

EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Insight Trip to Uganda

APRIL 8 – 15, 2011

APRIL 16 - 18, OPTIONAL SAFARI

TRAVEL WITH YOUR HOSTS—Opportunity International Board Member Rod Dammeyer and his wife, Diane, Opportunity Vice President Char Caldwell and Regional Director Henri Haber - to villages outside Kampala, Uganda, to meet smallholder farmers and hear firsthand about the challenges they face. Learn how these clients are using Opportunity's agricultural finance and rural finance savings programs to feed their families and work their way out of poverty. Discover how loans and crop insurance from Opportunity enable them to purchase better seed and fertilizers to increase their outputs and help increase food security in their communities.

BE INSPIRED BY THE RESILIENCE, determination and courage of these farmer clients as you visit their homes and meet their families. Through these experiences, you'll be able to envision a world where each and every person has fair access to economic opportunities, along with the inspiration to move beyond poverty. You'll leave Uganda with a renewed sense of how you personally can help make that world a reality.

DURING FREE TIMES, immerse yourself in the local culture and learn more about the history and people of Uganda. At the end of the trip, join us for an optional two-night safari at Lake Mburo National Park, famous for its rich biodiversity of mammals and birds. Hippopotamus, cape buffalo, bushbuck, leopard and spotted hyena are just a few of the 70 species of mammals that roam free in the park. You'll stay at the modern Mihingo Lodge in one of 10 stilted wooden bungalows covered in traditional thatch. From your window, enjoy stunning views that stretch out across the national park.



Teddy Namagembe, 52, is a coffee farmer in Kibisi, Uganda. As a child, she helped her parents on the coffee farm and now works her own piece of land to support her four children. Teddy, who was widowed two years ago, hires men from the village when she needs extra help.

Teddy's situation has improved since she joined Opportunity's agriculture finance program. Opportunity partners with farmers' cooperatives that enable her to receive a fair price for her produce—up to three times the amount she used to receive at harvest time. When Teddy was short of money, she often resorted to selling the coffee beans before they were ripe, even though she knew would get less money for them. Now with the fairer prices, she can wait for the beans to ripen and sell them later for more profit.

Teddy has even managed to put a little money aside in an Opportunity savings account. In spite of the many challenges she has faced, Teddy says she looks to the future with great hope.

Itinerary

FRIDAY, APRIL 8: Depart in the evening for Uganda.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9: Arrive in Entebbe late today. Local Opportunity staff will meet you upon arrival and take you to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10: Attend an optional Anglican church service at Namirembe Cathedral, or spend the day relaxing. Take an optional tour of Kampala or shop at the nearby international market. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

MONDAY, APRIL 11: After breakfast, depart for our main office for devotions with local staff. Participate in an all-day Interactive seminar led by our local banking leadership and agricultural finance experts.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12: Rise early to travel to our new rural branch in Mubende, where you will spend time with coffee farmers. Enroute, visit a Trust Group and meet clients in Mityane who have been transformed by small loans and savings accounts.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13: Check out of the hotel and travel to rural Mbarara where you'll visit with agricultural clients from the Masaka branch. In the evening, check into a local lodge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: Rise early to attend devotions at the Mbarara branch. Meet with clients at their farms and see the impact of Opportunity's financial services on their families and communities. Spend time at our mobile bank in the marketplace.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15: Return to Kampala to rest or take in the local sights. Debrief over dinner with fellow travelers.

Optional safari (Please contact Adele Nandan for pricing or more information)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: Option 1: Return home on flight determined to do more to help end global poverty.

Option 2: After an early breakfast, embark on a five-hour drive to Lake Mburo National Park for the optional safari. Dinner as a group at Mihingo Lodge. If you're not joining the safari, depart on an evening flight to return home from this life-changing trip with lasting memories, new friends and the determination to become more involved in Opportunity's mission to end global poverty.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: After an early morning game walk, have lunch and take a boat ride on Lake Mburo.

MONDAY, APRIL 18: Check out of the lodge and begin making your way back to Entebbe. Have a picnic lunch at the equator, and if time permits, stop off at Mpambire village near Mpanga Forest, home of the Royal Drum makers. Return home on evening flight determined to do more to help end global poverty.

OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS YOUR SAFETY AND COMFORT

In our 20 years of conducting Insight Trips, we have always provided a safe and rewarding visit for our participants. Every trip is carefully planned in conjunction with local Opportunity staff and hospitality experts to ensure your safety and comfort. We will also offer you a guidebook that includes everything you need to know about traveling in that particular country.

Registration

HERE IS HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR INSIGHT TRIP:

1) Contact Char Caldwell, Henri Haber or Adele Nandan in Opportunity's international education department, at anandan@opportunity.org or 630-242-4147.

2) Go to Opportunity.org/insight
Complete the registration form and submit payment to secure your place.

SUMMARY OF COSTS:

\$2,203 payment to Opportunity without safari
Includes all meals and beverages, local transportation, translator services, emergency evacuation insurance, partner and staff costs, and cultural sights and activities.

\$1,800 estimated airfare (from Chicago)
Airfare to be booked and paid for by the traveler.

\$886 estimated hotel costs
Hotel cost estimate is per person, based on double occupancy. Hotel costs are paid by each traveler upon checkout.

**Incidentals, shots, passports, and visas not included.*

3) Make flight arrangements on your own or contact Jeanie Fundora at Travel Beyond, Opportunity's preferred travel partner, at 1.800.823.6063.

4) Prepare for departure.
Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after your intended departure date. Visit www.vp2go.com for assistance in obtaining a passport.

Consult your doctor for any necessary immunizations and vaccines. For a traveler's health clinic near you, go to www.cdc.gov/travel.

Spotlight on Uganda

LOCATION: Eastern Africa, west of Kenya

CLIMATE: Tropical, generally rainy with two dry seasons (December-February and June-August)

TERRAIN: Mostly plateau, with rim of mountains

POPULATION: 32 million

LANGUAGE: English, Ganda or Luganda, other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic

GDP PER CAPITA: \$1,000

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