

Kapp 2 Cape



Uganda



Kapp 2Cape snippets				
Date travelled	Time in country	Distance travelled	Fuel filled	Av daily spend for 2 people
September 2013	26 days	1,741 km	178 litres	£39

Border Posts used	Tanzania → Uganda @ Mutukula (Bukoba) Uganda → Rwanda @ Cyuve (Kisoro)
Visa information	RSA: 90days purchased at the border NOR: 90days purchased at the border
European Language	English
Currency & Exchange Rate	Ugandan Shilling US\$1 = 2,650 UGX £1 = 4,000 UGX
Diesel price	1L = 3,200UGX 1L = £0.80
Vehicle Insurance	COMESA
Electricity plug	UK square three-pin



Highlights / Interesting places to visit / things to do

Location	Attraction	Waypoint	Comment
Murchison Falls National Park	Murchison Falls	N2 16.708 E31 41.136	Arrange with the lodge or with Wild Frontiers to take the boat up to see the falls. It is a quiet, scenic trip up the river.
Fort Portal	Crater Lakes – Nkuruba Community Camp	N0 31.115 E30 18.131	Spectacular views of the lakes formed in the craters of old volcanoes. Small roads meandering amongst the lakes.
Fort Portal	Bigodi Swamp birding	N0 24.266 E30 24.589	Walk around the swamp to enjoy the nature, the birds, and the monkeys. Best time is early in the morning.
Kasese	Rwenzori Mountains	N0 21.001 E30 01.878	Ugandan mountains with snow on the top! It is possible to do some serious hiking here – 3 to 10 days return to get to the highest tops.
Kisoro	Mgahinga National Park	S1 21.244 E29 37.138	Climb to the top of the three volcanic peaks in this park, or take one of the three less strenuous routes in the park.
Kisoro	Bwindi National Park Buhoma Entrance Rushaga Entrance	S0 58.626 E29 41.310 S1 07.067 E29 42.583	Gorilla tracking! Nshongi group tracking starts here.

Disappointments

Location	Attraction	Waypoint	Comment
Uganda	National Parks – Murchison Falls National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park		It is pricy to take a foreign registered vehicle in to the National Parks – US\$150 per visit. It makes it very expensive for overlanders to visit these parks in particular.



Money & Supermarkets

ATMs used successfully	StanBic
Supermarkets	Shoprite Nakumatt Local 'supermarkets'

Other useful information

Location	Name	Comment
Kampala	Uganda Wildlife Authority	We went here to buy our Chimp and Gorilla tracking permits. It was very easy, and we had a very friendly man help us.
Kampala	Toyota	Service done on the vehicle. Transparent and professional. I was allowed to be with the vehicle at all times – reassuring in particular to us who have modifications.
Uganda	Internet	Easy to get a SIM for your dongle, and easy to convert to data. Good coverage on Orange in particular.



Campsites used

Codes: Shower: H = hot shower, C = cold shower, B = bucket for shower, * = read the comments for details

Toilet: WF = western 'sitting' toilet with flushing water, WB = western 'sitting' toilet with bucket to flush, E = eastern 'squatting' toilet, L = long drop or eco-toilet, * = read the comments for details

Location	Campsite name	Waypoint	Comment	Electricity	Internet	Shower	Toilet	Cost pppn
Masaka	Masaka Backpackers	S0 21.804 E31 42.887	Backpackers and campsite just outside town. Very quiet at night. Friendly staff. Access to water. Firepit. Restaurant and honesty bar.	-	Yes	H	WF	UGX10,000
Kampala	Red Chilli Backpackers	Old waypoint N0 19.209 E32 37.795	Backpackers and campsite. Space for vehicles ok. No real braai facilities but good access to water. Also access to kitchen in dorm for washing up. Bar and restaurant. Stop for overland busses. RED CHILLI WILL MOVE ON 23 SEPT 2013 TO NEW PREMISES IN KAMPALA.	-	Yes	H	WF	US\$5
Murchison	Murchison River Lodge	N2 15.033 E31 31.438	Really nice lodge and good campsite. Good clean ablution facilities. Shared standpipe and fire pit. When we were there we had an issue with a flycamp and overflow staff quarters. Good service recovery by owner though. Also offer to put food/bricks in freezer.	-	-	H	WF	US\$10
Fort Portal	Whispering Palms	N0 38.624 E30 16.256	Superb property with camping only. Basic ablutions with cold shower. Outside tap and sink. Access to firewood and braai. Small forest at end of property with good bird life. Electricity if you have long extension cable.	Yes	-	C	WF	UGX15,000



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Fort Portal	Nkuruba Community	N0 31.115 E30 18.131	Lovely basic campsite with lawn and tree shade. Water is carried from the crater lake. Restaurant on site. Curios. Walks. Monkeys.	-	-	B	WF	UGX6,000
Fort Portal	Chimp's Nest	N0 24.215 E30 23.003	Campsite is attached to the lodge, but run by locals. Run down and not much maintenance. Ablutions had cold water showers, no light and only 1 working toilet. Tall grass all over. Thatched shelter that is not really fit for purpose. Nice lodge though.	-	-	B	WF	US\$6
Fort Portal	Chimpanzee Forest Guest House	N0 29.344 E30 20.057	Nice new campsite at a tea plantation. Space for ground tents and roof top tents, and they also have two pre-erected tents. Shelters with chairs, tables and benches. Standpipes and two fire pits. Bar and restaurant at lodge. Good views. Good clean ablutions with donkey burner. Ask about overland trucks coming in as they tend to take over	Yes	-	H	W	UGX15,000
Kasese	Rwenzori Mountaneering Safari Lodge	N0 21.001 E30 01.878	Small lodge that offers five chalets and camping. There is also a bar and restaurant. The community offers walks. *The lodge has hydro power so there is access to electricity.	Yes if you ask nicely ☺	-	B	WF	UGX10,000
Kasese	Simba Safari Camp	N0 00.106 E29 59.379	Dorms and rooms, and a big space for overland trucks. Bar and restaurant.	-	Free wifi	H	WF	US\$7
Lake Bunyoni	Bunyoni Overland	S1 16.341 E29 56.244	Rooms and tents on the lake. Secondary site for overland trucks where roof top tents must also go. Not that many flat spots thought. Bar and restaurant overlooking lake. Small craft and curio shop.	-	Free wifi	H	WF	US\$7



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Kisoro	Amajyambere Community Camp	S1 21.244 E29 37.138	Some bandas and a dorm with four beds. Camping in between bandas. Very basic ablutions – but they will heat water for the shower if you ask. Bar and restaurant. Activities. 30m from the park gate.	-	-	C/H	L	US\$5
Rubuguri	Nshongi Gorilla Resort	S1 07.382 E29 40.950	Lodge with rooms and chalets. Small campsite in the back, but vehicles with roof top tent can park in the front. Bar and restaurant with phone charging. *We were allowed to use toilets in chalet, but cold shower and eastern flush available to campers.	-	-	C*	E*	US\$10
Kisoro	Virunga Campsite	S1 16.918 E29 41.382	Backpackers with camping. Good space for roof top tent. Overland trucks use this also. Restaurant and cold soft drinks.	-	-	H	WF	US\$5