photo and video documentation project with goat recipients and students benefitting from the organic farm lunch program in Buyanga and Buppala Primary Schools.
- Learn to make hand crafted jewelry in the village of Namatumba, another one of our partner communities.
- Enjoy a 3 day wildlife safari at Murchison National Park where you'll see elephants, lions, giraffes and more.



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Volunteer visits with three "Give a Goat" recipients.

Educational and community-building projects

Work, teach, learn and play alongside Ugandan students and communities, building relationships and changing lives.



Buppala Primary School Outreach - Photo Project and Story Gathering

Located in the southeastern region of Uganda, the Buppala Primary School enrolls close to 650 children between the ages of 5 and 16. That's a lot of lunches, the only meal of the day for some students. That's why we planted an organic garden. We gave goats to students in need to help pay for their school fees, and we'll be taking a look at the garden and tree farm that we helped to plant with the school. Best of all, we'll be collecting stories from student recipients through a video and photography project. We will have an opportunity to visit students in their homes and in their community.



Namutumba Community Outreach - Craft Making

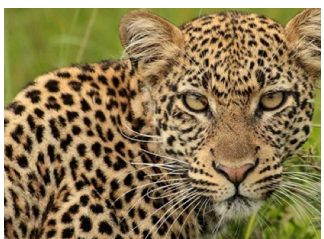
We're working with the Namutumba and Nasenyi communities, learning how to make beaded bracelets and necklaces from recycled paper, among the crafts which women in the village sell in local markets and via the Global Village Connect website. We also operate a "Give a Goat" program in these villages, mainly serving orphans.



Buyanga Primary School Organic Farm

Our main objective will be to help cultivate the organic farm at Buyanga Primary School. This farm enables students to eat lunch, often their first and sometimes their only meal of the day. Since the farm has been started, enrollment has grown from 450 to over 900 students!

Dig in, get dirty and hang out with the students, ages 6-15.



Murchison Falls Wildlife Safari

This adventure safari will take us to Murchison Falls National Park which lies at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley. The park is bisected by the Victoria Nile, which plunges 135 feet creating the dramatic Murchison Falls. This stretch of river provides one of Uganda's most remarkable wildlife spectacles where you can see lion, elephant, hippo, crocodile, water buffalo, the famous Ugandan kob and hundreds of species of birds.

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Elephant at Murchison Falls

What to Expect

Village life in Uganda is much simpler than life in the USA. Power and internet are intermittent, few homes have running water, but there's lots of warmth and hospitality! We'll sleep in Entebbe our first night and then head out to the village the next morning. We'll be staying in a guest house in Iganga, six kilometers from the village of Buppala and Buyanga Primary Schools and close to the Namatumba Women's Group. It is a nice, clean, simple friendly place to stay with hot water (usually), and a restaurant for breakfast and dinner.

We will provide bottled water for drinking during the day. We will have our own transportation everywhere we go as a group, to and from all our partner villages and to all our activities. We'll be hiking in beautiful Sipi Falls and finishing our trip with an amazing 3 day wildlife safari in Murchison Falls National Park where you'll see exotic wildlife.



Visiting a Local Coffee Farm near Sipi Falls



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Trip cost

\$3075 per person based on 14 person group.

*All cost are based on double occupancy and number of participants, All itineraries can be customized according to your groups desires and our partner community's needs. **A portion of your trip cost goes to our partner community projects***

What's included in the cost?

- Accommodations.
- Transportation with our own local guide.
- Transport for emergencies is available at all times.
- American guide
- Bottled water at hotels and in the vehicle
- All meals
- Pre-departure information session

What's not included in the cost?

- Airfare to and from Uganda
- Gratuities
- Visa
- Health and travel cancellation insurance (must show proof of medical evacuation and cancellation insurance)
- All items of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, gifts, clothing (work and other)
- Soft drinks, snacks between meals

Is it safe?

This trip's itinerary was planned to provide the highest standard of safety and security. We have been bringing volunteers and travelers to Uganda for over 5 years to work with our partner communities and to see this beautiful country. Although no one can accurately predict what will happen in the future, we take great care to make sure all our participants are safe and all areas visited are safe.



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Sample Itinerary

	DAY	ACTIVITY	NOTES
1	Sat June 23	Depart US	
2	Sun June 24	Arrive Entebbe, Uganda	Arrive Entebbe International Airport, overnight in Entebbe
3	Mon June 25	Full day Service work Buyanga & Buppala Primary Schools,	Drive to our hotel in Iganga, meet the students and tour the village
4	Tue June 26	Full day Service work Buyanga & Buppala Primary Schools,	Spend the day collecting stories, taking photos and videos with Global Village Connect recipients in their homes and communities
5	Wed June 27	Full day Service work Buyanga Primary School, Namatumba Women's Group	Planting and working alongside students in their organic farm, spend the afternoon with Namutumba Women's group making crafts
6	Thu June 28	Full day Service work Buyanga Primary School,	Help students with letter writing for their penpals, afternoon soccer game and netball
7	Fri June 29	Full day Service work Buyanga Primary School	Finish up documentation project, Goat giving in the afternoon
8	Sat June 30	Drive to Sipi Falls, Hike the 3 falls, visit local coffee farmer	Hike Falls, stop for lunch and afternoon visit a local organic coffee farm for coffee roasting
9	Sun July 1	Drive to Kampala, Ndere dinner and dance show	Traveling day, on our way to go on safari
10	Mon July 2	Wildlife safari, Murchison Falls	Morning and afternoon game drives
11	Tue July 3	Wildlife safari, Murchison Falls	Lunch en route, afternoon boat ride in the channel
12	Wed July 4	Wildlife safari, Murchison Falls	Morning and afternoon game drives
13	Thu July 5	Farewell! Depart Uganda	Morning game drive, craft shopping en route, dinner at Lake Victoria
14	Fri July 6	Arrive US	



Testimonials from previous outreach trips to Uganda



Can't believe it's already time to go home!.... The best moments never really settle in but rather feel like a good dream. I know when I go back it will be hard to believe I was ever here (in Uganda), Luckily I have new friendships, plenty of souvenirs and a fuller heart to prove that I was. Thank you for an experience I will never forget. Thank you for taking such good care of us. I continue on with plenty of new stories to tell.

Catherine

Catherine Spence-Godin, Elementary School Teacher, Wayne PA



I am so grateful for this adventure and for everyone who I have met along the way. Joanne has inspired me... to go out of my comfort zone and ultimately change my life for the better. All of the talented and smart people of Buppala have taught me to cherish learning and the opportunities I have. The people of Buppala have reminded me that kindness and hope go a very long way...this adventure has been life-changing and inspiring and I know I'll be back!

Molly

Molly Samson, Franklin & Marshall College student, Lancaster, PA



I fallen so in love with this country and all the people we've encountered. I am so grateful to you for showing this amazing place to us and organizing everything so well, My favorite part of the trip was developing a close relationship with the village kids. Their love and hope is so inspiring.

Hannah

Hannah Clay Worrell, student at Tartu, Estonia,

About Global Village Connect Travel

Global Village Connect Travel connects individuals and organizations to a wonderful range of volunteer opportunities and adventure in Africa, Asia Central and South America. Joanne Trangle, founder and CEO, has traveled throughout the developing world for over 20 years. She has spent time and has close relations with several communities in Uganda. She lives in Minneapolis with her family, including a son adopted from Ethiopia.

About Global Village Connect

The mission of Global Village Connect, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is to provide individuals and organizations with an educational- and service-based experience working with schools and villages in Africa. We raise awareness, educate, do service projects, and fundraise for our partner communities in developing countries.



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