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Synopsis

The Bradt Guide to Uganda, now more than 500-pages long, is the definitive travel handbook to this wonderful but oft-neglected destination, not only providing comprehensive background information to its varied national parks, towns and other cultural attractions, but also including detailed reviews of the ever-growing selection of world-class lodges and budget hotels that service them. Uganda boasts the most varied - and arguably the most exciting - safari circuit in Africa. The lush montane forests of Bwindi protect the world's largest remaining population of mountain gorillas, many of which have become habituated to tourists and can be tracked to within a few metres on foot. Elsewhere, Queen Elizabeth National Park, set below the snow-capped Mountains of the Moon, is renowned for its tree-climbing lions and abundant buffaloes. Elephants abound in Murchison Falls National Park, coursed through by a dramatic stretch of the White Nile dense with hippos, crocodiles and waterfowl, while Kibale Forest offers superb chimpanzee tracking as well as the opportunity to see ten other monkey species in their natural jungle habitat. For birders, an astonishing checklist of more than 1,000 species - in a country similar in size to Great Britain or the state of Oregon -- includes dozens of Western rainforest specials difficult to see elsewhere, as well as the iconic great blue turaco and shoebill. Philip Briggs is the world's foremost writer of guidebooks to Africa. He has been exploring the continent's highways, byways and backwaters for over 30 years.

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Customer Reviews

I used this as a reference as I traveled. I did not read it in advance of my trip. I found it useful for some things. I visited three national parks and trekked gorillas. The guidance was spot on. I spent a week in Kasese visiting a clinic and schools. Here I found the guidance less useful. The food was different and poor by US standards. The saving grace was the number of Indian dishes on menus. Buffets, however, left a lot to be desired. Tipping was different than in other places and this helped. Bottom line, this is a third world country and white people are assumed to be rich. Having a personal guide was very valuable.

Excellent travel book! very helpful in planning my upcoming trip.

Great book. However, I actually think this book has too MUCH info.

My boyfriend and me are German, so of course we had to get used to the English language. But it was worth it! The travel book has detailed information that are really up to date. It allowed us to travel around in all the country without a prereserved safari group. And we enjoyed it so much! Thanks to the guide-book and the fact, that we moved around independently and spontaneously, we met so many kind ugandan people! We recommend this guidebook to everybody who is travelling to Uganda. We just would like to add 3 points of interest, that were very enriching experiences, but that are not mentioned in the guidebook: In Kampala you should not miss Ndere Cultural Center, where they perform traditional ugandan music and dances. For buying souvenirs you should really go to a Handcraft Market in Buganda Road (in front of a delicious coffee shop called 1000 cups, Plot 18). In Gulu we heartly recommend you the most enriching and exciting experience that we made: Get to know life in a hut and share it. During one day or more, Otim and his family will introduce you to their way of living: Gardening, making fire, building a hut, preparing a typical ugandan food... It was wonderful! His number is: 0779 757007. He speaks very good English! Enjoy!

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