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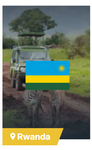

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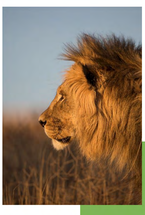

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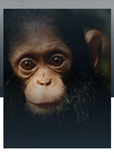

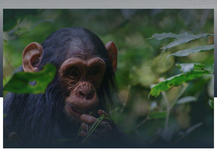

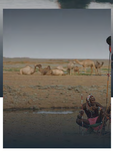

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Admired by customers, respected by peers, and highly regarded world-wide, Sight View Safaris is very proud to share unedited and unbiased feedback we have received from some of our past visitors. Practically all of our clients enjoy the quality experiences from which Sight View Safaris has built a solid reputation.

We went on safari with Sight View Safaris in June 2013. As we arranged everything before we went to Uganda, we conducted research to make sure we booked with a reputable safari operator. Before our holidays we exchanged several emails with Sight View Safaris and they answered all our questions in a professional way. As requested, the safari was tailored for us as we wanted to visit several places in one week and also to see the voyage. The service provided exceeded all our expectations! Our guide, Syrilli, is probably the most dedicated and knowledgeable guide I've ever met!

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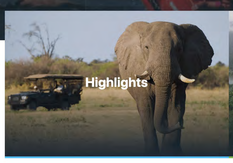
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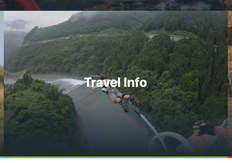
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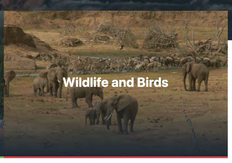
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Our Uganda Tours

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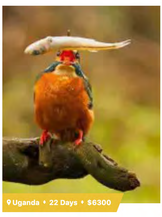
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Local People

Meet the local people and spend an afternoon with them, have a meal together, visit a school or a typical African Church Ceremony, or visit one of the projects. Sight View Safaris supports the local people and encourages clients to visit one of their programs and give them support.

Sight View Safaris is an affiliate of Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation. This unique combination gives the opportunity to meet the local people of Uganda and visit local tribes. It's not a treasure to see Uganda without meeting the local people, so shape your safari with local people!

About Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation

Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation was established as an umbrella organization representing communities in destination areas of Uganda to understand the importance of traveling leading to tourism as a business and believes this sector can help communities get out of poverty. Further, its purpose is to empower local communities in sustainable development that can plan, manage and develop themselves.

With the growth of tourism during the 1990's, communities near 'protected areas' and national parks discovered an opportunity – tourism. Uganda, as a tourism destination, had become more suited to the smaller scale, environmentally related tourism called Eco-tourism. The hope of Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation is the formation of a symbiotic relationship between tourism, indigenous people and natural, environmentally sensitive areas.

Tourism in Uganda offers one of the best hopes for increasing the income of local people and at the same time preserving 'protected areas'.

Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation will encourage communities to develop tourism activities that they can plan, manage and develop themselves. These activities should not take over from the more traditional agricultural based economies but provide a needed 'cash crop'. This is essential to the well being of the community and the tourism industry that they are trying to create.

Community tourism can involve everyone. Those in the community, who do not speak English, have poor education levels or work experience can still be employed as porters, to transport water and firewood, in trail and compound maintenance and for construction as labourers. These are not /dead-end /jobs and community members will find opportunities to move into other positions as they develop the needed skills.

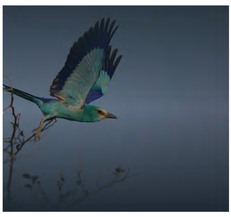
Tourism, or rather a lot of tourists, does not mean that the area or inhabitants of an area will directly benefit from that tourism spending. Unless the area of opportunity for the community involves various sectors, the community may not take ownership of this difficult industry. Tourism revenue should not only be reflected in the jobs and expenditure directly related to the visit, but should also be found in sectors such as agriculture or construction or health care.

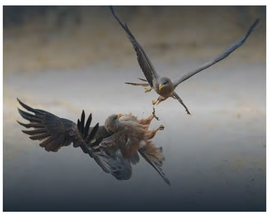
Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation will continue the community opportunity through the development of handcrafts, Bee Keeping as well as dance, music and drama. These activities widen the opportunity for both the visitor and the community. Shopping is a major part of as holiday. Quality craftwork is something that can be taken home in order to share the holiday experience. Handcrafts can also be sold outside the community through shops in Kampala, or even exported if community members are well organized and sensitized.

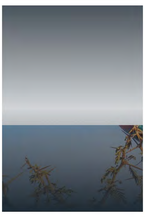
Vision For Vulnerable Communities Foundation Objectives:

- To encourage quality community based tourism with the aim of benefiting communities through sustainable development.
- Developing and encouraging the development of infrastructure in rural areas for easy access to the protected areas.
- Restore the rich cultural and traditional heritage of Uganda and to ensure that it is a quality tourism destination.
- Preserve and promote the rich religious and cultural values of the destination area.
- Giving value to and promoting traditional skills, values, Cultures and history of the communities.
- Encourage and increase the inflow of foreign tourists, by providing exceptional catering, free from harassment and pollution, with appropriate infrastructure and sanitation facilities.
- Job creation for the poor and marginalized sectors.
- Tourism awareness training for the communities.
- Utilize local resources and skills to enhance the tourism industry's income and in turn benefit the host community.
- Lobbying of private sector to use CBT activities.
- Training on natural resource management and sustainable technologies for communities.

Our Uganda Gallery







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Wildlife and Nature

Gorilla tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Mgahinga Gorilla National Park (part of the Virunga Volcanoes).

Chimpanzee tracking in Kibale Forest and the Kyambura Gorge in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Boat-trips on the Nile and the Kazinga Channel with spectacular wildlife and photo opportunities.

Chimpanzee habituation experience in Kibale Forest and Semliki Wildlife Reserve.

Game drives on the Savannas of Murchison Falls National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Kidepo Valley National Park, Lake Mburo National Park and Semliki Wildlife Reserve. Wildlife includes: Elephants, Lions, Buffaloes, Leopards, Giraffes, Zebras, Hyenas, Warthogs, Baboons, Hippos, Crocodiles and a lot of beautiful bird species.

Spot the tree climbing lions on the plains of Ishasha, southern part of the Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Bird watching with up to 1000 bird species. It is possible for a birder to see up too 500 species in one trip.

See up to 13 monkey species during a nature walk in Kibale Forest National Park. The species include Black and White Colobus, Red Tailed monkeys, Patas monkeys, L'Hoest monkeys, Baboons, Chimpanzees and up to 335 bird species.

The mighty Nile with the spectacular Murchison Falls in Murchison Falls National Park.

Enjoy the beautiful scenery in the Mbale Region (Mount Elgon National Park) with the Sipi Falls.

Visit the Golden Monkeys in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park.

Visit the Sempaya Hot Springs in Semuliki National Park.

Things to See and To Do

Some of the world's best white water rafting (wild water rafting) in Jinja, the source of the Nile. Hiking / Trekking in the Rwenzori Mountains (Rwenzori Mountains, also known as the Mountains of the Moon) with their snow-capped peaks.

Hiking / Trekking in Mount Elgon National Park.

Climbing the Virunga Volcanoes (Sabinio, Gahinga and Muhavura) in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, part of the Virunga National Park.

Forest Walks in Kibale Forest, Budongo Forest, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Semuliki National Park.

Visit Kampala, Uganda's modern and bustling cosmopolitan capitol, with the Kasubi Tombs, museums and craftcenters.

Relax on the idyllic islands of Lake Victoria (Ssese Islands) and Lake Bunyonyi.

Meet the Local People

Visit local tribes, enjoy a typical African church ceremony or spend an afternoon with a local family.

Visit the pygmies and experience their unique culture.

Volunteer in local education, health care, or conservation projects.

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Health Uganda

The Government of Uganda requires mandatory proof of Yellow Fever Vaccination for travelers 1 year of age and above. Travelers should possess a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate (vaccine received at least 10 days ago) prior to entry into Uganda.

Travelers who do not meet this requirement must be vaccinated at the Airport (with possibility of isolation as determined by the Airport health authority) prior to entry into Uganda at the travelers own costs.

Furthermore all required inoculations must be recorded by your health practitioner on a valid vaccination certificate. You must carry this document with you throughout the tour. All visitors should take malaria prophylactic drugs. We also advise that you bring a mosquito repellent with you. Always consult your doctor or pharmacist for up to date requirements, inoculations and personal recommendations!

Normally you need the following vaccinations (but please always consult a doctor):

- Yellow Fever
- DTP
- Hepatitis

For Malaria you need to take tablets, Malarone or Lariam. Malarone is mostly used (please always consult a doctor).
Hygiene is not at the same standard as in your home country, so we advise you to bring a disinfectant cream with you. Always drink bottled water instead of tap water.

On arrival

On arrival at the airport, our guide will be there waiting for you. During safari we use custom made safari vehicles, custom made for an optimal view of the wildlife. Safari vehicles (and small aircrafts) provide limited space for luggage. It is therefore recommended to travel with light bags since bulky suitcases will overload and might be difficult to be taken on board.

Visa Uganda

The Government of Uganda has introduced the online visa application system with effect from 01 July 2016.When you are visiting Uganda you must apply for a visa online at: website https://visas.immigration.go.ug/

Please make sure you have the following documents in .pdf, .jpeg, .png or .bmp format: a copy of your passport, copy of recent passport size photograph and a vaccination certificate (Yellow Fever)

Fill in the form (normally you need an "ordinary" visa, single entry)

When you send the form you will immediately receive a tracking code. This code helps you to keep track of how far your application has progressed. You can check its status from this webpage.

The Ugandan authorities will send you a letter in the email after they have approved your application (please check you SPAM folder too)

Print this letter and bring it with you when you arrive at the overland border or at Entebbe International Airport. You need this letter to be allowed to purchase the entree visa there for USD 50.

Some nationalities do not require a visa, please check this in advance.

Money

In most of the cities it is possible to withdraw money from an ATM. Travelers Cheques are not widely accepted and it is very difficult or impossible to pay by credit card outside the cities. The US dollar is traditionally the hard currency of preference. We advise you to bring some Dollars for daily expenses and tips. Note that Dollar bills should not be older than 10 years.

Currency Uganda

The unit of currency is the Ugandan Shilling. Please check the latest exchange rates before you go to your destination. This will be a guideline. Please note you will get a better exchange rate in the bigger cities.

AMREF Flying Doctors

We advise you to apply for a Flying Doctors membership. The membership provides a quick and reliable air evacuation and medical care if needed.

AMREF Flying Doctors offers 2 covers (Annual and Tourist). You can choose between the Maisha Silver (Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar), Maisha Gold (Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi) or Maisha Platinum (Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and Ethiopia).

Please check out the AMREF Flying Doctors website for more information and to become a member.

Language in Uganda

Educated Ugandans are generally fluent in English, which is the official language in Uganda. Next to English there are about 30- plus different indigenous languages.

Climate Uganda

Uganda is a tropical country, with higher temperatures at lower altitudes (Kampala, Murchison Falls, Kidepo and Bundibugyo). Areas around Bwindi, Mgahinga, and Lake Bunyonyi are generally cooler.

When to visit Uganda

Uganda can be visited at any time throughout the year. But please keep in mind that mountain hikes, gorilla tracking and other forest walks are more challenging during the rainy seasons (March – May and October – November).

For birders the rainy season is considered to be the best time to visit Uganda. Rainy season means it rains more often, but not every day and not the whole day.

What to wear Uganda

Daytime temperatures are generally warm to hot, so bring lots of light clothing. Evenings are cooler, especially at high altitudes (areas around Bwindi, Mgahinga, Lake Bunyonyi and Kabale) so carry a couple of sweaters too.

Those who intend to do mountain hiking will be exposed to alpine temperatures and should pack accordingly. Do not forget to bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a waterproof jacket.

During safaris we advise to avoid black and dark blue clothes (because they can attract tsetse flies).

If you are planning on doing a community walk or visit the local people, we advise you to wear appropriate clothing. For example women putting on long skirts and a top that covers the shoulders.

What to bring

A valid passport is mandatory (passport must be valid for at least 3 months after re-entry) and visa requirements for all countries you are planning to visit should be checked before you travel.

To make the most of your visit to the game reserves and national parks, we advise you to carry binoculars and field guides.

Photographers will need a zoom lens for wildlife (70-300 or more). Please make sure to carry enough memory cards with you.

Toiletries and other essentials can be bought in the cities.

A torch (flashlight) can proof to be very useful

Electricity Uganda

We advise you to take an international adapter with you for your electric equipment. The system used in Uganda is the British system. In most lodges it is possible to charge your batteries.

Driving Uganda

Driving in Uganda is on the left-hand side. Visitors without experience of African roads are advised to travel with a 4×4 vehicle driven by a knowledgeable driver/guide, rather than self-drive and all our guides are well trained in "Defensive Driving".

Stopover Points

Please mind that washrooms along the road are sometimes not to European standards, for example squatting toilets, no flushing toilets or no toilet paper available. Like the locals say: T.I.A. This Is Africa.

Facilities and accommodations

Bathroom facilities and accommodations can be more basic when traveling on a medium to low budget. In the eco lodges mind that the water reserves are limited and in most cases there are no sockets in the room, but you can always charge your devices at the reception.

Tipping

Tipping will always be appreciated. It is normal to tip 5-10% in hotels and restaurants. Guides, drivers and carriers should always be tipped. Indication: for carriers USD 1-3 and for your driver/guide USD 5-15 per day, depending on the group size, number of days and your satisfaction.

Further information Uganda

The Bradt Travel Guide is the most detailed guidebook for Uganda. The Lonely Planet (East Africa), Footprint Guides and Spectrum Guides produce other guidebooks. For wildlife, the best guidebook is 'Watching Wildlife East Africa' from the Lonely Planet. For birding, the best guidebook is 'birds of East Africa'. It is advisable to get the most updated copy.

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Uganda is the best place in the world to watch wildlife. Large animals are more abundant, diverse and visible than anywhere else in the world. Uganda is also one of the best places in the world for bird watching. It's not unusual for birdwatchers to see 500 or more species in one trip.

Wildlife

There are more than 100 mammal species in Uganda: Elephants, Rhinos, Giraffes, Buffaloes, Lions, Leopards, Cheetahs, Hyenas, Monkeys, Zebras, Warthogs, Bushpigs, Giant Forest Hogs, Hippos and more than 40 antelope species, such as Kudus, Topis, Waterbucks, Hartebeests, Uganda Kobs, Oribis, Bushbucks, Elands, Impalas, Roan Antelopes, and Gazelles. Other species include Nile Crocodiles, Nile Monitors, other lizards and snakes, Mountain Gorillas, Chimpanzees and 15 monkey species.

Birds

There are over a thousand bird species, which makes Uganda a birder's paradise. Species include: Shoebill Stork, Saddle Billed Stork, Pelicans, Herons, African Fish Eagle, Bateleur, Long Crested Eagle, Vultures, Owls, Grey Crowned Crane, Great Blue Turaco, Rwenzori Turaco, Hornbills, Honey birds, Sunbirds, Weavers and the African Finfoot.

Watching Wildlife

Uganda has a unique combination of the savanna animals from East Africa and the forest animals of West Africa. Species such as Mountain Gorillas, Chimpanzees, Black-and-White Colobus, Red Colobus, L'Hoest's Monkeys, Brazza's Monkeys, Patas Monkeys, Red-Tailed Monkeys, Blue Monkeys, Forest Elephants and Forest Buffaloes. According to the Lonely Planet Uganda offers the best of everything from East and West Africa.

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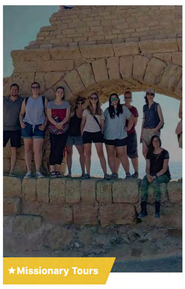
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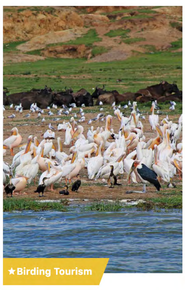
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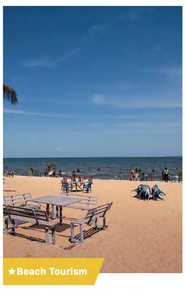
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Voluntours

Popularly regarded as Volunteer Travel, Voluntourism is a recent form of tourism which involves volunteering for charitable causes by travelers to help communities or the environment in the places they are visiting. Volunteer travel varies from low-skilled to more professional and high-skilled work; it could be short-term or long-term.

Volunteer travel participants share a common desire to "give back to the world". This could be in terms of "doing something beneficial" to the world as a whole, to a non-profit motivated organization, to a particular community or to the natural environment whilst experiencing new places, having fun, and promoting sustainable and responsible travel. This is done in many ways; ranging from helping in cleaning local wildlife areas, giving goods and money to local schools or marginalized groups of people, to intense volunteer programs like medical aid services, scientific research and education, and any other technical services especially to community development projects of a foreign country.

VIVCOM Foundation and Sight View Safaris recognizes voluntourism as one way of contributing towards development of environmentally, economically and culturally responsible travel because of its anticipated positive outcomes.

Combining travel with volunteering

As one of our motives behind VIVCOM Foundation and Sight View Safaris, we do believe that there are so many travelers out there who are able and willing to have an opportunity to bring benefits to the people in the under developed world like Uganda. Besides, we have received a good number of travelers who have shown interest in helping the local person in one way or the other. Thus we do believe that we stand in a better position as a local partner to make sure that whatever it meant for positive empowerment of our communities is effectively and efficiently delivered to the intended recipient since we have a long-standing and rich relationship with our local communities.

Expectations involved in voluntourism

A valuable volunteer experience is characterized by;

- Targeting non-traditional venues if actual benefits to both the host community and the volunteer are to be realized
- The volunteer must be in direct contact with local residents or environment working with a local trusted partner
- Should involve physical exertion of both the volunteer and the local hosts / communities
- Should be focused or engrosses goal-oriented activities; i.e. it should be contributing to long-term structured programs,
- Should empower the local community while the volunteer is learning from the experience
- The actual attitude of an individual volunteer should be appropriate; "desired for" the local community as well what one can learn from the hosts.

How we do it

We do encourage both long-term and short-term volunteer placement depending on the type of programme. Cases that involve helping marginalized children or groups (orphans, the disabled, other needy people) require long term commitment by the volunteers compared to activities like environmental research, cleaning local wildlife areas, planting trees, etc. We as an agent may not have some specialized skills to be able to offer placement for all kinds of volunteers. Therefore we have prioritized some of the needs of our communities and established avenues where we are sure that we can perform effectively. Below are some of the ways in which a traveler can volunteer with our clear guidance and support.

Local Partner non-profit organization:

Our organization deals in environmental research, education and awareness. This organization has specific programs that may require expertise in different fields like proposal writing, fundraising and advocacy, periodical scientific research etc.

Local schools:

We have our local school that is established in a remote area and we are unable to access some of the basic facilities, like well-equipped libraries, modern amenities like toilets, special attention to the incapacitated schoolmates, structures like classrooms, or even minor requirements like books, pens or pencils.

Local organized women groups and other vulnerable people:

these are near a protected area or a valuable natural resource and are struggling to find ways of benefiting from the resource close to them. Support could be rendered in terms of technical advice through education, financial aid, partnerships / network / linkage with our organization that has similar objectives.

Eco-home stays:

there are a few eco-homes and model villages that have been identified to help a traveler have better insights on how to live and interact with the local people while enjoying a few material comfort in a Ugandan village setting. Though this activity is so recent in Uganda, we believe that your stay with a family or in a community may give you an interactive experience with local people. In addition, you bring your hosts direct income and your purchase of goods and services brings returning benefits to them.

For more information about our volunteering opportunities, please visit our foundation website:

www.visionforvulnerablecommunities.org

For more detailed information about this tour, contact us.

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Are you planning for short term or long time vacations, wildlife tours, safari, honeymoon, gorilla tours, golf tours, medical tours, helicopter safaris, sports tours, beach tours, marine tours, authentic gap year opportunities, educational tours, voluntours, birding tours, mountain hiking, cultural tours, film & photography tours?

We are passionate about linking tourism to rural community development so the 'tourism dollar' can reach the communities. This ensures communities living adjacent to the park and those along the 'tourism route' get actively engaged in conservation of wildlife because they benefit directly. We encourage our clients to visit communities and 'home stays' and or engage in a community activity that lasts from 1 hour to several hours. The activities include village walks which often lead to local schools and health centers, cooking and gardening offering you insight in everyday lives of the local people.

Why Sight View Safaris?

- We offer high quality services at a friendly price.
- We offer a comfortable transportation to and from your tour destination.
- We guarantee a quick, personalized response to your request. This allows us to put together tailor made itineraries for you based on your budget, interest, and time.
- We offer free snacks and bottled water during the tours.
- We offer travel buddies, for example those who like night tours around the city.
- We offer free photography services to our clients to keep their memories alive.
- We have knowledgeable and passionate safari guides that will make your safari worthwhile. It is often said that people come to Africa for the wildlife & scenery but fall in love with the people.
- We offer community tours that enable the benefits of tourism to flow through to local communities by offering community tours and home-stays.
- We offer sign language, French, Latin, Germany, Chinese language translators to our clients.

Vision

To be a leading tourism company providing quality, creative, competitive and socially responsible services across the globe.

Mission

To create a remarkable, rewarding and a memorable tourism experience in Uganda for everyone across the globe.

Core Values

- Customer Care
- Integrity
- Professionalism
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- Efficiency

Slogan:

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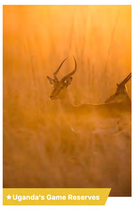
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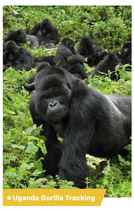
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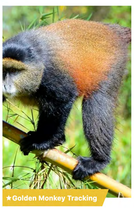
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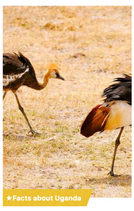
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Wild Life Photography

Taking photos of wildlife is always a challenge as many nice wildlife moments happen much unexpected and pass in seconds. So you need to be well prepared and you need to make sure you know your camera well. It is also important your camera is ready at all times, including having enough battery power.

For the best results, it's important to have a good camera, with excellent long lenses. A 300mm lens is a good starting point, but longer lenses are even better, certainly for bird portraits.

All the photos on this website are made with a digital SLR camera from Canon, with lenses from 24 to 400 mm. You will get the best results by using long lenses with image stabilizer, but they are also very expensive. When you have a tripod, or use a bean-bag, I think also lenses without image stabilizer can do the job as well. Standard zoom lenses (75-300mm) from various manufactures are very affordable, and can do a good job too.

In many destinations Sight View Safaris visits, the wild animals are relatively used to vehicles and people, so exceptional chances of photography will arise and of course our well trained guides will do their very best to show the wildlife and give you the best photo opportunities.

The animals you will get to see are wild animals, so composition is a big challenge as you cannot move your subject around or change the lightning conditions. So try different focal lengths and experiment with different apertures and shutter speeds. In general, you need fast shutter speeds when you are using long lenses.

Be sure to bring enough memory cards or film, as it is very hard (if not impossible in most places) to buy these in Uganda.

Apart from knowing your equipment and knowing how to compose a good photo, it's also important to know something about your subject. What is its behavior, how does it move and when will it run off? And maybe above all, be patient when photographing wildlife. You never know what will happen the next moment……

Photo tips for good wildlife photography:

- Bring 2 bodies with you to be sure one of them is always working
- Bring at least 2 batteries for each camera because the possibilities of charging might be limited
- Take enough memory cards with you, especially when you are taking photos of wildlife. We always tell our clients to estimate how much they need and multiply it by 2
- Bring a hard disk or laptop with you to back up your photos
- Think about the lenses to bring. You will need a tele lens for most wildlife photos, 200mm to 400mm or more
- For Landscapes you need lenses between 24mm and 50mm
- For gorilla tracking and especially chimp tracking you need a bright lens (a lens which can work well in low light conditions)
- From the car it is difficult to use a tripod or monopod. Use a beanbag instead.

Photography from the Safari Vehicle

When you are in a car, it's very impractical to use a tripod. A good alternative is a bean bag, a small cloth bag filled with rice. This will give your camera the stability it needs to make superb shots.

Sight View Safaris´ custom made vehicles are ideal for using beanbags. Just open the roof and put your beanbag on it. Apart from 4-wheel drive, a roof that opens are one of the most important things on a good safari vehicle.

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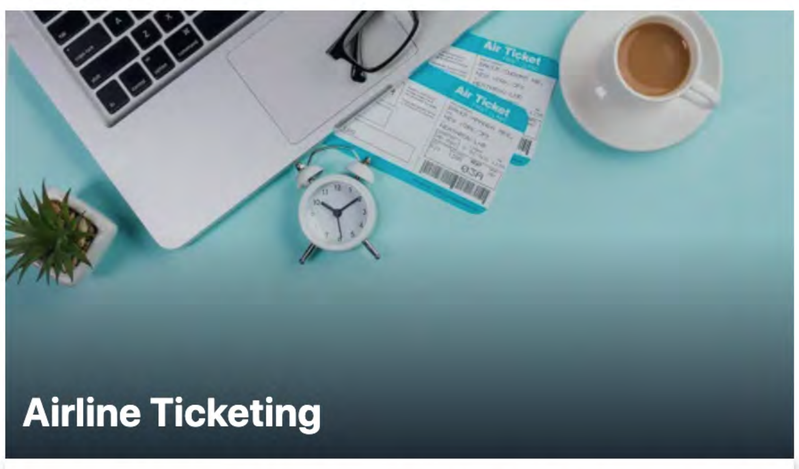

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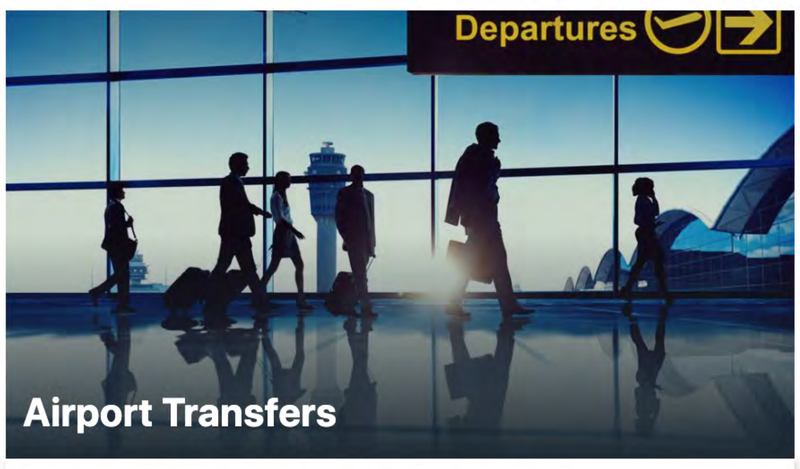

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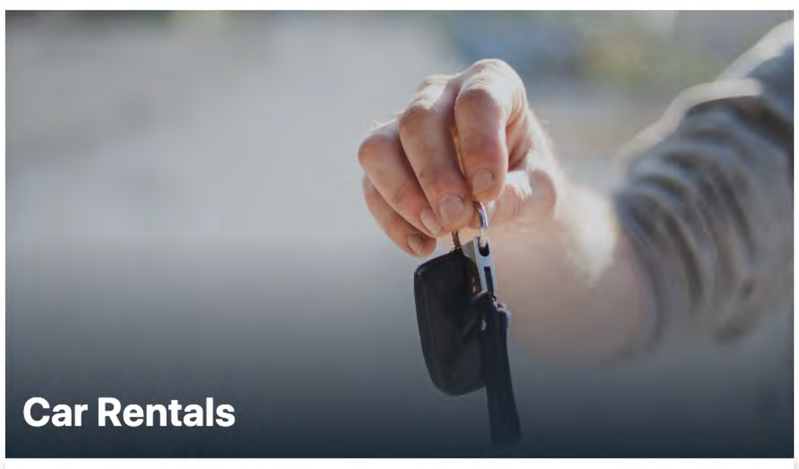

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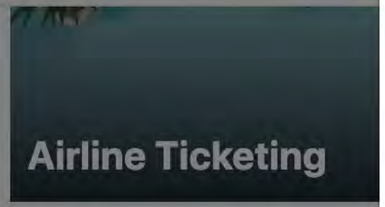

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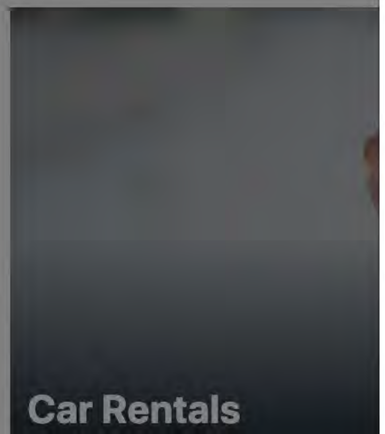

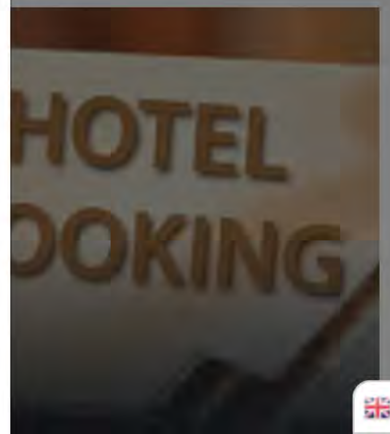

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