Uganda: Socially Responsible Tourism

Mission: To uplift impoverished communities in the developing world through creating and supporting sustainable, income-generating projects. This trip will focus on community tourism with the Batwa Pygmy tribe, women's empowerment, and small business development.

Day 1: Arrive in Entebbe. Transfer to Kampala and check into hotel.

Day 2: Tour Kampala's many diverse religious sites.

Day 3: Depart for Jinja and volunteer with Lord's Meade Vocational College. Help implement an income-generating project alongside students and administrators.

Day 4: Visit the source of the Nile and Bujagali Falls. Return to the hotel in the evening.

Day 5: Depart for Lake Mburo National Park for safari. Lake Mburo is known as the premier place to spot zebra and is home to some of the more rare animals of Uganda.

Day 6: Early morning safari. Continue on to Lake Bunyonyi in the afternoon. Check into Lake Bunyonyi Resort and enjoy an introduction to the community tourism project that The Village Experience and Lake Bunyonyi Resort are developing.

Day 7-9: Volunteer in community to help design, implement, and market community tourism initiatives surrounding Lake Bunyonyi. Visit a local women's project located on one of the many islands in Lake Bunyonyi and enjoy a scenic boat ride. Volunteer work will include assisting with a clean water project, orphans and widows project, malaria and HIV/AIDS education project among others. Overnight at the Lake Bunyonyi Resort.

Day 10: Depart for Queen Elizabeth National Park for safari. Queen Elizabeth has the highest number of mammal species in Uganda and is extremely popular with bird-watchers. Be on the lookout for lions, hippos, elephants, leopards, and buffaloes. Overnight at safari camp.

Day 11: Enjoy an early morning safari. Depart after breakfast and stop at fair trade coffee plantation for a tour and coffee samples. Return to Kampala in the afternoon and check into hotel.

Day 12: Spend the day visiting local markets in Kampala and a women's fair trade group known as Paper Craft. Transfer to airport in the evening for flight back to the U.S.