# BoHU Fundraising Volunteer Tour

# (15 Days in Uganda)

# Background

Children orphaned due to AIDS are cut off from critical access to healthcare, education, and basic necessities. While African extended families traditionally support orphans, the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic has over-burdened this traditional safety net. Foster families and guardians, who have limited resources due to Africa’s chronic poverty and underdevelopment, are often not equipped to assist the growing number of orphans. BoHU provides sponsorship through education and care to AIDS orphans.

BoHU activities include Education, social activities, and basic healthcare are provided for students. Programs to strengthen the lives of students and the local community, including guardians, are student-driven anti-AIDS education, adult education and nutrition programs. For more details visit

<http://beaconfhopeuganda.webs.com>

The organization focuses on children who have not been attending school, due to a lack of school fees and other social problems. BoHU is helping to mitigate the impacts of an illiterate society and provide these children with a future. By 2015, there will be 2600 Children in the sponsorship program.

## Benefits of Joining BoHU Volunteer Tour

* Visit & experience Uganda while you make a difference in the lives of Kids
* Listen to the music, watch the dances and possibly join the floor to dance with the Kids of BoHU orphanages, experiencing how efforts of BoHU are giving them a future
* Real experience with African people in their homes
* An opportunity to share your skills with Ugandans
* An opportunity to meet people in their natural habitats, share with them the fun and daily life.
* The satisfaction of experience the real life & culture of the people

**Uganda Adventures Tours & Safaris (UATS)** has been offering travel services/financial support to Beacon of Hope Uganda. We have made travel arrangements for BoHU volunteers, visitors and the board members Headquarters in Uganda, Canada, U.S.A and U.K. At UATS we owe a greater percentage of our travel business to BoHU through direct business and referrals. Our experience has been that most BoHU visitors, while in Uganda, enjoy to visit Uganda`s tourist attractions.

We understand your desire to explore Africa; we provide convenient, cost-effective travel services, for short-term and long-term tourists.

UATS is one of Uganda’s responsible tourism and travel agency – due to the fact that is growing each and every day – contracts we negotiate with domestic Hotels give you access to low fares.

We offer personal service. That means we get to know you – the types of travel situations you face, and travel services you need. Our staff gives you a wonderful experience where you will travel and enjoy your journey.

Our nationwide network provides boarder-to-boarder coverage. And our 24hrs services and telephone numbers give you immediate access to knowledgeable UATS staff.

# More than a travel agency

We work diligently to provide low-cost, quality travel and touring services for tourists, missionaries, church groups, and non-profit (Volunteers) and relief workers. No need to book your travel services with one agency and accommodation with another agency, then the places you will be visiting with another agency. One call and E-mail to UATS does it all.

# LOTS OF HELP

Other special services provided by UATS are:

* 24hrs assistance. When your travel emergency arises, help is as close as the nearest telephone.
* Car rental, accommodation, interesting & exciting places to visit.
* Non-profit members department – for people who wish to get involved in the work done by non-profit making organization in African especially Uganda (e.g. BEACON OF HOPE UGANDA)
* Complete personal travel services to wonderful places, Historical sites, Mountains, Lakes, Rivers, Game parks e.t.c.

# Service with integrity

UATS is one of the responsible tourism agencies in Uganda, because of our volume; we have leverage with hotels and places of visit as we negotiate the fares. UATS’s motto is **service, value and integrity**. It’s a motto we strive to express in all we do.

UATS in conjunction with Beacon of Hope Uganda are organizing an Annual BoHU Volunteer Tour in order to raise money for sustaining BoHU Activities. Our **BoHU Fundraising Volunteer Tour** will take participants to Queen Elizabeth National Park; Kabale Hills christened “the Switzerland of Africa”, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the Equator and the Source of the Might River Nile. In Mukono District all participants will have time to volunteer at BoHU, and interact deeply with the community; their funds will go to help.

**Itinerary**

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| **Day** | **Activities** | Location & Place | Accommodation |
| Day 1 | Arrival at Entebbe International Airport. Drive to Kampala City, Check in at Hotel. Take a ride around Kampala the city of originally Seven Hills. This Uganda tour includes prominent places such as: Kasubi tombs, Makerere University, Uganda museum, Namirembe and Rubaga cathedrals, Kibuli mosque, Namugongo matyres shrines, Bahai temple, and Mulago hospital, Kiwatule Recreation Centre. **Welcome Dinner with UATS/BoHU National Volunteer Team.** Dinner and overnight at Hotel Africana or similar. | Entebbe Airport - Kampala City  Mukono Town | 1. MUK Guest House 2. Namirembe Guest Hotel 3. Hotel Africana 4. Golden Crane Hotel 5. Jobiah Hotel 6. Dheira Hotel 7. Collin Hotel |
| Day 2 | Early morning departure via Masaka. Stop at the equator for a photographic opportunity. Proceed to Lake Mburo National Park the only park, which encloses a lake. After lunch go for a game drive in the rolling hills and open grasslands. The lovely landscape is a home to Impala, Waterbuck, Eland, Zebra, Buffalo, Klipspringers, Crested Crane, and the ellusive Shoebill Stork. | Lake Mburo National Park | Dinner and overnight at Luxury Mantana Tented camp/Basic Rwonyo Rest Camp. |
| Day 3 | After breakfast, we drive to western Uganda popularly known as" The Switzerland of Uganda" via Mbarara. Lunch at Lake View Mbarara. Proceed to Lake Bunyonyi which is the deepest in Uganda enclosing a total of 38 islands. Take boat ride and enjoy the beautiful scenery and see a variety of bird species. You can visit the Batwa. | Lake Bunyonyi Islands | Dinner and overnight at Lake Bunyonyi Overland Camp in tastefully positioned lakeshore cottages. |
| Day 4 | After breakfast proceed to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park through beautiful scenery where the dominant terrain is of terraced farmland and deep valleys. | Bwindi Impenetrable Forest | Lunch, dinner and overnight at Buhoma Homestead or Mantana Tented Camp or Lake Kitandara tented camp (Luxury) or the like. |
| Day 5 | At the Buhoma Headquarters of the Uganda Wildlife Authority a national parks Guide will present a briefing about Gorilla trekking etiquate. You should carry a packed lunch and water for this activity. Gorilla trekking can take 4 to 10 hours depending on how easily the Gorilla family is located. This is the core attraction of the Uganda Tour. | Gorilla Trekking - Core of Uganda Tour | Dinner and overnight at the camp. |
| Day 6 | After breakfast, drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park. An afternoon game drive around the crater region of the park should provide sightings of elephants, herds of buffalo, and a variety of birds. Visitors can also visit Lake Katwe where salt is mined and the Kasenyi landing site on the shores of Lake George. | Queen Elizabeth National Park | Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge/Jacana safari Lodge or Institute of ecology (Basic). |
| Day 7 | Mweya Safari Lodge. An early start to take advantage of the cool of the morning where we game drive along designated tracks to see the herds of Buffalo, Elephant, Warthog and Lion. Return to the lodge for breakfast by 10:30 am. After lunch, a two-hour launch excursion along the Kazinga channel offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience at close quarters hippo and a variety of bird species common to the park. The prolific bird life is colorful and stupendous with well over 550 resident species. | Game Viewing - QENP | Dinner and overnight atMweya Safari Lodge /Jacana lodge/Hippo Camp (Luxury) Institute of ecology. |
| Day 8 | Depart from Queen Elizabeth National Park to Kibale Forest National Park via Fort Portal. Reach Kibale forest during lunch hours. After lunch, prepare for a 3 to 4 hours Primate Walk in the forest. This park is very rich in the biodiversity of species of insect, birds, plants, and animals. | Kibale District | Dinner and overnight at Fort Portal town. |
| Day 9 | An early breakfast and start for the drive to Murchison Falls National Park. Lunch enroute. On arrival in Murchison falls national park, we cross the Nile River by a ferry and enjoy an afternoon of relaxation and swimming after the long journey which makes the dinner more enjoyable at Paraa Safari Lodge | Murchison Falls NP | Dinner and overnight at Paraa. |
| Day 10 | Early in the morning we take a game drive to the Victoria Nile Delta looking for a variety of flora and fauna. Return to the lodge for lunch. Afternoon three hour launch trip on the Nile to the Mighty Murchison Falls. Hippos, elephant, crocodile, waterbuck antelope, warthog, and different species of birds are readily observed from this excursion. | Game Viewing | Dinner and overnight at Paraa safari Lodge |
| Day 11 | After breakfast, drive to the top of Murchison Falls and explore the area before driving back to Kampala via Masindi with lunch enroute. (In the morning of this day you can take an option of going for chimpanzee tracking at Pabidi in Budongo forest before driving to Kampala with lunch enroute | Drive to the Top of the falls | Dinner and overnight at Golden Crane Hotel,  Dheira Hotel  Jobiah Hotel  Collin Hotel |
| Day 12 | Working days at BoHU offices with Directors, counselors and children, Youth as well as local communities. **Evenings Optional** Nature & cultural village walks around Mukono town | Mukono town | Dinner and Overnight at Golden Crane Hotel  Dheira Hotel  Jobiah Hotel  Collin Hotel or  Volunteer House |
| Day 13 | Working days at Beacon of Hope Uganda continues  Visit BoHU ongoing projects; **BoHU school project** | Mukono town | Dinner and Overnight at Golden Crane Hotel  Dheira Hotel  Jobiah Hotel  Ridar Hotel  Volunteer House |
| Day 14 | Travels to Jinja, Experience the cool breeze at the source of the longest River in Africa River Nile. In Jinja, visit the source of the Nile, Bujagali falls, and **Optional** white water rafting or Half day boat Trip with Adrift Uganda. Return to Mukono late evening | **Jinja City**  Source of River Nile & Rafting | Dinner and Overnight at  Golden Crane Hotel  Dheira Hotel  Jobiah Hotel  Ridar Hotel  Volunteer House |
| Day 15 | Work with Beacon of Hope Uganda till afternoon, after lunch, you will be at leisure to shop for souvenirs and tour the city, before transferring to the airport for your out bound flight | **Kampala**  **Entebbe**  **Out bound Flight** | 1. MUK Guest House 2. Namirembe Guest Hotel 3. Hotel Africana |
|  | End of tour | Thank you for your | Continuous support to BoHU |

**Travel Information**

**Pre-Departure**

Check with Sate Dept http://travel.state.gov/

You will need to find a Ticket and a tourist VISA. Check with your Favorite Travel Agent to book a trip. Airlines with Flights to Uganda include;

1. British Airways
2. KLM/Royal Dutch Airlines
3. Emirates Airlines
4. SN Brussels

**Visa**

You need a tourist visa to visit Uganda. Ugandan visas are issued at our Missions/Embassies abroad and also at the Entry/Exit Points e.g. Entebbe, Busia, Malaba etc.. Underlying the Uganda Visa Policy is the principle of reciprocity that is all countries that require visas for Ugandans are also visa prone in Uganda. For more details about Entry, Special Passes and Work Permit contact Immigration Department at http:/HH/www.ugandamission.net/graphics/visaapp.pdf

**Visa Fees**

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| Student Visa | US$20 |
| Single Entry | US$30 |
| Multiple Entry 6 months | US$80 |
| Multiple Entry 1 year | US160 |
| Inland Transit | US$15 |

**When You Arrival in Uganda**

You will be met at the Entebbe International Airport by UATS designated staff for your tour. Help you to transfer to Kampala City and Check in at Hotel. Your Tour guide, will guide you through the tend days itinerary. He will answer all your questions concerns you may have at this time.

**Communication with Your loved ones**

UATS will arrange a Telephone to make a call for at least five minutes to let your loved ones that you arrived safely and share with them how the Trip in Africa feel like. For E-mail communication, your UATS guides will arrange and book Internet café where you can send check & send and e-mail (though speed slightly slower that the ones back home. Complementary 1 Hour Free of Internet access per person.

**Car Rental**

We have safe and comfortable cars to make your trip genuine. The vehicles used are well maintained and are all comprehensively insured. Safety & Comfort of our clients throughout the trip is of paramount importance.

**Hotel Information**

During the BoHU Volunteer Tour a variety of accommodation facilities will be used offering full range of comfort, safety and quality services features; stylish rooms, with showers & bath tabs, hot water, variety of foods and fruits and friendly service.

###### BoHU Volunteer Tour Coordinator

Isaac Ssamba, who specializes on coordinating Tailor made Tours, has been in working as the volunteer Coordinator for BoHU since its inception. He has specialized in guiding and BoHU Volunteers and Visitors. A Social Worker/Peer Counselor by profession, Isaac continues to have BoHU at heart and is a member of BoHU Volunteer Team in Uganda.

The cost of this trip is US $2,647. This price covers the following:

**BoHU Fund Fee/ Project Donation- US $ 1000**

This money will go directly to our BoHU AIDS Orphans/Youth/Elderly monthly support. This money will go towards lives of Orphans at Beacon of Hope Uganda orphanages.

**Tour Fee- US $1647.00**

**US $347** **Tour Coordination Fee** - A US $347 non-refundable deposit to be paid to UATS when you apply to join the **BoHU Volunteer Tour**, This fee covers administration, program information and communication.

**US $1300 Tour Fee**- US $800 will go to cover all trip costs including;

* Services of a Speaking Tour Guide
* Pick up from Entebbe International Airport
* Car Rental with Fuel, and motor vehicle insurance
* All other Park entry fees to all the parks on the Itinerary
* Game drives as per the Itinerary
* Boat Launch Trip as per Itinerary
* Accommodation based in twin / double & Camping Facilities
* Homes Stay Placement (Optional)
* Meals are inclusive of full board on safari.
* Government taxes (VAT)
* Complementary 5 minutes International call per person to talk to your loved ones
* Complementary 1 Hour Internet Access to check & send your messages
* Gorilla Trekking Ticket- U.S $500

**Excludes**:

* International flights from your country to Uganda
* Tips and personal donations
* Alcohol Expenses
* Souvenirs Shopping Expenses

**Note**:   
The above prices are based on a minimum of 4 persons. A price reduction is available for numbers above 6 persons. 10 persons may enjoy up to 18% saving on the per person rate!

Any money raised in excess of US $2,647. Will go directly to our BoHU orphanage school

Each Tour will take on a Minimum of 4 and a maximum of 20 participants. As places are limited it will be on a first come first serve basis, and those who register an interest will be informed one week before we advertise the BoHU Tour.

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| **Departing From:** | **Entebbe Kampala** |
| **Duration:** | **14Nights/ 15 Days** |
| **Departures:** | **On request** |
| **Minimum Persons Required:** | **4** |
| Maximum Persons per group | **20** |
| **Period:** | **All seasons** |

To register your interest for the 2013 BoHU Volunteer Tour, Contact Us

**Overall travel planning & Co-ordination**

**Beacon of Hope Uganda and Uganda Adventures Tours and Safaris**

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