



Uganda Visit to Botanic Gardens, Food Plants and Wild Plants planned around Feb 2020

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We are planning to **visit Uganda** to see **plants, agriculture** and **the food prepared from these plants**. The journey is not a safari, we do not visit the National Parks with animal watching programme. We want to see how people are doing agriculture and provide their daily food.

We are looking for a group of 5 to 8 persons with similar interests, who would like to join to experience this aspect of Uganda. Organisation and payment is done by each one individually. Just the cars/taxis, the drivers and the guides in Uganda are organised and payed together (one or two cars).

The participants can bring their own ideas for visiting places and projects and we can aligne our destinations and our schedule to the interest of the participants. A preliminary idea for our journey between Jan 15th and March 15th could be:

- For beginning visit to the **Botanic Garden** in **Entebbe** and the enviroment around Lake Victoria there to get acquainted. (ca. 3 days)
- From **Kampala** Visit to **Insitute of Botany** and see the Herbarium there, visit to Institutes of **Agriculture** and **Kawanda Experimental Stations**, see field trials with different **crops** and **visit markets** and **parks** in the town to study plants, buy some books and get some information needed for our trip (ca. 5 days)
- Drive to placees further **North** to see **Cereal Growing and Farming** sites (finger millet, corn, rice, sorghum, sesam, sunflower and legumes like cow pea and pigeon pea etc. and food supply by agriculture there. (possibly farest place north would be: Gulu, Labwor Hills in Abim, Mount Akur 1885 m, Kiru, Wiawer, Nabuin ZARDI in Moroto ? (ca 10 days)
- Drive to the **South** journey to Masaka zu **Robusta-Banana Agrosystem** (Coffee growing and processing and banana growing and cooking) and food supply by agriculture and gardening there (matoke, cassava, vegetables, legume trees etc.) (ca 10 days)
- Eventually visit to a wetland with **ecological guidance** not too far from Kampala or Masaka (eco- or botanical guide in a swamp area Katonga River?, Lake Nabugabo? Lake Wamala ? Ssesse Islands ? or a rain forest Mpanga- or Mabira Forest Reserve?)
- **Visiting Projects of Farms, Gardening and Food production sites known by the participants, e.g. Corn mill of the project "Kindern ein Chance" in Zigoti.**

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