



CARMELITE MISSIONARY UGANDAN PILGRIMAGE 2017



Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD



Entebbe Airport



Mary Reparatrix Retreat House



Shrine of Ugandan Martyrs

Missionary Pilgrimage to Uganda & The Shrines of the Martyrs With Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD

Tentative dates of pilgrimage are October 24 through November 7, 2017. Participants need to be flexible on departure and return dates. The cost of this pilgrimage is \$2,860 USD per person. Payment is by check only, and we will need payment in full at time of reservation. If interested, please contact Angela Yang at 626-394-4367 or by e-mail at aokyang@gmail.com or e-mail Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, at stephenocd@juno.com. **Itinerary, lodging, etc., are subject to change.** Rates quoted are based on minimum of ten (10) participants. Check to be made payable to **Avenue of Travel** and mailed to **21923 Caprock Canyon, San Antonio TX 78258.**

Pilgrimage Itinerary

Day 1:

October 24, 2017 (Tuesday)

Departure from the West Coast.

Day 2:

October 25, 2017 (Wednesday)

Lodging for our first night in Uganda will be spent in Entebbe.

Day 3:

October 26, 2017 (Thursday) **(B, D)**

Tour Entebbe and visit Kigugu.

Entebbe, which means "seat" in the local Luganda language, sits on the northern shores of Lake Victoria. It was the British Colonial Administrative Center in 1893. Entebbe is also home to the historical site in Kigugu where the first Catholic missionaries, Brother Amans and Father Simon Lordel, landed on February 17, 1879, to establish the Catholic faith in Uganda.

We leave Kigugu, pass through Kampala, the capital of Uganda, and arrive in Namagungu where we will spend the night at **Foyer du Charité.**

Day 4:

October 27, 2017 (Friday) **(B, D)**

We will celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Ugandan Martyrs.

*Six years after the Catholic faith was brought to Uganda, the new Christians were already bearing witness to Christ with their lives. This shrine is becoming world famous. Pope Francis celebrated Mass here in November 2016. We will proceed to Jinja in the afternoon where we will spend the first of three (3) nights at the **Retreat House of the Little Sisters of St. Francis.** This congregation of Sisters was the first Catholic religious order for Ugandan women. It was founded by an Irish missionary named Mother Kevin. She is much venerated in Uganda, and her cause for canonization has been started.*

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Day 5:

October 28, 2017 (Saturday) (B)

A day in Jinja.

Jinja is approximately 87 kilometers east of Kampala. It is located on the shores of Lake Victoria and boasts of being the place where the Nile River begins, hence its nickname "Source of the Nile." The Nile River is the longest river in the world and begins right here. The name Jinja actually means "rock." Ten years ago, the California-Arizona Province established a house for postulants, Ugandan men who want to join the Carmelite Order. It also serves as a House of Studies for those studying philosophy at the Philosophy Center Jinja (PCJ).

There are lots of interesting things to do in Jinja.

We will stay at the **Retreat House of the Little Sisters of St. Francis.**

Day 6:

October 29, 2017 (Sunday) (B)

Day spent in and about Jinja, including a trip to Buluba, which was a large leprosarium at one time and is still a major health-care facility.

If possible, we will visit Katie Davis' ministry. She has become well known through her book "Kisses From Katie."

We will have a lovely dinner of fresh tilapia from Lake Victoria as we gaze upon the "Source of the Nile."

We will spend the night at the **Retreat House of the Little Sisters of St. Francis.**

Day 7:

October 30, 2017 (Monday) (B)

After more visiting of Jinja in the morning, guided by Fr. Christopher La Rocca, OCD, to the Karamajong people, we will head into the back country to visit Nkogonjeru.

This is a mission established by Mother Kevin 100 years ago. She is buried there.

We will continue on to Kampala where we will spend the night at a nice hotel.

Day 8:

October 31, 2017 (Tuesday) (B, D)

Day spent in the capital city of Kampala.

Kampala is a major city in sub-Saharan Africa. The name is derived from the impala, an animal that was very prevalent when the British first arrived.

Kampala is a city of hills. It is worthwhile to experience this aspect of Uganda.

We will visit the Catholic Cathedral and the Kabaka's Palace (Kabaka means "king"). We will also visit Makerere University. *At one time, this university was considered the best in Africa.* We will continue on to Mityana, 80 kilometers away, and spend the night at the **Mizigo Center.**

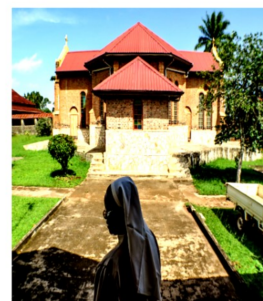
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Kampala in Uganda



Jinja in Uganda



Little Srs of St. Francis Retreat



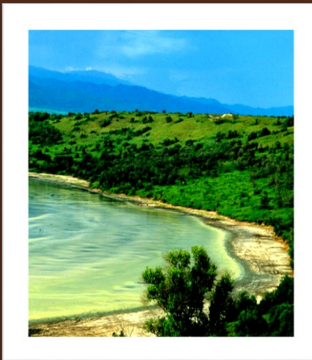
Lake Victoria, Uganda



Mityana, Uganda



St. Kizito, Uganda



Queen Elizabeth National Park

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Day 9:

November 1, 2017 (Wednesday) (B, D)

Today we will visit the first mission of the California-Arizona Province of Discalced Carmelites in Kyengeza.

On Mission Sunday, 2002, Fr. David Costello, OCD, was entrusted with the Parish of St. Kizito with its fifteen (15) sub-parishes. Sr. Antonia, one of the Sisters of Mary of Carmel, still keeps our pre-school program going as well as the SACC program to assist students with tuition.

We will also visit the Discalced Carmelite nuns in Mityana that is also the site of the martyrdom of three Ugandans.

We will stay overnight at the **Mizigo Center**.

Day 10:

November 2, 2017 (Thursday) (B, D)

Get ready for a beautiful drive to Western Uganda with destination to Fort Portal.

This town lays in the northern foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains that are called the Swiss Alps of Africa. It is the only town in Uganda with an English name, which is for Sir General Portal who came to Uganda in 1890 to formalize British Protectorate-ship over Uganda. Fort Portal is the gateway to the Rwenzori Mountains that are viewed from most corners of the town.

This is a relaxing place to do your shopping.

We will spend the night at the **Lisieux Guest Center** in Fort Portal.

Day 11:

November 3, 2017 (Friday) (B, D)

We will leave early for Queen Elizabeth National Park that is only a few hours from Fort Portal. This is a day to enjoy the natural beauty of Uganda.

We will spend the night at a **Safari Lodge** close to Queen Elizabeth National Park.

Day 12:

November 4, 2017 (Saturday) (B, L, D)

We will take two game drives and a boat ride on the Kazinga Channel, after which we will have a good night's sleep at a **Safari Lodge**.

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Day 13:

November 5, 2017 (Sunday) (B, L, D)

We will make the long drive back to Entebbe.

You might be interested to know that it was from Entebbe Airport that Queen Elizabeth II departed to return to England in 1952, the year your guide was born, when she learned of her father's death and that she had become the Queen of England.

We will stay overnight at the **Retreat House of the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix.**

Day 14:

November 6, 2017 (Monday) (B, L, D)

Departure from Entebbe to return to the good old USA.

Key: B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

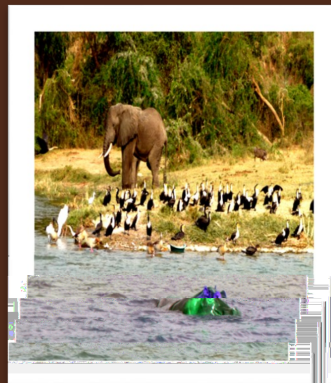
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Note: A tourist visa is required to enter Uganda. The visa can be obtained at the Entebbe Airport upon arrival with \$50 USD in cash (single entry). A passport is required and must be valid for one year from departure from Uganda. An international proof of Yellow Fever inoculation must be presented at the point of arrival in Uganda. Father Stephen highly recommends getting Malaria precaution. **CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN TO FIND OUT ABOUT ANY OTHER VACINATIONS THAT MAY BE RECOMMENDED.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: Once paid, the cost of this pilgrimage is non-refundable **unless we receive an insufficient number of participants.** In that case, we will refund in full. We highly recommend buying trip cancellation insurance. Please contact us for cost and details.



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Kazinga Channel, Uganda



Safari Lodge, Uganda

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It is important that you fill in the following form with exact names as they appear on your valid US passports. Fill in addresses below for each passenger. Mail this form to *Avenue of Travel* at the address shown below.

(First Passenger as shown on passport)

Last Name: _____

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Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

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