

# UGANDA AND RWANDA VISAS AND YELLOW FEVER



## East African Tourist Visa - An Explanation

The East African Tourist Visa is a collaboration between Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya designed to make the region more attractive as a tourist destination by making travel easier through purchase of a single visa. Tanzania is NOT currently part of this collaboration.

The visa costs US\$100 and affords multiple entry to the three countries within a 90 day period. Travellers must obtain their visa from the issuing authority of the country in which they will first arrive. This means if you are arriving in Uganda first, you obtain the visa from the Uganda online portal, and if arriving in Rwanda first, from the Rwanda online portal (see below).

This visa is only worth it if clients are travelling to more than one country within the bloc of three. Travellers restricting their holidays to single countries within East Africa need only apply for an ordinary single-entry visa.

## Uganda Visa Application

The Uganda Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control has implemented online visa application for visitors to Uganda. We recommend that any of your clients who have not yet obtained their visas do so immediately through this site: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>

Clients will be required to upload:

- Passport Bio Data Page
- Travel Itinerary
- Return Ticket
- Recent Passport Sized Photograph
- Yellow fever Vaccination Certificate

In the field marked Contact in Uganda (person, organization, hotel, travel agency...) please enter "The Far Horizons, Telephone +256783583923"

Once approved, a visa approval letter containing a barcode will be emailed to the client. Clients must print this out and carry it with them to Uganda, to be presented on arrival. Payment is made on arrival in Uganda to the immigration officer in cash (US Dollars only, newer than 2006 and in good condition).

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## **Rwanda Visa Application**

The visa application process in Rwanda is already well established through the Government's web platform, Irembo.

<https://irembo.gov.rw/rolportal/home>

The difference is that in Rwanda, the visa can be paid for online before arrival.

While the site states "Nationals of Australia, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, Republic of South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom and, United States of America, shall get visa and pay visa fee upon arrival at any Rwanda entry point without prior application.", we suggest it is probably best to apply online before travel to avoid potential changes in legislation or delays at the border.

An invitation letter is required to be uploaded, which we provide on request.

## **Yellow Fever Vaccinations - Uganda**

Because Yellow Fever is endemic in Uganda, all travellers to Uganda must present a valid Yellow Fever Certificate on arrival.

Those with contra-indications to vaccination should be provided with a medical certificate of exemption and have this to hand to show the Ugandan authorities at any point during their stay. However, this group should be aware that they are at a higher risk of contracting yellow fever and should make every effort to avoid mosquito bites.

## **Yellow Fever Vaccinations - Rwanda**

Yellow fever is NOT endemic in Rwanda. To enter Rwanda, therefore, a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is not required for travelers coming from Yellow Fever non-endemic countries and without an active transmission outbreak of Yellow Fever.

To enter in Rwanda, a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate IS mandatory for travelers coming from Yellow Fever endemic countries and countries with active Yellow Fever transmission outbreaks.

All residents travelling to Yellow Fever endemic countries should be vaccinated at least 10 days before travelling.

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Yellow Fever endemic countries: Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia Plurinational, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Venezuela

Active Yellow Fever transmission outbreak country: Angola