

# EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

## *Insight Trip to* UGANDA

Agricultural Finance

November 2 – 10, 2012

**PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES** as we walk through 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, a 52-year-old coffee farmer in Kibisi, Uganda, recently 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, and says she looks to the future with great hope.*

# Itinerary

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** Depart in the evening for Uganda.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3:** 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, NOVEMBER 4:** 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, NOVEMBER 5:** 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, NOVEMBER 6:** 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, NOVEMBER 7:** 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, NOVEMBER 8:** 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, NOVEMBER 9:** Return to Kampala to rest or take in the local sights. Debrief over dinner with fellow travelers.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10:** Depart for the airport in the late afternoon, carrying with you wonderful memories and the inspiration to become more involved in Opportunity's mission 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.

To learn more, visit [opportunity.org](http://opportunity.org)  
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# Registration

HERE IS HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR INSIGHT TRIP:

1) Contact your regional director or Adele Nandan in Opportunity's international education department, at [anandan@opportunity.org](mailto:anandan@opportunity.org) or 630-242-4147.

**Registration deadline is September 3, 2012.**

*Early registration discount of \$150 per person applies if registered by August 3, 2012.*

2) Go to **[opportunity.org/insight](http://opportunity.org/insight)**

Complete the registration form and submit payment to secure your place.

## SUMMARY OF COSTS:

\$2,770 payment to Opportunity International\*

*Includes, all meals and beverages, hotel (based on double occupancy), gratuity, local transportation, airport transfers, translator services, emergency evacuation insurance, and partner and staff costs.*

\$1,850 estimated airfare (from Chicago)

*Airfare to be booked and paid for by the traveler.*

**\$4,620 total cost estimate**

*\*Incidentals, shots, passports, visas, souvenirs and optional sightseeing not included.*

3) Make flight arrangements on your own or contact ADTRAV, Opportunity's preferred travel partner, at [opportunitytravel@adtrav.com](mailto:opportunitytravel@adtrav.com).

4) Prepare for departure. Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after your intended departure date. Visit [www.vp2go.com](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

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## 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