



WHEN UGANDA STARTS CALLING

## Come and talk to us.

Bashem is a Ugandan safari operator with an Ottawa home. Emmanuel, our founder, grew up beside the gorillas in Kisoro; we have guided travellers since 2015.



TRAVELLERS WITH THEIR TREKKING CERTIFICATES, BWINDI

### PICK THE WONDER. WE RUN THE TRIP.

The gorillas, on foot	4 days · Bwindi	around \$4,500	Once-in-a-life.
Gorillas & Lake Mburo	5 days	around \$3,700	Gentle.
Chimpanzees of Kibale	3 days	around \$1,500	Playful.
All three apes	10 days	around \$4,500	Complete.
Wildlife & adventure	8 days	around \$3,500	Everything.
Murchison fly-in & the Nile	2 days	around \$1,000	Mighty.
Nile rafting, Jinja	3 days	around \$500	Wild.
Batwa culture & community	5 days	Human.	

We build the trip around you: honeymoons, research trips, birding, your idea. Any pace, solo or with a group; the hard parts are ours.

Check the website for updated pricing.

### HOW TO ENJOY SUCH A TRIP

Ask the people who took one:

"The guides were friendly, the kids loved every moment of the trip." ADAM K · OTTAWA

"We saw the gorillas up close, and got great photos." JENNIFER W · TRIPADVISOR

"I couldn't have had a better driver and a better time. Highly highly highly recommend." AMANDA · SAFARIBOOKINGS

We carry the permits, the plans, the pickup. The moments are yours.

The whole of East Africa is yours to explore with Bashem: Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda too.

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A registered Ugandan safari operator since 2015; Uganda Tourism Board member.

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THE DANCE. Drums call, raffia answers; 65 recognized peoples each keep their own, more peoples than Europe has countries.

### CULTURE & COMMUNITIES

## A three-year-old once became a king here.

In 1995 the Omukama of Tooro was crowned at age 3, the youngest king in the world. He still reigns. Kingdoms keep their thrones here; Buganda gave the country its name. People greet you with both hands and hold the greeting a while. Ankole horns grow so vast North American zoos keep the breed for the sight.

**Rolex** (not the watch) · eggs rolled in a hot chapati, named for the rolling

**Bogoya** the Gros Michel, the banana gone from Canadian shelves since the 1950s

**Jackfruit** the largest fruit any tree on Earth carries, up to 55 kg



MATOOKE DAY. Nobody on Earth eats more bananas than Ugandans; 95 kinds grow here, one brewed only into beer.



THE FRUIT. Mangoes, oranges and passion fruit by the basket; on the equator the stalls fill all year.

"Wot ki lakwany lum i wangi." ACHOLI · WOT KEE LA-KWA-NYI LOOM EE WAHN-GEE

"Travel with one who removes the grass from your eyes."

# EXPLORE UGANDA

THE PEARL OF AFRICA



### GORILLA TREKKING

## You can stand an arm's length from a wild mountain gorilla.

On foot in the Bwindi forest: no fence, no glass. A 200 kg silverback lets your group sit an hour nearby; the strongest one in the forest is the calmest.

# 242 → 1,063

IN 1981 THERE WERE 242 LEFT IN THE WORLD. TODAY THERE ARE 1,063, AND NEARLY HALF OF THEM LIVE HERE.

No zoo on Earth keeps a mountain gorilla; a forest like this is the only place to meet one. And the trees hold chimpanzees: North America has no wild monkey or ape; Kibale alone shelters 13 kinds of primate.



**THE ELEPHANT.** Golden hour on the savannah.



**THE FISH EAGLE.** Over every lake it throws back its head and cries; ask anyone who has heard it which sound they took home.



**THE NILE AT SUNSET.** Downstream from its source at Jinja.

**WILDLIFE SAFARIS**

## The lions here climb trees.

They sleep in fig branches at **Ishasha**, as lions do almost nowhere else. 5-tonne **elephants**, 700 in the 1980s, now past 5,000, share the Kazinga Channel with **hippos**, too dense to float: they walk the riverbed. Murchison's **Nubian giraffe** herd is the planet's biggest; fewer than 4,000 remain. White **rhinos**, heaviest on land after the elephant, graze at Ziwa. **10 parks**, a quarter the size of Ontario.

"*Kamwe kamwe nigwo muganda.*" RUKIGA · KAH-MWEH KAH-MWEH NEE-GWOH MOO-GAHN-DAH

**"One by one makes a bundle."**



**BIRDING PARADISE**

## More kinds of birds than all of Canada.

# 1,093 vs Canada's 717

ON LAND CANADA COULD HOLD 40 TIMES OVER; THE SMALL COUNTRY OUTSINGS THE BIG ONE.

The **crowned crane** on the flag really does dance, bowing and leaping in pairs. The **shoebill** stands 1.5 metres tall in the papyrus at Mabamba and can hold one pose for 4 hours. The **Rwenzori turaco** wears a red that is actual pigment, turacin, found in no other bird group on Earth.



**THE CROWNED CRANE.** The dancer on the flag.

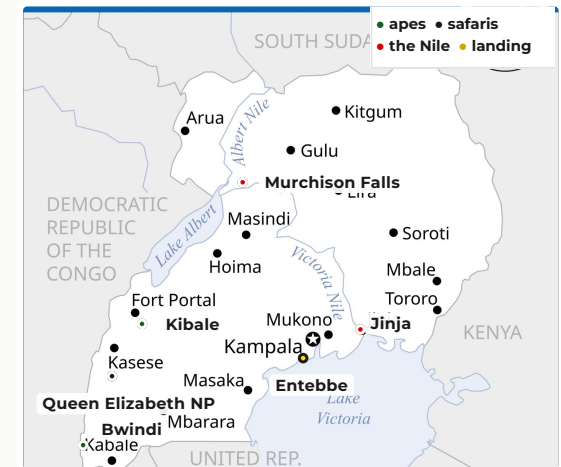


**THE SHOEBILL.** Birders cross oceans for this look.

**ADVENTURE**

## The Nile begins here.

It leaves **Lake Victoria** quietly at **Jinja**, "the stones," where rafters ride its first rapids, and runs **6,650 km** to the Mediterranean in Egypt, farther than Canada is wide. At **Murchison Falls** the whole river thunders down 43 metres; Ottawa's Rideau Falls drops 11. To the west rise the **Rwenzori**, Ptolemy's **Mountains of the Moon**, where snow sits on the equator.



You land at Entebbe; the gorillas are a short flight southwest.



**THE EQUATOR.** One foot in each half of the world.



**THE GORILLA HIGHLANDS.** Kisoro from the air, under the Virungas.