

Driving cars in Uganda

Advice: Get yourself a driver. Rent yourself a reliable driver with a decent car. This will ease your mind and is the safest way to avoid the hassle of having a car accident. For a spontaneous trip in Kampala you can use a taxi. Its very cheap and you don't have any trouble.

To drive in Uganda is not the easiest task. This goes especially for Kampala during the rush hour, when every inch of street is fought over by trucks, coaches, small buses, vans, cars, motorbikes (with 2 - 3 passengers), bicycles and pedestrians. In smaller roads huge potholes could make the fight even more exiting. That is why, even as an experienced driver, it is difficult to get around by car.

Without routine even driving outside towns is strenuous and could be dangerous. Trucks and coaches are speeding like crazy, breakneck overtaking manoeuvres are completely normal. Often the orientation is difficult due to the **lack of signposts** which could give you directions.

The condition of the main streets are acceptable, most of them are asphalted. Side streets are often of poor quality, an off-road vehicle is always the better choice.

Facts regarding driving a car

- In Uganda is left-hand traffic.
- Speed: 40 km/h in build-up areas, 60 km/h outside, 100 km/h on national streets.
- You need an international driving licence (EU driving lincence will do).
- Seat belts are compulsory.
- Use of mobiles is prohibited.
- Parking fees of a few Euros in cities.

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