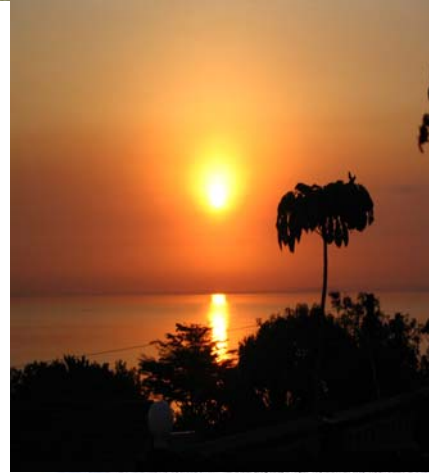


Adventure Travel with the Abayudaya  
 Jews of Uganda & Shalom Tours Uganda  
**Jewish Life in Uganda**  
**Mitzvah Tour**  
**& Wildlife Safari 2012**  
 Sunday, Jan. 15 - Monday, Jan. 29, 2012



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Thank you for your interest in the Abayudaya Jewish Community of Uganda..  
 Our exciting eco-tourism development project is now in its 9th year.  
 This is a perfect family Jewish heritage trip for all generations.  
 Our travelers rave that this is one of the best experiences of their lives!  
**Space is limited, so please book early**



## **Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour & Wildlife Safari 2012**

**Sunday, Jan. 15 - Monday, Jan. 29, 2012**

The Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour is led by experienced Abayudaya tour guides. Visit with the Abayudaya Jewish community and spend Shabbat in a rural African village synagogue. Be honored guests at the fabulous Abayudaya Music and Dance Festival. We travel in air-conditioned vans. Accommodations are in friendly hotels & beautiful safari lodges, featuring hearty meals.

Extended Stay Options (additional fees): Take a mountain gorilla trip and/or become a long-term community volunteer

- Meet the Abayudaya Jewish Community! Visit the Abayudaya synagogues and the many Kulanu-supported mitzvah projects. Learn the history of this amazing community and enjoy the hospitality of Ugandan Jewish families.
- Enjoy an authentic, world-beat African Jewish Music and Dance Festival, exclusive to this tour.
- Share Ugandan Jewish culture, history and music through talks, celebrations, concerts, and arts and crafts demonstrations. Learn about the ethnic groups, languages, agriculture, economy, as well as unique flora, birds, and wildlife of Uganda.
- Volunteer if you wish, sharing skills with the Abayudaya Community.
- Tour the famous Kulanu-Abayudaya "Delicious Peace" fair trade interfaith organic coffee project, recently featured in Oprah Magazine. Learn about our other self-help business development and micro-finance projects in remote villages.
- Thrill to fantastic safari adventures in beautiful Murchison Falls National Park. Marvel at the sight of baby hippos, elephants, giraffe, colobus monkeys, warthogs, antelopes, crocodiles, 500 species of birds, and more, all living freely in the national park.
- Cruise on a lovely wildlife viewing boat trip to the foot of Murchison Falls. See the source of the magnificent Nile in Jinja town.
- Tour the colorful eastern Ugandan countryside and explore Mt. Elgon National Park, a huge extinct volcano that is one of the grandest mountains in Africa. Visit beautiful mountain top Sipi Falls. Explore ancient Sabinyi Cave
- Visit colorful, bargain-filled arts & crafts markets in Jewish villages, in the bustling capital, Kampala, and in Mbale town.

**Best of all, make a personal connection with our friends  
in this remarkable African Jewish community!**

**Contact: Laura Wetzler(volunteer) [laura@laurawetzler.com](mailto:laura@laurawetzler.com).**

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Tel. 011 256 078 2 396 397 (8-5pm Uganda time)

Mailing address: PO Box 225 Mbale, Uganda

[www.shalomtoursuganda.com](http://www.shalomtoursuganda.com) Custom group tours available at other times.

**See itineraries and prices below.**

## Option 1 Itinerary

Sunday Night Arrival, Jan. 15

Welcome! Pick up at Uganda Airport.

Meet tour guide Samson Waziwu and Laura Wetzler

Check in and brief orientation.

**Entebbe Golf Course Hotel**

Monday, Jan. 16

**Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park**

Early breakfast. Long drive through picturesque hillside villages and colorful markets, gorgeous tea and banana plantations, to Paraa Safari Lodge. Look for baboons on the way. Check-in.

PM Game Drive to see elephants, giraffe hippos, crocs, buffalo, storks, warthogs and more.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

**Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park**

Early AM Game Drive.

PM Game drive or boat trip or pool Giraffes and Lions are a highlight

Wednesday, Jan 18

**Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park**

Early AM Game drive

PM Game drive or boat trip or pool

Thursday, Jan. 19

**Transfer Sheraton Kampala**

Early AM Chimp, baboon and monkey tracking

Friday, Jan. 20

**Transfer to Mbale - Mt. Elgon Hotel**

Drive to Mbale (4 hours) Check in/ Dinner at Hotel

6:30 Shabbat Eve Services at Nabagoye Hill

Saturday, Jan. 21

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

Shabbat service, family visits, meet the community!

Lunch with Abayudaya at Abayudaya Guest House

PM Torah study. Shuttles to hotel.

Dinner at hotel. Havdalah 7pm

Sunday, Jan. 22

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

AM free time. Lunch at hotel.

2-5 PM Meet all community at Nabagoye Hill for

**The Abayudaya Music & Dance Festival** (including Abayudaya Women's Association & Abayudaya youth from five villages.)

Monday, Jan. 23

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

9:30 AM Tour Primary School with Headmaster Aaron Kintu Moses.

10:30 AM Tour High School with Headmaster Seth Jonadav.

Lunch at Hotel.

2 PM Visit Namonyoni synagogue.

3 PM Coffee Tour: Meet "Delicious Peace" Director JJ Keki in Nangolo.

Tour new "Delicious Peace" Kulanu USAID construction project /or free time.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

10:30 AM Visit Namutumba Synagogue. Lunch enroute.

3 PM Visit Nasenyi Synagogue.

Visit with Abayudaya members, including youth and Abayudaya Women's Association in Namutumba and Nasenyi.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

**Sipi Falls Day Trip**

Visit beautiful Mt. Elgon National Park.

Sabinyi caves, Sipi Falls.

Thursday, Jan. 26

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

Visit Mt. Elgon National Park

Nwero cave paintings or volunteer or rest day

Friday, Jan. 27

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

Mitzvah Day (volunteer or free time)

Mitzvah projects such as painting classrooms, adult education workshop or tutoring.

Saturday, Jan. 28

**Mt. Elgon Hotel**

Farewell Shabbat visits with the community.

Sunday, Jan.29

**Mt. Elgon Hotel** Check out.

Transfer to Kampala & Entebbe for shopping & farewell dinner.

Evening check in at airport.

NOTE: VERY early morning departure Monday, Jan. 30.

## Options 2 and 3 Itineraries

**Arrive Thursday, Jan. 19. No Safari. One night in Sheraton Kampala. Join the group.**

**Activities are the same for the remainder of the trip.**

## Option 1: Full Tour

**Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour and Wildlife Safari**  
**15 days/14 nights: Sunday, Jan. 15 Monday, Jan. 29, 2012**

**\$3340 PP Double / \$3720 PP Single\***

Entebbe Hotel, Paraa Luxury Safari Lodge, Sheraton, Mt. Elgon Hotel

## OPTION 2: SHORT TOUR

Abayudaya Village Short Tour

10 Days/9 nights: Thursday, Jan. 19 - Monday, Jan. 29, 2012

\$2355 PP Double /\$2535 PP Single\* Sheraton, Mt Elgon Hotel

## OPTION 3: SHORT BUDGET TOUR

Abayudaya Village Short Tour Budget

**Stay in rustic village dormitory. Very limited availability!**

10 days/9nights: Thursday Jan.19 - Monday, Jan. 29, 2012

\$1960 PP Double /\$2045 PP Single\* Sheraton, Abayudaya Guest House Dorm

**\* Airfare, visa, travel insurance, gratuities,  
 & drinks are not included.**

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This is an anti-poverty, eco-tourism development project.

On our tours, your fees go directly to support the Jewish community of Uganda. Just visiting is a mitzvah!

There is time built into this trip to volunteer and share your skills, if you wish.



## What to expect on this trip

The Abayudaya Jewish Community welcomes you to their beautiful country! This is adventure travel, perhaps unlike any you have experienced before. This trip is a project to empower sustainable economic development in the Abayudaya Jewish community through eco-tourism. You will be inspired by Africa and her people and moved by the survival of Jewish communal life there. You may be changed forever. Our wildlife safari lodges and national parks have been featured on Animal Planet and BBC documentaries and will thrill your family. If you join us, you must be in good health, flexible and ready to deal with changing circumstances with a sense of humor. You may walk as much or as little as you wish. We are traveling in the dry season. Expect occasionally dusty air quality. Remember to stay hydrated and enjoy!

Everything has been done to help us be as comfortable as possible, given that we will be traveling by air-conditioned van on dirt roads into agricultural villages, some with no electricity and no running water. Uganda is a developing country. The pace is much slower there. Bring your camera, binoculars and patience. Expect occasional delays.

Look up our hotels on the internet. Hotels are friendly, modest and clean, with running water and electricity. TV is occasional. Power outages are frequent. Remember that hotels, meals, and ground tour as outlined are all included. **Credit cards and traveler's checks are rarely accepted and problematic.**

**Note: Ugandan banks will give best exchange rate for spending money in \$50 bills.** Please leave expensive jewelry at home.

Food may be different from what you are accustomed to and is influenced by East Indian cuisine. Vegetarian meals are available. Great fish (tilapia, Nile perch) is generally available fresh from Lake Victoria. Kosher Shabbat meals in the Abayudaya community are available. Bring dry protein snacks to keep with you on long road trips.

### What to bring:

Bring a sense of humor. Bring a willingness to learn from our hosts.

**Important repeat information:** Bring spending money in US \$50 bills. Uganda is on the equator. Bring lightweight, easy to rinse out casual summer clothes for adventure travel. Bring a hat. Pack for a very hot climate, with a light jacket for mountainous regions. Wear sneakers or comfortable walking shoes.

**Due to space restrictions on the safari van, you are permitted:**

**One checked bag**, and leave plenty of room for purchases! African clothing and crafts are beautiful and reasonably priced.

**One carry-on bag** including prescription meds, an extra set of clothes, underwear and sundries, in the event of lost baggage. **Electronic equipment has gone missing from checked bags. We advise you to place all electronics in carry-on.**

## Items worthwhile to bring for your own comfort and safety:

Cash in \$50 bills	Camera and batteries
Passport and visa	<u>Prescription medications in your carry-on bag.</u>
Plane tickets	Medicines, including malaria prophylaxis.
Proof of vaccinations	Our doctor also recommended bringing antibiotics for
Travel belt money holder that fits under your clothes	diarrhea, if needed, headache medicine, nausea meds, a
Lightweight travel slacks and tops	cream for bug bites; a small first aid kit.
Sneakers or comfortable walking shoes	Snacks such as granola bars, trail mix and peanut butter
Refillable water bottle with shoulder	crackers
or belt holder	Daypack: Shoulder bag or small backpack to always have
Flashlight or headlamp (for reading	with you, containing water bottle, tissue, notebook and
at night in low level lighting.)	pen, camera, gifts, granola bar, medicines you might
Bathroom tissue.	need, insect repellent, sunscreen
Hand-wipes and anti-bacterial hand sanitizer	Bathing suit for hotel pools
Sunscreen and sunhat	Travel binoculars, if you are a birdwatcher.
Insect repellent	<u>Pack electronics in carry on.</u>
A duplicate pair of glasses	

### Suggested Reading List

*The Spectrum Guide to Uganda*, Interlink Books  
*Jews in Places You Never Thought Of*, by Karen Primack, Ktav Publishing  
*CD Shalom, Everybody, Everywhere!* Music by the Abayudaya Jews of Uganda, Kulanu.org  
*Abayudaya Jews of Uganda*, Photos and Text by Richard Sobol; CD Music Annotation by Jeffrey Summit, Abbeville Press  
*CD Music of the Jews of Uganda* Smithsonian Institution  
*National Audubon Society Field Guide to African Wildlife*  
*Lonely Planet Guide to East Africa*, Lonely Planet  
*Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa*, Terry Stevenson and John Fanshawe, T& AD Poyser, London  
 (THE African birders guide but this is a very heavy hard cover!)  
*Birds of Africa* Chris & Tilde Stuart, The MIT Press Cambridge, Massachusetts  
*Jonathan Scott's Safari Guide to East African Birds*, Kensta, PO Box 46309, Nairobi, Kenya

### Support Kulanu's all-volunteer mitzvah work!

Select books, hand-made Judaica crafts and the Abayudaya music CD  
 are available on-line at [www.kulanuboutique.com](http://www.kulanuboutique.com).

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More Questions?

Contact: **Laura Wetzler (volunteer)** [laura@laurawetzler.com](mailto:laura@laurawetzler.com) (413) 634-5617

**Tour Fees and Cancellation Policy Below**

# Tour Fees and Cancellation Policy.

## 3 Tour Options. Please Read Carefully.

1. The cost of Option 1 The Full "Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour and Wildlife Safari" 15 days/14 nights: Sunday, Jan. 15 - Monday, Jan. 29, 2012 is:  
**\$3, 340. Per Person Double Occupancy/ \$3720. Per Person Single Occupancy.**

NOTE: Airfare, travel insurance, drinks and gratuities are additional.

**"Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour and Wildlife Safari" Tour Deposit: \$1800 Per Person.**

**NOTE: To avoid delays on arrival in Africa, total balance due must be paid in full by Nov. 15, 2011.**

If cancellation is made before Nov. 15, 2010, Shalom Tour Company will refund the \$1800 per person tour deposit minus 50% (\$900) per person, plus charge for international bank wiring costs, as a cancellation fee. Due to the fact you are traveling during peak holiday season, hotels and other vendors will not make refunds to the Abayudaya community past a certain date.

**If cancellation is made after Nov. 15, 2011 you will forfeit the total per person tour fee. We urge you to please be certain to get cancellation insurance to cover all your costs.**

2. The cost of Option 2 "Abayudaya Village Short Tour" 11 days/10nights, Thursday Jan.19 - Monday, Jan. 29, 2012 is:

**\$2355. Per Person Double Occupancy / \$2535. Per Person Single Occupancy**

NOTE: Airfare, travel insurance, drinks and gratuities are additional.

**Abayudaya Village Short Tour Deposit: \$1250 Per Person**

**NOTE: To avoid delays on arrival in Africa, total balance due must be paid in full by Nov. 15, 2011.**

If cancellation is made before Nov. 15, 2011 Shalom Tour Company will refund the \$1250 per person tour deposit minus 50% (\$625) per person, plus charge international bank wiring costs, as a cancellation fee. Due to the fact you are traveling during peak holiday season, hotels and other vendors will not make refunds to the Abayudaya community past a certain date.

**If cancellation is made after Nov. 15, 2011 you will forfeit the total per person tour fee. We urge you to please be certain to get cancellation insurance to cover all your costs.**

3. The cost of Option 3 "Abayudaya Village Short Tour BUDGET" Thursday Jan.15- Monday, Jan. 29, 2012 is: **\$1960. Per Person, Double Occupancy / \$2045. Per Person Single Occupancy.**

Limited Availability. NOTE: Airfare, Travel insurance, drinks and gratuities are additional.

**Abayudaya Village Short Tour BUDGET" Tour Deposit: \$1000 Per Person**

**NOTE: To avoid delays on arrival in Africa, total balance due must be paid in full by Nov. 15, 2011.**

If cancellation is made before Nov. 15, 2011, Shalom Tour Company will refund the \$1000 per person tour deposit minus 50% (\$500) per person, plus charge international bank wiring costs, as a cancellation fee. Due to the fact you are traveling during peak holiday season, hotels and other vendors will not make refunds to the Abayudaya community past a certain date.

**If cancellation is made after Nov. 15, 2011 you will forfeit the total per person tour fee. We urge you to please be certain to get cancellation insurance to cover all your costs.**

See below for more important information

All contractual agreements are solely with  
 Shalom Tours / Samson Shadrak Waziwu, Abayudaya Guide  
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To reserve your place:

1. Choose one of three tour packages
2. Contact [laura@laurawetzler.com](mailto:laura@laurawetzler.com) to confirm there is space for you
3. Send your tour deposit via international bank wire to info below

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## Legal Disclaimer

While Kulanu, a not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization certainly supports the Abayudaya community and is delighted to publicize this trip, this tour and any follow-on activities, including any extended stays with the community or safaris, are not being sponsored by Kulanu. Kulanu and Kulanu volunteers assume no liability of any kind whatsoever with respect to this trip.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**Booking airfare, (very limited flights; book now!) acquiring passport, visa, medical vaccinations, and travel insurance (cancellation, medical, evacuation, flight, baggage loss) is the responsibility of each individual.**

**AIRFARE:** "The Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour & Wildlife Safari " is the basic package. If you choose this option, depending on what city you are flying from, flights must **usually depart from the U.S. via British Airways to Uganda (EBB) Sat. Jan. 14, 2012 for arrival in Uganda Sunday night, Jan. 15 to meet the tour. You must meet the tour by Sunday night Jan. 15 at Entebbe airport.**

**The Abayudaya Village Tour and Abayudaya Village Short Tour /Village Short Tour Budget travelers must arrive Thursday Jan. 15 to meet up with the tour.** Contact Deborah at The Travel Loft: 1888 843-5638, [travloft@verizon.net](mailto:travloft@verizon.net) for best flights and best rates, or travel agent of your choice.



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## What to do first?

1) **BOOK TOUR NOW:** Choose your tour package. Contact Laura Wetzler [laura@laurwetzler.com](mailto:laura@laurwetzler.com) 413-634-5617 9am-3pm EST to check availability and email your detailed contact information. After being in touch with Laura, wire your deposit based on correct tour package outlined above to Shalom Tour Company at their bank in Uganda (wiring info above) in order to reserve your place. The Jewish Life in Uganda Mitzvah Tour and Wildlife Safari and The Abayudaya Village Tour/Budget is contracted solely with Shalom Tour Company and reservations are only by deposit. Limited availability.

### 2) BOOK AIRFARE IMMEDIATELY:

Depending on what city you are flying from, flights for **FULL TOUR 15 days** must usually depart from the U.S. via British Air to Uganda (EBB) Sat. Jan. 14, 2012 with a stop in London, to arrive in Uganda Sunday NIGHT, Jan. 15 2012 to meet our tour.

The Abayudaya Village Short Tour and Short Tour Budget travelers must arrive in Uganda Thursday Jan. 19 to meet up with the tour. Contact: Deborah Walsh at 1-888-843-5638 [travloft@verizon.net](mailto:travloft@verizon.net) The Travel Loft, Amherst, MA, or other travel agent of your choice. The Travel Loft has info regarding possible wholesale costs and the best flight arriving on time to meet the tour in Uganda. Please book your airfare as soon as possible to get the best rates. Inform Laura of your flight.

### 3) PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Full coverage travel insurance for medical and cancellation, etc. is advised and is available through The Travel Loft, [travloft@verizon.net](mailto:travloft@verizon.net) (413) 256-6481 or [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com), or other agent of your choice. Please review all details of trip cancellation terms.

4) **GET YOUR TRAVEL VACCINATIONS STARTED NOW:** Some vaccinations and anti-malarial medications require multiple doses over a period of months previous to travel. **Consult your travel medicine specialist and CDC for current requirements for Uganda immediately.**

### 5) GET YOUR PASSPORT:

Allow ample time for normal processing. Check with your U.S. Post Office.

6) **GET YOUR UGANDA TOURIST VISA** in the US at the Uganda Embassy in Washington, DC or at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda. Cost \$50. Check with your airline. Some now require you get your visa in the US or country of origin before you board their planes. Allow several weeks for normal processing from Washington [www.ugandaembassy.com](http://www.ugandaembassy.com). Tourist visas are also available in the US at Uganda House near the UN in NYC.

Looking forward to sharing this great experience with you and your family!

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