

Here are Facts about Uganda – The Pearl of Africa

- Uganda's Official Motto – "For God and my County."
- Capital – Kampala – Capital as a British Protectorate was Entebbe
- Uganda gained Independence from Britain in 1962
- The Gray crowned Crested Crane is Uganda's official Bird.
- The Official Nickname – the Pearl of Africa
- Population is about 37.5 Million (estimated)
- Area – 241,038 Square Kilometers – 93,072 Square Miles
- Major Languages – English (Official), Swahili (Official), Luganda and various Bantu and Nilotic Languages
- Major Religions – Christianity and Islam, Animist
- Life Expectancy – 54 years for Men – 55 years for women
- Main Exports – Tourism, Coffee, Fish and related fish products, tea, tobacco, cotton, corn, beans, Sesame.
- **Uganda is one of the Youngest Nation in World – over half of the population are children under the age of 14.**
- The small country of Uganda is Africa's Banana Republic – it grows more Bananas than any other nation – except India and China – over 50 varieties- Matooke-a plantain banana is the chief staple in the much of the country.
- Uganda has the best pineapple you have ever eaten. Yet little of it is consumed in the West.
- Uganda is the Tropical Fruit Basket of Africa.
- Uganda's favorite Fast-Food is Rolex– not the watch but a Chapati filled with scrambled eggs and anything else from vegetables to sausage.
- Ugandans like their Nsenene Grasshoppers – one of their favorite snacks
- Lake Bunyonyi is home to the Louisiana Crayfish that was imported and thrives here – creating new menus at Tourist Restaurants.
- **Uganda is one of Africa's friendliest Countries according to the African Economist**
- **Uganda is one of the poorest countries; the economic condition of many people in the country is not stable. A study has stated that nearly half of the population survives on less than a dollar every day, but the people are very happy and cheerful.**
- Ugandans are the party animals of Africa consuming more alcohol per person than all other African Nations except Nigeria. Moonshine called Waragi is the big contributor. Also Banana Beer.
- The largest Lake in Africa is Lake Victoria and Uganda lays claim to much of it.
- Uganda has pleasant year- around Weather due to its elevation and location.
- Uganda is for the birds – it has 11% of the birds found in the world – over 1060 recorded species of birds – making it the number one country in Africa for Birders.
- Uganda is home to over half of all Mountain Gorillas in the world 480 of them out of 880 –
- Uganda has more Chimpanzees than any other East African County (5000)
- Uganda has more Butterflies of every color than other East African Country

- Uganda is the size of the State of Oregon but has a population that is almost 10 times larger than Oregon.
- Peanuts in Uganda are referred to Ground Nuts – G-Nuts – similar to the German name for peanuts which is Erdnuesse – meaning earth nuts.
- UGLISH – a form of Ugandan EEnglish is commonly used in Uganda and can be confusing to Visitors such as “I am going to make a short-call.” (not a phone call)
- Ugandans are British Premier League Fanatics
- Boda – Boda Motorcycles are the fastest and most dangerous form of people Transport in Uganda.
- Uganda is one of the safest, secure and most stable countries to visit in Africa.