

## Uganda

Travelers are encouraged to obtain dollar bills newer than 2006 for the best exchange rate. Older or torn bills will fetch lower value at all Forex Bureaus or may not be accepted outside Kampala. Small dollar bills in the denominations of \$20, \$10, \$5, \$1 and coins also fetch low value on Ugandan market. It's therefore important that you carry newer bills in the denominations of \$50 and \$100 for the best exchange rates in Uganda

Restaurants 5-10% if no service charge

Taxis, called Special Hire. Ush10,000 for short trip; Ush40,000 for longer

Gorilla Forest Camp is near the Buhoma park entrance

Rushegura, Habinyanja and Mubare groups are near Buhoma

If you want to buy the t-shirt that says "Mzungu", then this would be the place. For some reason, it is not available in any of the smaller stores. I know many tourists who want to buy one, and would have expected it to be available in every store in Kampala. The only places where I could find "Mzungu" t-shirts were the crafts stores and the airport.

NOTE: Mzungu means white man. Its not meant as an insult, just the local lingo. Mhindi stands for Indians, and Mchina stands for orientals. They are pronounced as Muzungu, Muindi, and Mucheena, respectively.

What one need to know when in Kampala, Matatu is a taxi while sallon car is called "Special". "Special" has special prices too, especially for mzungus (whites). No car has visible sign for taxi service or taxi-meter but they are available virtualy all over the town. One cannot know wether sitting in a private car or in a special.

Rule number one is, never enter in a car before the price for a ride isn't agreed! If using special late in the night, the drivers will try to take advantage of you by asking double or triple price than usual.

**Unique Suggestions:** There exist yellow-cab service in Kampala too but you wont see much of them around. Their usual post is around casinos (check in front of Simba). The starting price is 3.500 shillings but they wont switch on the taxi-meter if you don't ask it. However, even if burgain for a ride, yellow-cab is much cheaper than the special.

Good advice is, once you used their service, ask them to give you their card with phone numbers.

## **Rwanda**

Taxis – Fares are fixed in Kigali

Hotel Rwanda is the Kempinski Hotel Des Mille Collines

**Rwanda Air** booking office is in the Union Trade Centre (UTC) shopping center

Shops & Markets

Cooperative for Trade & Promotion of Rwanda is down the hill from the UTC

Caplaki handicrafts co-op (near Cercle Sportif)

Ikuva Arts

Nyabugogo market or Kimironko Market

Nyamirambo Women's Centre 'This is Africa Experience' \$60-\$80 pp

Kigali Genocide Memorial Free, but contributions (\$15 pp) are welcome. Audio tour \$15

**Good day/hello**      **muraho**

**Thank you**            **murakoze**

**How are you?**        **amakuru**

**How much?**          **ni angahe**

Be aware of the Yellow shirt Police, Kampala City Authority Officials. They are targeting white tourists around the Garden City complex and expect payment or threaten detention for days for non-existent or minor crimes ie crossing the road. Standing on a grass area. Demanding \$200 bribes in return for release.

Don't plan on using your credit card. If it is accepted, there is a good chance of fraud. Safer is withdrawing money from ATM's using your VISA-card. Many ATMs take VISA. Stanbic is the only bank that takes MasterCard branded cards.

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