**Fact Sheet**

**LOCATION**
Papyrus Guest House is located in Upper Kiwafu, a residential area of Entebbe, only a short drive from the international airport and Lake Victoria.

Set in a private garden in an uptown neighborhood, it is a peaceful and much welcomed sanctuary away from bustling Kampala city.

GPS Coordinates: N 00° 04’ 10”  E 32° 27’ 38”

**ACCESSIBILITY**
*By Road:* Papyrus Guest House is approximately 5km (10 minutes) from Entebbe International Airport and 40km (1 hour) from Kampala, on a tarmac road.

**International airlines flying to Entebbe International airport** (situation at Feb 2017): Brussels Airlines (SN), Emirates (EK), Ethiopian Airlines (ET), Kenya Airways (KQ), KLM (KL), Precision Air, Qatar Airways (QR), Rwandair (WB), South African Airways (SA), Turkish Airline (TK).

**Regional airlines flying to Entebbe:** Precision Air (PW), Auric Air (UI), Rwandair (WB)

Complimentary airport pick-up and drop-offs and boarding-pass printing service are included for all our guests.

Papyrus Guest House and Nkuringo Walking Safaris can provide assistance in organising and tailor-making any travel arrangement in Uganda and East Africa.

We also have a sister hotel in Bwindi, our beloved Nkuringo Bwindi Gorilla Lodge, the ideal base for gorilla tracking and for exploring this exceptional area of the country and of East Africa.

**WEATHER**
Papyrus Guest House is open throughout the year.

Sitting almost on the Equator, the climate is very pleasant and consistent throughout the year, with temperature and humidity greatly mitigated by the altitude of 1180 m a.s.l. - 25-27°C during the day and 16-18°C at night; standard humidity 75-80%.

On average the warmest month is January while the coolest is August. Rain can happen any time, however most rainfall is in April-May and November-December; the wettest month being April and the driest being July.

It is recommended to always pack waterproof clothing.

*April, May and November are Low Season and visitors get discounted rates for gorilla and chimps permits.*

**THE GUEST HOUSE**
Papyrus Guest House opened its doors in September 2014 out of the desire to meet the growing demands from clients staying in our sister lodge in Bwindi who also necessitated accommodation in Entebbe. We felt the need to guarantee a personalised service from arrival to departure!

Offering all the amenities of a small and charming guest house, Papyrus has quickly acquired the reputation of a home away from home. When staying with us, guests find the comforts of a modern home in a traditional setting, always accompanied by the dedication and warm hospitality Ugandans are known for.

Whether it is for a few days stay or just for a few hours, the staff will cater for all your needs so as to help you enjoy a relaxing break or a very active holiday.

**ROOMS**
Guests at Papyrus Guest House stay in **15 individually hand-crafted rooms.** 6 are located in the main house while 9 are located in the garden and are a bit more secluded. Double rooms can offer twin beds or a double bed, some rooms can become triples while three rooms are just for single occupancy – we try to satisfy all individual needs.

The Room names may sound complicated upon arrival in Uganda but they are no longer so upon departure, they are in fact derived from the popular gorilla families in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, in honour of this incredible and rare experience available in our country.

**Room Facilities:** ensuite bathroom with shower (24h hot water), fan, mosquito nets, spacious beds and high quality mattresses, safe box, 1 complimentary bottle of water per day, shampoo, hair conditioner and body cream, hairdryer (provided on request), daily housekeeping service, private veranda (garden rooms only), extra bed and baby cots, tea and coffee brought to your room. Room size vary as per the room typology.

**Lodge facilities:** a cosy restaurant serving home-made meals and freshly baked bread, a bar, outdoor and indoor lounges, TV with 50x DSTV channels in the lounge, complimentary tea and coffee, in-house craft shop, complimentary wi-fi in the main area, laundry service, 24-hour security, Excursion Desk, major credit cards accepted (Visa, MasterCard, Amex).

Children are welcome.

**Total capacity:** max 30 guests in 15 rooms

**GENERAL**

Check-in: after 12.30pm
Check-out: before 10.00am

**Telephone & Wi-Fi:** the telephone signal is available and Wi-Fi is provided free of charge in the main area

**Voltage** 220V – UK Outlet

**ACTIVITIES**

Papyrus Guest House is the ideal stop-over upon arrival in Uganda or at the end of a safari. When staying with us even the “forced” stay due to flight connections actually becomes an unexpected highlight of your holiday. The central location of the Guest House allows for some very interesting guided activities, all reached within reasonable time:

- **Mabamba Swamps** in Lake Victoria, one of the best places in Uganda to spot the highly sought-after and rare *shoebill* in its natural habitat and to enjoy **excellent birdwatching** (more than 260 identified species) – by car to the harbor then by boat and dug-out canoe, duration 3-4 hrs

- **Sunset cruise on Lake Victoria** - by car to the harbor then by boat or dug-out canoe, duration 2 hrs

- **Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary** in Lake Victoria: home to 49 rescued orphaned chimps, it provides exceptional opportunity to closely observe these fascinating apes in a unique setting. Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWTC), the NGO responsible for all aspects of the sanctuary, is deeply committed to the education of local communities and works in close cooperation with the government and the wildlife authorities in their rescue operations of orphaned and confiscated chimps. While it can’t compare to the experience of seeing chimps in the wild, it still makes for a unique excursion and, by participating, you also support the works of the trust. On the island there are also big monitor lizards and abundant birdlife - by speedboat (50 min) or traditional motorized canoe (90 min) from Entebbe docks or by plane from Entebbe airport or Kajansi airstrip (20 min), duration 4-5 hrs

- **Entebbe Botanical Gardens** - laid out on the northern shores of the lake in 1898, they cover an area of 35 hectares and are perfect for a leisurely stroll and for some excellent birdwatching (115 species registered) - watch out for black and white colobus monkeys and for tree squirrels too! At one time there was a collection of 2,500 species of plants of tropical, sub-tropical and warm temperate zones - 10 minutes by car or 30 minutes on foot, duration 2 hrs

- **Bicycle tour** of Entebbe or to Mabamba Swamps

- **Snake park**

Whatever your plans are – just let us know and we can provide almost everything, from a short taxi lift or transfer to a full day excursion led by your personal professional guide.

**RESERVATIONS**

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