

# **BUNYONYI OVERLAND RESORT FACT SHEET**

## **General Information**

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Address: Kabale – Kachwekano Road, Kabale

City: **Kabale**

Region: Western

Country: **Uganda**

## **Description:**

Offering Spectacular views of the lake, Bunyonyi Overland Resort is set on the shores of Lake Bunyonyi, Africa's 2nd deepest lake, near Kabale Town, in Western Uganda.

The resort has a children's playground and sun terrace, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant. Free WiFi is featured and free private parking is available on site.

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This 3-star hotel in Lake Bunyonyi, Kabale offers free wifi available in designated areas such as the restaurant / dining area and free private parking is available on site.

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With over 52- rooms Bunyonyi Overland Resort offers accommodation in Lake Bunyonyi for all budgets. A terrace or balcony are featured in certain rooms with views of Lake Bunyonyi.

There is a 24-hour front desk at the property. Guests can do canoeing, bird watching, hiking at this resort, and the area is popular for boating activities on Lake Bunyonyi.

The resort also offers several activities such as bike tours, hiking and team building programs that guests can be part of.

Local tours to visit the wildlife parks and sightseeing tours in Kigezi Region can be arranged by the resort.

Located on the lakes shores, Bunyonyi Overland Resort offers visitors a perfect base to explore the Lake Bunyonyi or a wonderful stop-over on the way to visit the mountain gorillas in the western region in Uganda

We organise tour packages to wildlife centers, accommodation, restaurant services , Air transport services, Gorilla Trekking, Chimpanzee Trekking etc.

### **We Guarantee: Privacy Policy**

- Booking is safe. When you book with us your details are protected.
- Your privacy is protected. Your details will only be used to guarantee your booking.

### **Guests with Special Needs**

Please contact our Concierge for assistance of guests with special needs. If you have requests for specific accessibility needs, please contact the reception using the information on this factsheet or under the contact us page on our website.

### **Drinking + Dining**

BUNYONYI OVERLAND RESORT RESTAURANT

Onsite, guests will find a restaurant and a bar/lounge at Bunyonyi Overland Resort. Our restaurant specializes in local and international cuisine.

Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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Visitors heading out for gorilla trekking experience or just early check-out, start your day off right with a free continental breakfast, served each morning from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Sit down for a leisurely bite to eat at the onsite hotel restaurant in Lake Bunyonyi area, or enjoy a drink at the bar/lounge. Savor a meal from the comfort of your room with 24-hour room service. Non-residents are most welcome to join us.

Packed meals are available on prior request. Guests must place their request with the service staff while taking breakfast or just after dinner.

**Bunyonyi Overland Restaurant** open all day. You can see the menu card on our website.

### **BUNYONYI OVERLAND BAR**

Located next to the dining area with view of the Lake Bunyonyi, our bar is stocked with a variety of local and international brands of Wine, spirit, liquors, local and imported beers, and soft drinks.

- Breakfast 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Lunch time 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- Dinner Time 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM
- Room service 12:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- Bar 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

## Accommodation Information

**Accommodation Name:** BUNYONYI OVERLAND RESORT LTD, LAKE BUNYONYI,

**Star Rating:** Two Star \*\*

**Number of rooms:** 50

**Category:** Hotel

**Accm. Type:**

- Hotel
- Backpacker
- Camping
- Dormitory
- Tent Camping

**Themes:**

- Adventure/Sport
  - Backpacker
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- Family friendly resort
  - Honeymoon
  - Function/Event
  - Wellness/Spa
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### Daily Rates RACK 2021

**Extra Person:** Charges for extra guests may apply and vary according to season. Guests must contact Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel in advance to reserve rollaway/extra beds.

Children aged 4 -12 years pays 50% of the room rate when is accompanied by his /her parents.

We are a lake resort. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all time.

### Children/Infants:

- All children are welcome at Bunyonyi Overland Resort
- Baby cot / infant bed provide for free with prior arrangement
- Infants 0 – 4 years stay free
- Two Children 5 -12 years in own room pay 75% of the twin / double room rate
- Children from ages 5- 12 are charged 50% of the room rate when staying with parents

## Accommodation at Bunyonyi Overland Resort

With over 50 rooms, Bunyonyi Overland Resort offers accommodation in Lake Bunyonyi, Kabale, for all budgets. A terrace or balcony are featured in certain rooms. Enjoy breakfast at your room terrace with breathtaking views of the lake. **Lake Bunyonyi is mosquito free**

For entertainment, guests can expect to find cable TV in some rooms. Bathrooms offer rainfall showers, free toiletries & towels.

Spread across 5 acres of land, this stunning lake resort in western Uganda has a private lake port, and plenty of room to roam combine for the ultimate tropical experience.

Most rooms have been designed and decorated using local materials around the hotel. Some rooms have been fitted modern facilities.

## Lake Bunyonyi Overland Guest Room Amenities

- Coffee/Tea Making Facilities
  - Balcony (All rooms)
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- Cooking facilities/ Utensils (Family Cottage)
- Electric hook-up (for Campsites)
- Hot & Cold Water
- Electric Shaver Plug (220/110V)
- English Telephone
- Dining Area & Settings (Some rooms)
- Dressing table (Some rooms)
- Electricity Adapters (At Reception)
- Fresh Flowers (In March)
- Fridge (Family Cottages)
- Hair dryer - on request
- Complimentary Mineral / Bottled Water
- Free wireless available (some rooms)
- Iron/Ironing Board (On Request)
- Bedside/Table Lamp
- Free Toiletries: Soap
- Living Room/Sitting Area (Family Room)
- Mosquito Nets (On Request)
- Terrace/Patio (Ground floor)
- TV - Cable/ Satellite
- Umbrella
- Wardrobe
- Welcome Drink
- Welcome Fruit basket (honeymoon / wedding rooms)
- Work/Writing Desk
- Shared Bathroom (non-self-contained rooms)
- Bathroom-Private: Shower only

The following are the guest room categories offered at Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel , Kabale;

2 Family Cottages  
 20 Ensuite Cottages  
 8 Wooden Cabins  
 18 Furnished Safari Tents  
 2 Dormitories / Hostel with shared bathroom  
 Camping area for self-camping (own tent)  
**=51 Rooms & 16 Furnished Tents**

**Total Capacity: guests**

**The cottages** feature ensuite private bathroom, fitted with either double bed (full bed) or twin bed with two single beds in them. The cottages have electricity power supply, hot and cold shower and facing the lake. Other guest room amenities include; dressing mirror, luggage rack, wardrobe, hand wash basin, outdoor furniture, phone, and switch near bed

**1 bedoom x 20**

\*double bed (full bed) or twin bed configuration

\*Maximum occupancy 2 adults + 1 child 17 and under + 1 child 12

**Family cottages** all are facing the Lake Bunyonyi. These are suitable for families, couples and groups of friends travelling together. The Family cottages at Bunyonyi Overland Resort furnished with cloth rack, shared bathroom with hot/cold shower, electricity lights and comfortable beds. For your comfort, rooms are fitted with kitchen with cooking items, refrigeration, micro wave and electric cooker. Dining space with furniture comes with this room.

2 bedroom x 20

1 double bed (full bed)

1 twin bed

Baby Cot

\*Maximum occupancy 2 adults + 1 child 17 and under + 1 child 12

**The Furnished safari tents** are suitable for budget travellers who would like to experience private safari experience under tent. All rooms have wooden floor, outside furniture, socket for charging, trash can, slippers and enjoy view of the lake.

Note that the safari tents don't have ensuite bathroom. The showers and toilets are provided outside the tent which area shareable.

1 Bedroom x 20

\*Double Bed (full bed) or twin bed configuration

\*Maximum occupancy 2 adults + 1 child 17 and under + 1 child 12

### **Executive Double / Twin Room**

These are the latest addition on Bunyonyi Overland Resort accommodation offering. The unique feature of these rooms is the large room space, large bathroom, a balcony with outdoor furniture and tiled floor.

The executive rooms consist of double or Twin bedrooms and come complete with fine linen.

The room has capacity to sleep from 2 adults up to 4 children under 12 years old. Each room has its own private en-suite bathroom fitted with shower, working table, dining area, wardrobe space, and socket / switch near bed.

### **Wooden Cabins**

Designed using locally sourced wood, these cabins have view of the lake and outdoor furniture supplied. The cabins are available on single, double and twin sharing basis.

### **Dormitory / Hostel**

Fitted with bunk beds, phone, luggage rack. Shared bathroom with shower and toilet are located outside.

Sleeps

### **Overlander Camping Space.**

Designed for over landers and outdoor campers, these grounds come with well-maintained natural lawns, raised dining platform with furniture overlooking the lake.

Shared toilets and shower with cold/warm water provided.

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## Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel Facilities

Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel Kabale caters to the most discerning clientele by offering superb facilities.

Warm rooms, locally sourced foods, conferencing and spa make Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel a preferred destination!

The facility is connected by electricity and National water from the government.

The hotel is on shores of Lake Bunyonyi Kabale and also along public road. It has the local community staying around and this has for long helped us to have a different culture in case guests want to visit the local community and experience the local culture.

## Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel Services

- Laundry/Ironing (extra charge)
- Luggage Storage
- Lifeguards
- Babysitting – Paid
- Concierge/Travel booking and Confirmation
- DVD Player
- Car rental arranged
- Daily Housekeeping
- Doctor/Nurse on call
- Foreign Currency Exchange
- Pets Allowed
- Room Services
- Security Guard
- Secretarial Services
- Shoeshine Services
- Shuttle Service Extra charge
- Turn-down service
- Orientation Cultural
- Fireplace for guests during cold nights
- Canoeing services and boat cruise

## Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel Facilities

- Baby Cot/Crib Available
- Back-up Power Generator
- Car Parking
- First Aid Kit Available at the reception.
- Conference Facilities
- Banquet/Function Facilities
- Bar(s)
- 2 Meeting Room(s)
- Safe at reception
- Cafe/Coffee Shop
- Car rental arranged
- Scanner / Photocopier Printer (Extra Charge)
- Internet – Wireless
- Restaurant(s) / Dining area
- Mobile Phone Reception
- Tour Desk
- Laundry Service available (Extra Charge)
- Souvenir/Gift Shop
- Wheelchair access (Some rooms)
- Newspapers/ Magazines Available
- Non-Smoking rooms
- Designated Smoking Zone

## Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel Recreation Facilities

- Jet ski/Boat motorized (chargeable)
- Board/Leisure Games - Chess Board
- Canoeing Available (Extra charge)
- Boat cruise
- We have boat cruise
- Bushwalking/Hiking/Trekking
- Cultural Arts and Craft activity
- Cultural Visits/Tours
- Cultural Entertainment
- Fishing; Cray Fish
- Educational Experiences
- Cycling
- Golf course (Off site)
- Kayaks
- Jogging/Walking
- Massage (Extra Charge)
- Outdoor Giant Chess

## GUEST PAYMENT OPTIONS / CANCELTION / REFUND

**Guest Payment Forms:** Guests at Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel Kabale can choose from various payment methods when settling the bill for your accommodation and other services at the hotel

**Debit / Credit Cards:** VISA, MasterCard,

**Cash payments:** Uganda shillings, USD – 2009 and above,

**Mobile Money:** MTN, AIRTEL

**Online Payments:** Online payment by Credit/Debit cards will attract a 4.7% surcharge on the total payment.

**Bank:**

**Others:** Cheque

Please note that the full amount regarding the reservation must be settled BEFORE the time of check-in. Please always ask for a receipt to document your payment

Please note that the exchange rate fluctuates on a daily basis. Please ask for the exchange rate at time of payment to avoid any confusion on this matter.

If you wish to pay by bank transfer you need to make your reservation at least 14 days prior to the check-in date.



For local bank-to-bank transfers please ensure the transfer is made no later than 2 working days before check-in. Please be sure to present the transfer slip at the time of check-in. Please do e-mail us **at reservations** if you have any questions regarding how to make the transfer or to confirm that the transfer has been received.

### Deposit Terms:

50% deposit required upon reservation. Balance upon check-in.

Festive Seasons: 100% payment required upon reservation. Minimum length of stay: 02 nights

#### **Pick-up service Paid:**

Airport Pick up at a fee; Kigali \$150, Kisoro \$150,

**Day Rate: \$300 per way, 1-3 pax, Extra person**

Special Hire from Kabale Town at UGX 25,000 per way, 1 - 4 pax

**Hotel Area Pick-Up:** Reception

**Pickup Location:** Kabale Bus Station

### Cancellation Penalty:

Please refer to the Terms & Conditions of the required rate for the relevant cancellation and prepayment policy.

#### **Cancellation Charges**

The charges below only apply to 100% advance payment on accommodation. If you only paid our required 20% deposit, this won't be refunded.

- 25% if cancelled four days in advance.
- 50% if cancelled two or three days in advance.
- 50% if few of the total booked rooms are cancelled.
- 100% if cancelled one day prior to booking or on the same day.

Note:

Any postponement of the booking will be treated as a cancellation and will be governed by the Cancellation Policy.

Refunds only through cheque for bookings made by cash/cheque/bank transfer.

Online refunds for bookings made through our online payment system usually take 3-5 working days.

**Check-in time:** 1:00pm

**Check-out time:** 10:00am

**Minimum check-in age:** 18

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**Late Check-out Policy:** The hotel offers flexible late checkout policy. Guest must communicate to the reception earlier / before for easy planning that he /she will check out late. No late check-out fee.

**Special Request:** Special requests are subject to availability at the time of check-in. Special requests can't be guaranteed and may incur additional charges.

### **Personal Identification**

All guests are required to present a valid identification upon check-in, which may be either a passport, East Africa National ID or National ID for Uganda nationals. Uganda Nationals can check-in with either a passport, National ID or a valid Uganda driving license.

**Languages Spoken:** English

**Other:** Rukiga, Luganda, Swahili.

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## Location

Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel is located in Uganda, South Western part of the country on the shores of Lake Bunyonyi.

### **The nearest Airport are;**

**Kigali International Airport.** Given Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel proximity to Rwanda, visitors may want to consider accessing the resort from Kigali (or vice versa), which is only 1.5-2 hours by car.

If you need to purchase your visa at the Uganda / Rwanda border, however, add another 30 minutes to one hour to your journey (weekdays are busier). You can hire a taxi through Lake Bunyonyi Eco Resort to drive you from Kigali the resort **for USD 130.**

**The Main Airport:** Entebbe International Airport. Private Arrival/departure point transfers (charged)

### **Getting there: How to Get to Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel from Kampala**

The property is located 450 km from the capital Kampala, Uganda's capital to Lake Bunyonyi, and 08 km from nearest town of Kabale

Visitors can reach Lake Bunyonyi independently; Driving from the capital city of Kampala or Entebbe Town, you will take Kampala – Masaka Road to Mbarara city. From Mbarara city then drive to Kabale Town, about an eight-hour bus ride from Kampala. From Kabale town is 8km (20-25 minutes by taxi) away from Lake Bunyonyi where Bunyonyi Overland Resort Kabale is situated.

Most private tour takes you from Kampala to Kabale and then to the Lake

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Other tours run from Kampala to Kibale National Park to Queen Elizabeth National Park. From there, it is a five- to six-hour drive to the lake Bunyonyi.

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## THE DESTINATION

### **LOCATION:**

The village of Bunyonyi is the gateway to the territory of Mountain Gorillas in Uganda. Mgahinga Gorilla National Park and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. The main highlight of Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel is the sheer peace, total connection with nature and the wave of exuberant green at the resort creates a sense of wellbeing.

We run on the principles of responsible tourism

Market days at Lutinda area near Bunyonyi Overland Resort; create deep interaction with the local communities as a deeper understanding is possible of the culture and significance of market days in Africa. The friendly and warm hospitality from the professional host team at Bunyonyi Overland Resort awaits you.

### **Lake Bunyonyi: A Natural Wonder of the World?**

Lake Bunyonyi is described as Natural Wonder of the World by Hellen of Not Without My Passport

Lake Bunyonyi ought to be considered one of the natural wonders of the world and, now that Hellen saw it before her own eyes, it's joined the ranks of her most beloved travel destinations.

According to Hellen, this place deserves to be on your African travel radar because, with beauty like this, shouldn't it be?

Believed to be the second deepest lake in Africa, Lake Bunyonyi is a body of fresh water in southwestern Uganda near the Rwandan border, and one of the Uganda's top natural treasures.

And, at 1,962m above sea level, the Lake Bunyonyi enjoys moderate temperatures year round, cool in both the mornings and evenings.

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Most visitors make Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda a rest and relaxation (R&R) stop after gorilla trekking in nearby Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, even from Kibale National Park on the other side of Uganda where visitors spend the day trekking chimpanzees or savannah wildlife safari.

## CLIMATE LAKE BUNYONYI

Traveling to Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda? If you're planning to go to Lake Bunyonyi, We have put together some important information about when to go, what to wear, and what to pack: - [Download](#)

## The Scenery

Lake Bunyonyi is framed by lush, green-terraced hills that reach a height of 2,200-2,478m, but it's the 29 islands of various shapes and sizes scattered across the water that make it most magical — we could've admired them all day. It's a sight that reinvents itself every hour or two with the ever-changing climate and direction of the sun. In the early morning, the islands of Lake Bunyonyo, Kabale, weave through cotton candy-like streams of mist and, in the afternoon, they're bathed in the warm glow of the sun. Later, they're silhouetted against a dim sky as evening approaches. Some days the islands vanished from sight completely, hidden under a blanket of clouds, but it only takes an hour to see them emerge once more.

Evening approaches.

Hike to Arcadia Lodge, a cottage high up on a hill that claims to have the most breathtaking panorama of Lake Bunyonyi. Tours to this hotel area arranged by our tour desk for at least visit for a drink or meal on the terrace to enjoy the view of Lake Bunyonyi (Clients recommend any dish with crayfish, the local specialty).

## CARING FOR DESTINATION

### **SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES AT BUNYONYI OVERLAND RESORT, UGANDA**

We have undertaken the following sustainability efforts can help guests understand how we and them are contributing to protect the environmental, social and economy. Read more about sustainability initiatives at Bunyonyi Overland Resort.

#### **Practices implemented at Bunyonyi Overland Resort to reduce waste**

- Water cooler/dispenser
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- Recycling bins are available to guests and waste is recycled
- Food waste policy in place that includes education, food waste prevention, reduction, recycling, and disposal

**Practices implemented to reduce water use.**

- Much as the resort is located near the lake, fresh water is a precious resource in Kigezi Region; while at the resort or in our region please conserve water.
- Guests have the option to reuse towels
- Guests can opt-out of daily cleaning service
- Only using water-efficient toilets (e.g. low-flow toilets, dual flush toilets)

**Implemented practices to save energy or reduce greenhouse gasses**

- Bicycle rental
- At least 80% of food is sourced from our region
- At least 80% of lighting uses energy-efficient LED bulbs
- 100% renewable electricity is used throughout the property

**Implemented practices to support the surrounding area or community**

- We invest a percentage of revenue back into community projects or sustainability projects; such as education, health, and women, men and youth empowerment
- Sustainable Activities: Tours and activities organized by local guides and businesses offered at our resort
- Local artists are offered a platform to display their talents

**CRAFTS BY EDIRISA UK;**

A variety of crafts are available in the shop.

The majority of the crafts are made by local craftsmen and women of the community.

100% of the profits go back to the community.

- We provide guests with information regarding local ecosystems, heritage and culture, as well as visitor etiquette

**Implemented practices to reduce the impact on the environment**

- Wild (non-domesticated) animals are not displayed/interacted with while captive on the property or harvested, consumed, or sold.
- Green spaces such as gardens on the property
- At least 80% of the food provided is organic

**COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

**Health & safety**

Our guests, our staff and community safety are always our first priority. Below are the Healthy and Safety Measures to ensure the safety of our guests and staff at Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel

**Safety features**

- Staff follow all safety protocols as directed by local authorities
- Shared stationery such as printed menus, magazines, pens, and paper removed
- Hand sanitizer in guest accommodation and key areas
- Process in place to check health of guests

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- First aid kit available
- Access to health care professionals
- Thermometers for guests provided by property
- Face masks for guests available

#### **Physical distancing**

- Contactless check-in/check-out
- Cashless payment available
- Physical distancing rules followed

#### **Cleanliness & disinfecting**

- Use of cleaning chemicals that are effective against Coronavirus
- Linens, towels and laundry washed in accordance with local authority guidelines
- Guest accommodation is disinfected between stays
- Guest accommodation sealed after cleaning
- Guests have the option to cancel any cleaning services for their accommodation during their stay

#### **Food & drink safety**

- Physical distancing in dining areas
- Food can be delivered to guest accommodation
- All plates, cutlery, glasses and other tableware have been sanitized
- Breakfast takeaway containers
- Delivered food is securely covered

## **WEDDINGS**

Nestled along the idyllic shores of Lake Bunyonyi, a wedding at the Bunyonyi Overland Resort is the event of a lifetime. The peace of the lake and natural trees blesses the ceremony and all who attend it.

We will help orchestrate every detail of your Lake Bunyonyi wedding, including picking the perfect venue as well as customized farm-to-table menus from our culinary artists. Let us arrange a few private moments for the bride and groom in a chauffeured, or a lively reception entrance complete with a traditional band. At Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort, anything is possible.

[DOWNLOAD OUR WEDDING PACKAGES BROCHURE](#)

## **ROMANCE WEDDINGS HONEYMOON**

Lake Bunyonyi offers the perfect destination for a honeymoon or a romantic getaway in Uganda with that special person in your life. All **Bunyonyi Overland Cottages cottages and Executive Rooms** are ideal for honeymoon couples.

Our team guarantee our newly wed guests needs will be met and catered for.

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Indulge in a private candlelit dinner, to private boat cruise and wildlife experiences on the lake, enjoy magical sunset or just relax by balcony.

DOWNLOAD OUR HONEYMOON PACKAGES BROCHURE

## WELLNESS & SPA at BUNYONYI OVERLAND RESORT

Treat yourself to a private **room massage** at Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort. Indulge and relax with a private room spa treatment exclusively for Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort guests. The perfect complement to Lake Bunyonyi getaways at our lakeside resort, the resort's extensive array of treatments are designed to invigorate the body, calm the mind and lift the spirits - all within the privacy of our private massage room overlooking the lake. Please note, advance booking is required.

60 minutes — UGX per person

90 minutes — UGX per person

To reserve a private room spa treatment prior to your arrival at the Bunyonyi Overland Resort please call reservations at +256772409510 or email: [resort@bunyonyioverland.com](mailto:resort@bunyonyioverland.com)

## CONFERENCE ROOMS

Bunyonyi Overland Resort offers facilities for open-airly conference, meetings, training workshops and private functions. The conference room seats up to 80 delegates comfortably, dependent on room set up and requirements.

We cater for residential conference, private and public meetings, workshops, team building events and staff retreats.

The hotel's location near Lake Bunyonyi near Kabale Town, modern facilities and well trained staff all ensure great success of your event. Full day conference package Include;

Meeting Room

AM / PM break tea, coffee with snacks

Lunch; 3 course set lunch & a soft drink

Meeting Provisions; LCD Projector Screen, Public address System, Flip charts & stationery,

Conference chairs and table WiFi Shared, mineral water, assorted mints.

NB: FOR PRICES, PLEASE REQUEST FOR OUR SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS RATES / PACKAGES

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## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AND THINGS TO DO AT BUNYONYI OVERLAND RESORT

Lake Bunyonyi, Kabale Natural Attractions and National Parks

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Lake Bunyonyi is one of the most idyllic natural settings Africa — and, most travellers would contend, the world — has to offer. We recommend spending at least two or more on Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel.

If you would like to visit this enchanting, underrated hideaway, below you will find some of the local tourist attractions and visitor activities nearby Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel.

### **Scenic Views**

Worship the scenic landscapes from a hilltop on a scenic view tour arranged by our tour desk.

### **Swimming:**

Lake Bunyonyi is known as one of the few lakes in Uganda free of bilharzia (a common parasite found in southern Africa), making its waters safe for swimming. During a warm weather day, take a dip. Lake Bunyonyi is also free of dangerous wildlife like crocodiles and hippos. The only warning for visitors is the depth — inexperienced swimmers should take caution.

### **Ride a Canoe:**

The most common mode of transportation on Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda waters is the dugout canoe, which offers a completely different perspective of the lake. You can rent your own to explore the islands or select a guided tour from Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort Hotel tour desk.

### **Rent a canoe or motorized boat to explore the islands of Lake Bunyonyi**

At our hotel, visitors can choose a motorized or non-motorized canoe and specify the length of the journey, depending on how many of the 29 Lake Bunyonyi islands they wish to explore.

Each island in Lake Bunyonyi is associated with a legend. Punishment (Akampene) Island, the smallest and most notorious of the 29 islets, holds a dark reputation: it's where pregnant, unmarried girls were exiled to starve or drown if they attempted to swim away.

### **Community Walks:**

Explore the settlements along the shores of the Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda to experience everyday life among playful children, farmers and women wrapped in multi-coloured kangas.

One of the excursions sold to tourists is a visit to a Batwa tribe of pygmies. Please make an informed decision when accepting such a tour as some feel they are exploitative.

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The Batwa in this region, one of the original inhabitants of the country, were dispossessed of their ancestral lands by the government to build the Echuya Forest Reserve with tragic consequences — today, their community suffers from rampant social problems. To survive, they invite tourists to their community, where they perform song and dance. But if you can afford a small donation in terms of clothes, shoes, school stationery, that would be great. In cash-poor places like some communities in Uganda, donating as little as USD 50 or USD 100 can save a farm or start a business. It's also sustainable. Make your help count. Ask our **front desk team** to learn more on how you can support Batwa Community or any other local communities around Lake Bunyonyi, which the hotel works with.

### Hiking and Nature Walks:

With prior arrangement, we will prepare a local guide to lead you along the best hiking trails on the islands in Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda or through the terraces of the Kigezi highlands to be rewarded with spectacular views of the landscapes and even some wildlife. Forest and tree plantations can be found on some of the islands, as well as monkeys and zebras. Otters can also be spotted in the waters.

### Birdwatching:

Meaning “the place of little birds”, Lake Bunyonyi takes its name from the abundant birdlife that call it home. Over 200 species are found here, including herons, weaver birds and grey-crowned cranes.

### Other Local Highlights nearby Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort. Nearby Places of Interest

- Kabale Regional Referral Hospital: 23-min drive, 6.5 mi/10.5 km
- Kabale Golf Club: 21-min drive, 6.3 mi/10.1 km
- Bwindi Impenetrable National Park: 68-min drive, 24.7 mi/39.7 km
- Mgahinga Gorilla National Park; 4 hr 22 min (123 km)
- Kabale University: 28-min drive, 7.8 mi/12.6 km
- Lake Mulehe: via Kabale-Kisoro Rd; 1 hr 39 min (47.0 km)
- Lake Mutanda: via Kabale-Kisoro Rd; 1 hr 57 min (54.7 km)
- Echuya Central Forest Reserve, Kisoro: via Bufundi - Butanda Rd; 37 min (18.4 km)

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