

MASINDI DISTRICT TOURISM PROFILE

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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Located in the Mid-western part of Uganda approximately 216 Kms from the capital Kampala, Masindi District is one of the tourist destinations in Uganda, receiving quite a huge number of tourists both local and those across borders. Currently, the District receives a significant number of tourists a year mainly for leisure, recreation, holidays, Agro tourism tours, faith tours, and others for business.

Masindi District is the gateway point to the biggest and oldest National Park in Uganda, Kichumbanyobo gate Murchison falls is the most preferred and used as a gate entrance by visitors to access the Park, Masindi is naturally blessed with a variety of tourist potentials ranging from topography, wild life, drainage system, culture and the population as well not forgetting cultural and historical sites. The Empaako (pet name) Kinyoro praise name is recognised by UNESCO, Kinyoro culture is one of the greatest tourist potentials and this implies much given that Masindi is a cultural spot with a vibrant cultural institution (Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom) headed by Omukama (His Majesty Iguru Gafabusa Solomon) as the current monarchical head. The kingdom has a rich history as one of the richest monarchies in Africa and heroic kings like the great Omukama' Kabalega who fought hard to resist the British colonial rule in 1899. The entire District has quite over 100 hospitality facilities, inclusive of hotels, homestays, guest houses, Motels, apartments, lodges and restaurants, offering both local and international cuisines, good quality facilities.

There is however potential for the District to grow economically, socially and politically if the tourism products are well developed and promoted through efficient and effective investment in the industry. Realising the contributions of the tourism industry requires initial investment in the industry especially in activities where the local population can be fully engaged. Key areas where the indigenous can fully participate include culture and community Tourism. Under culture, there is a lot of potential like traditional wear, traditional

dancing, idioms and totems among others, despite them being under developed and slowly being eroded.

SOME OF THE KEY THINGS TO DO IN MASINDI

MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Begin the 6 hours' Drive to Uganda's Biggest national park, Murchison falls national park the fun just begins right from Kichumbanyobo gate only 20mins drive from Masindi town, at the Southern side of the park you will immediately be ushered into wildlife by a number of baboons, and chimpanzees at Kanio Pabidi Budongo forest reserve, as you proceed you will be mesmerised by the permanent rainbow when you hike to the top of the falls (the world's most powerful waterfalls), on your day 2 have a nearly morning game drive at the northern side of the park, cross the bridge and explore the major game trails especially around Paraa for good game spotting including elephants, lions, giraffes, buffaloes, lions and so many others.

In the afternoon at exactly 2:00pm you can have a boat ride on the Victoria Nile which is the highest spot of any Murchison falls safari.

ROYAL MILE BUDONGO FOREST

Budongo forest is a moist and semi-deciduous tropical rain forest located at the top of the Albertine Rift in Masindi, the royal mile is a 1.6km stretch through Budongo forest, while here you can take part in tourism activities like viewing different primates monkeys, baboons, Chimpanzees, the forest has very fascinating mahogany tree species, it is proved that the forest has the highest mahogany tree species in Africa. The royal mile is well known for birding and nature/forest walks.

NYANKUNYU HILLS

Located in Biizi Nyangahya it is a good spot for hiking, on top of the hills you find interesting caves, while on top of these magnificent hills you can also view the beautiful scenery of the entire Masindi town.

HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE

While in Masindi you can tour around many historical sites for example, European cemetery King George VI Stadium, Masindi Public School, Masindi Hospital, Kabalega Primary, Sir Samuel Baker/Kyamuleju, Omukama's palace in Kihande, Old railway buildings, the polish church, cemetery and so many others as we shall see later in this Document.

CULTURAL TOURISM EXPERIENCE IN MASINDI

Masindi District is a cultural hotspot with about 50 tribes including the native Bunyoro, we have more tribes like Bagungu, Bagisu, Banyankole, Banyarwanda, Baruli, Basoga, the lugbaras, Alurs, Acholi's and so many others, the biggest numbers of the other tribes are from west Nile and northern parts of Uganda this really makes Masindi a cultural spot and truly a hospitable District. While in Masindi a visitor can be entertained with the Kinyoro traditional dance, Orunyenge and entogoro this is a very interesting Traditional dance known locally as a courtship dance, some key dance groups like, Mirya United traditional troupe, Eribankya and Asiimwe MDD are massive entertainers in the District. During your stay in Masindi you can involve yourself in the culture by getting yourself a pet name(Empaako) the pet name is used for greeting and it is a praise name that signifies love and respect.(Abooki,Abwooli,Akiiki,Araali,Amooti are some of the praise names)

One of the key cultural site that is interesting to visit while on your tour within the district is the sir Samuel baker monument, this commemorates the meeting of Sir Samuel baker with Kabalega in 1872, Baker came with an aim of annexing Bunyoro to his Egyptian Province it's at this point that a disagreement erupted between the two which led to a 3yr battle known as **Baligotaisanja**, Sir Samuel Baker was later defeated by Omukama Kabalega as we shall read on later.

AGRO-TOURISM EXPERIENCE IN MASINDI.

Masindi District has quite a huge agro tourism potential, while in Masindi you can visit Biizi Multiple farm for quick lessons in Mango management, Banana management value addition (Manufacturing local wine and juice from the farm products) Smart start distillers in Bujenje, Agro vet,(Diary ,Maize and poultry) Chwa's Dairy Farm in Kijunjubwa (producing yogurt and Milk products) fare all good recommendation for agro tourism .

FAITH BASED TOURISM EXPERIENCE

Mother Mary pilgrimage site in Murro, Bwijanga is a good spot for faith tourists; it is believed that the Virgin Mary appeared on this hill, just like Namugongo every 31 of December end of the year the site receives over 1000 people coming for pilgrimage and prayers at New Year's Eve

TOURISM INVESTMENT AREAS IN MASINDI DISTRICT

KAFU ,It is the entrance of Masindi District from Kampala which is also the gateway route to the Famous Murchison falls National park, it's a busy area located along the Gulu- Kampala high way, both routes lead to the biggest and oldest National park in Uganda, the land is 4acres in size, it is titled and owned by Masindi District local government, through public private partnership the land can be leased out to investors to establish a tourism stop over center with visitor facilities like fuel station, supermarket, restaurant, craft shops,

Kafu is also a home to the most delicious roasted cassava in Uganda just like how most travelers have confessed. It is truly a busy area and can be a profitable place to invest.

KIHONDA DEMONSTRATION FARM

Located in Labongo sub county just few meters from the main road leading to the biggest National Park in Uganda Murchison Falls National Park, the 200acre land is titled and owned by Masindi District Local government, it is a very ideal and strategically located for an agro tourism Farm stop over center development, the place can be developed and the following tourist facilities like cottages, restaurant, conference facilities .a campsite, campfire, cultural center can be established at the site.

MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Within the park there is still land where investors can establish luxury lodges and hotels, interested parties can apply through UWA to acquire plots of land (LEASE) for investment.

OTHER AREAS WHERE PEOPLE CAN INVEST.

Investors can establish tour Agencies/companies, cultural villages, museums, more hotels, lodges, and homestays and so many other accommodation facilities.

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KEY TOURISM ATTRACTIONS IN MASINDI AND OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST PLACES

NO	SITE	LOCATION	CATEGORY	FEATURES/DESCRIPTION
1	European cemetery	Masindi town	Cultural	Graves of the Scottish Margache Family.
2	King George VI Stadium	Central division Masindi town	Historical	Used for major events in town Originally used for storing millet and later used by Goans (Abagoowa) to house hens.
3	Masindi Public School	Central division Masindi town	Historical	Constructed in 1954 was purely to cater for education needs of the Indian population in Masindi.
4	Masindi Hospital	Central division Masindi town	Historical	The current out patients (1920s) was a sick bay for workers of the East Africa railways.
5	Kabalega Primary School	Kijura	Historical/Cultural	The foundation stone is dated 1914 by Pluck Born, Mark Bay and Dr. Fish. In 60's two guns belonging to Omukama Kabalega were being kept in this building.
6	Sir Samuel Baker/Kyamuleju	Kijura	Historical/Cultural	It commemorates the meeting of Kabalega and Sir Samuel Baker/w meeting sparked off a 3yr Baligotaisanja war Baker wanted to annex Bunyoro to equatorial province of Egypt.
7	Omukama's palace	Kihande	cultural	Omukama resides here when he visits Masindi
8	Old railway buildings	Kijura	Historical	Used to be residence for staff of the EAR&H
9	Nubian Settlement	Kirasa	Historical	Nubians were Kabalega's Askari's as well as carriers for Arab goods and the explorers. After assisting Kabalega in his wars they were gifted this land.
10	Nyankuyu hills eco-tourism sites	Biizi	Natural	Hiking, sacred caves, beautiful scenery view, Forest walks.
11	Biizi multiple Agro tourism farm	Biizi	Man made	Banana, mango plantation management, goat rearing. Value addition: Mount Sinai juice & Wines.
12	Uganda Martyrs Catholic Church	Biizi	Faith	Catholics come for pilgrimage to this church every 3 rd June instead of going to Namugongo.
13	Masindi Hotel	Masindi town	Historical	Oldest hotel in Uganda established by the railway company in 1923 for their administrators and tourists Famous people like Hemmingway, King of Tooro, all the presidents have spent a night in this hotel even though there is no presidential suit.
14	Presidential lodge	Kijungu	Historical	Before Independence in the 1930's it was home for provincial commissioners It is a home to presidents. Both Obote and Amin Stayed here often. president Museveni also sleeps here during

				his visits in the region
15	Kigaju forest camp	Karujubu	Natural	Nature walks, chimpanzee tracking, pottery, Medicinal plants, crafts, local huts.
16	Murchison falls National park	Pakanyi	Natural	Craft shop, biggest natural park in Uganda World's most powerful falls, highest number of Giraffes.
17	Kisanja airstrip	Labongo	Man made	Light aircrafts, land & take off from here,
18	River Kafu	Kimengo	Natural	It marks the southern boundary with Nakasongola and Nakaseke districts.
19	Budongo forest	Budongo	Natural	One of the biggest tropical forests in East Africa. home to chimpanzee's and a big number of mahogany tree species.
20	Royal mile	Budongo forest	Natural	Its along stretch within the forest, originally known as a hunting ground for Bunyoro royal family River sonso is where the kings used to do his cultural rituals here, It is the best for birding forest walks.
21	Kaniyo pabidi	Budongo forest	Natural	Chimp trucking, forest walk, bird viewing, lodge for Accommodation.
22	Polish heritage sites	Nyabyeya	Cultural	The Polish church built in 1943, Polish village camps Grave to Pope John Paul 2 nd 's Aunt. Polish cemetery.
24	Katasiya and waaki	Budongo forest	natural	Permanent rivers, tributaries to lake Albert .
25	Nyabyeya forestry college	Nyabyeya	Man made	Polish historical administrative blocks, the only Forestry college in Uganda, first petrol station in Masindi.
26	Rwengabi hill	Budongo	Natural	Hiking, rocks and spiritual healing powers.
27	Kabalye police training school	Kabalye	manmade	Its national, capable of handling over 3000 recruits at ago, well developed.
28	Kigulya hill	Mirya	Natural	Hiking,
29	Masindi lagoon/kiyanja	Mirya	Natural	Source of water for Masindi, birding, fishing.
30	Ziwa and royal Ranches	Kimengo	Man made	Covers a greater part of sub county, good potential In Dairy farming.

31	Kinyara sugar works limited	Kinyara	Manmade	Established in 1969, second largest manufacturer of sugar in Uganda, employs over 1500 workers both in and outside Uganda, the companies' sugarcane Plantation estates.
32	Kabalega's rich history	Bunyoro region	Historical/cultural	<p>Kabalega was the ruler of Bunyoro from 1870 to 1899</p> <p>Developed Bunyoro empire via trade especially the Kibiro salt works.</p> <p>Defeated the British and the outmans who thought to colonize his</p> <p>In 1872 he defeated Sir Samuel baker in Masindi frustrating his attempts to annex Bunyoro and entire Lake Victoria region to the equatorial Province Egypt.</p> <p>On 8 June 2009, Kabalega was declared a national hero by president Museveni</p>
33	Bunyoro's rich History	Bunyoro region	Historical	<p>According to R.W FELKIN (a medical missionary) in 1879 Bunyoro was the only place in the world where caesarean was performed to save both mother and baby in other places the mother's life was sacrificed for the child.</p> <p>During Kabalega's reign Bunyoro discovered a cure for Sleeping, sickness, the citizens used to be immunized against endemic syphilis.</p> <p>In 1972 president Idi Amin renamed Murchison falls National park Kabalega falls after the Omukama.</p> <p>The kingdom of Bunyoro included the present day Masindi ,Hoima, Kibaale, Kabarole and Kasese district also parts of present-day western Kenya, Northern Tanzania and eastern Congo.</p>
34	Mary hill pilgrimage site	Murro	Religious/faith	<p>The virgin Mary appeared on this hill.</p> <p>it's a pilgrimage site hosts over 2000 Christians every 31^{sts} of December every year they always come to pray every new Years E</p>

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Markets.

Karongo market, operates every Thursday and attracts traders from Hoima, Bulisa and entire district, it's located at the junction to Nyantonzi, Bulisa road.

Kijunjubwa livestock market is main source of revenue for Kimengo and Kijunjubwa Sub County, the boat service at Miduumo connecting to Nakaseke district, Kwata Mwana and TOWA SATI markets are quite interesting. Masindi main market in town operates every day, Kijura market, Kasigwa market, Kihaguzi Market Labogo Sub County are all places where visitors can buy food and other essential products.

Business products, the milk cooling plants in Kijunjubwa, Ntooma, are supplying fresh milk to locals and outside the district. Agro processing machine located in Kijura (AGROVET) is producing and packaging well processed maize flour selling both within and outside the District, Royal yogurt, Mt Sinai wine and Juice are some of the products being manufactured in Masindi.

Kabango trading Centre, is a very busy town council providing variety of services i.e. entertainment, schools, accommodation and so many others

Artisans, in Labogo, Kigulya are making knives, spears etc.

Night clubs, Destiny pub, New life pub, Quilax junction, Milano (for Sauna Massage, GYM services), DJakaranda, DE Lancers and so many others.

Places of worship

All saints church, Miracle centre, St. Jude catholic church, St. Mathew's cathedral, Masindi mosque, Kihande mosque, Kirasa mosque, PAG Church, Nyamigisa catholic, Katama alter, Rehoboth miracle church, Kabarwana Pentecostal church.

Medical facilities: Masindi main hospital, Kitara medical centre, walabyeki medical centre, ngomokwe medical centre, joint clinical research centre, Nyamigisa dispensary, supreme medical centre, Master doctor's clinic.

Supermarkets and fuel stations. Sasa super mark, lucky 7, Karibuni Supermarket, Elite supermarket, Total, Kobil, shell, Fillmore are all facilities within the district that our visitors can access.

Other eating place: Julie's pork joint, Kirabo pork joint, Nyangahya pork joint.

THE INDUSTRIAL HUB IN KIRYANATHESE ARE NOT THE ONLY SITES THAT WE HAVE WE SHALL KEEP UP DATING THE LIST EVERY TIME A NEW SITE IS DISCOVERED

TOURISM ACCOMDATION /HOSPITALITY FACILITIES IN MASINDI DISTRICT

NAME OF FACILITY	TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT	TELEPHONE NUMBER	NUMBER OF BEDS	NUMBER OF ROOMS	CONTACT PERSON
MASINDI HOTEL	H	0772420130	30	30	OPIO ESAU
NEW COURT VEIW HOTEL	H	0772427060	30	17	SALLIE .H. WAREING
HOTEL VICTORY BIIJA	H	0772978438	50	41	MILDRED KIZITO
TALEMWA GUEST HOUSE	GH	0778069845	18	15	TALEMWA KIRUMIRA PROSSY
COUNTRY INN MASIDI	H	0772463230	51	51	KOMURUBUGA DEO
PALM GARDENS	GH	0789117364	8	8	RUKYALEKERE BETTY
KARIBUNI RESTAURANT	R	0772440280	-	-	SAM MUSINGUZI
BUMA HOTEL	H	0772510112	25	22	NYANGOMA CHRISTINE
LADO HOTEL	H	07797166908	23	23	ALIYO EWAKU EMMANUEL
MOTEL TUKU	M	0773097368	14	12	NANTONGO HALIMAH
JACK ACCOMMODATION	GH	0786035609	06	06	ATWOOKI JOYCE
TERRACE INN	L	0774877914	18	18	KAJUMA DENIS
BRIAN GUEST HOUSE	GH	0781283740	8	8	BUSOBOZI DEO
COMFORT INN	GH	0776900902	7	7	BYOBUSINGE GERALD
HOTEL BRIAN	H	0775324443	9	9	TUGUME DENIS
SURE GUEST HOUSE	GH	07782376411	13	13	BYARUGABA LAWRENCE
MARUNGU GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772630018	5	5	SEWANYANA EDWAND
TRUMP GUEST HOUSE	GH	0781283740	7	7	MUSOBOZI DEO
GLOBAL GUST	GH	0772830380	8	8	BAGUMA

HOUSE					FANAS AND ABHARIMANA JOHN
SIVI PARK	GH	0784256015	7	7	BYENKYA SIMON
SIR GUEST HOUSE	GH	0780928258	12	12	OKUMU STERIO
MARY'S LODGE	L	0782606862	7	7	MRS BYALERO
TOT RESTAURANT	R /GH	0777912357	7	7	MULIMBA LYDIA
ALBERT GUEST HOUSE	GH	0786346840	27	25	BALA JOHN
PEACE CORNER MOTEL	M	0782481343	10	10	NDAHURA SARAH
MASINDI GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772632661	10	10	SSERUKUMA ABDALLAH
JACKOV GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772546120	11	11	KYAMAYWA JAMES
BAKERM GUEST HOUSE	GH	0709495207/0392174864	14	13	MWESIGWA BAKEE
JACKOV GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772546120	13	13	KYAMANYWA JAMES
HOMELAND GUEST HOUSE	GH	07725446120	15	15	KYAMANYWA JAMES
BYARUHANGA AND SON'S GUEST HOUSE	GH	0786521235	12	12	BYARUHANGA TEGRAS
JACKOV GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772546120	12	12	KYAMANYWA JAMES
FORTUNUE GUEST HOUSE ANNEX	GH	0782727109	10	10	MUSINDI TADIUS
FORTUNUE GUEST HOUSE	GH	0782727109	24	24	MUSINDI TADIUS
SALTEK FOREST COTTAGES	CV	0772589301	8	8	HALIMAH NANTONGO TEMBO
FORTUNE GUEST HOUSE	GH	0782727109	10	10	MUSINDI TADIUS
SERENA GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772340801	19	17	BARAKURAHA MESSACH
CALIFONIA GUEST HOUST	GH	0772340801	-	-	BARAKURAHA MESSACH
DOWN TOWN UPPER GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772689830	12	12	KIIZA EDWAND
NAJU GUEST HOUSE AND HOME	GH	0772517855	11	7	KABAJUNGU JOY NAJU

STAY					
DREAM RESTARURANT	R	0773134703	-	-	KAITESI MARRIAM
NAJU GUEST HOUSE	GH	0772517855	10	10	KABAJUNGU JOY NAJU
PEACEFULL PUB GUEST HOUSE	GH	0789892793	14	14	ATALEMWA BOB
ANTLERS INN	GH	0772984537	9	9	KOMUBULUGA DEO
NEW PARIDISE BAR AND LODGE	L	0779077260	17	17	KIBUKA LAWRENCE
KABELEGA RESORT LIMITED	H	0392900900/0776522622	25	25	PETER KAJURA BYENKYA
ALOEVERA SURE INVESTMENT	GH	0772826736	16	16	ASIIMWE ADIDAS
JAZZ RESTAURANT	R	-	-	-	-
ALIDA GUEST HOUSE	GH	0782640100	27	25	KIIZA BETTY
ALINDA GUEST HOUSE ANNEX	GH	0787364447	5	5	DIETER
DOWN TOWN ANNEX	GH	0772689830	12	12	MUHAMBA
SOFTIE GUEST HOUSE	GH	0781181666	15	15	ATUHURA RODA
KOLPING HOLDINGS	H	0782442120	22	20	WAKISA FRED
HOME GUEST HOUSE	GH	0703026128	10	10	NYAKOOJO FRED
DESTINY PUB	BAR	0788492877	-	-	Nkoba Owen
ALOEVERA GUEST HOUSE	GH				
DEVENUE HOTEL	H	0752604797/0772976241	16	14	WABWIRE MARGRATE
PROS'S RESIDENCE	M	0782405660	20	11	PROS
MURCHISON BACK PARKERS	LODGE	0780320179	30	12	MAY INDAHURA

KEY ACCOMODATION FACILITIES SURROUNDING MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK



Murchison falls is Uganda's biggest national park with magical sceneries bisected by the Albert Nile, the best place for wild viewing is in the northern bank Murchison falls contains the big five (Rhino, elephant, lion, leopard and buffalos and many other wild animals it covers an area of about 4000 square kilometres. It covers Kiryandongo, Masindi, Bulisa, Nywoya districts of Uganda.

UGANDA WILDLIFE CAMPSITE

The campsite is located in southern sector of the park it is an ideal place to experience Africa wilderness and get entangled with whispers of the wild in asset up tent, the camping grounds are available visitors can come around with their own camping facilities and pay less.



the campsite is situated on top of Muchision falls therefore offering thrilling views of the vast national park with a lot of wildlife including over 76 mammal species 450 bird species, Karuma falls and the magnificent Nile, a camp fire is set up every evening and storytelling is done by the experienced tour guides who will make your stay memorable.

BOOMU WOMENS GROUP BANDAS

It's located at the edge of Murchison falls national park the word Boomu is derived from a local word to mean together the group was formed by local women who were subsistence farmers with the aim of improving their living standards, this budget lodge is an ideal place to stay for visitors interested in back packing. It is also approximately located just near the parks southern gate Kichumbanyobo gate

The bandas offer simple and comfortable bed rooms and also dormitory rooms available for those travelling in groups as well as camping grounds.



The onsite restaurant serves mouth-watering meals to visitors and breakfast is served to all visitors daily, the check in time starts from 12;00hrs and check out by 10;00hrs east African time.

The lodge is near Pabidi forest where chimpanzee trekking can be carried out visitors can also visit the unique craft shop with a lot of African locally made materials and also have an opportunity to learn and make these crafts.

BUDONGO ECO LODGE

Budongo eco lodge is situated at Budongo forest the lodge is positioned in an area to provide you with breath taking views of the canopy of Budongo forest.

The forest is one of Uganda's best kept secret with over 600 chimpanzees and many tree species, the lodge offers very simple but comfortable accommodation cabins and also contains large dormitory rooms for visitors coming in groups the rooms are well furnished with double beds, mosquito nets, private verandas where one can relax and view superb forest canopy.



Budongo eco lodge offers continental meals and variety of drinks served from an onsite restaurant. Free internet is also available in public areas.

The lodge has got four dormitory rooms and 5 private cabins with onsite restaurant, visitors centre with a lot of ancient fossils and a craft shop offering many handmade materials to take back home.

The check in time to the lodge is by 2; 00pm and check out by 10; 00am in the morning African time. Visitors are always advised to come well prepared to live the forest and to carry things like comfortable hiking shoes, insects, repellents, torch, binoculars, sunglasses, and sun lotion among other requirements.

RED CHILLI REST CAMP

It is an exclusive safari lodge located at the out skirts of Paara the southern sector of Murchison falls national park, the hotel offers mid-range accommodation affordable for all tourists on budget safaris at Murchison falls.



It has an onsite bar containing variety of soft and hard drinks plus a restaurant containing ala carte menu of continental meals, the staff are very welcoming and hospitable, camp fire is always set up in the evenings as you relax under the African sparkling stars after having a hectic day.

The rooms are well vanished bandas and safari ends with ensuite bathrooms and flushing toilets solar heated water is also always available.

Amenities and facilities, Security, bar and restaurant, electricity, laundry, car hire services

SAMBIYA RIVER LODGE

It is located only 15 minutes from the top of the magnificent Murchison falls it is the perfect location for those who want to experience the tranquility of

unspoiled Africa untouched by mass tourism.



The lodge's unique charm is at the atmosphere of intimacy provide to the guests. Guests stay in any of the 26 double rooms designed as individual and family thatched cottages which have en suite bathrooms, fans, screened doors and windows, mosquito nets and a veranda to relax and enjoy the commanding views of quintessential Africa. twelve basic bandas are also available for guest accommodation

BWANA TEMBO SAFARI LODGE

It is an exclusive lodge located near the park gate it offers breath taking views of the Magnificent park with a lot of birds often seen at the lodge's surroundings bwana safari camp is well known for its Italian out watering dishes that live visitors wanting more.it contains bandas and exclusive tents set up on raised platforms for excellent views of nature. All rooms are self-contained with ensuite facilities well furnished with a tapestry of Italian touch designs. It also offers cars for hire with well-trained experienced drivers and airport shuttle also available at an added price.



The restaurant serves excellent local meals apart from Italian dishes while the well-stocked bar contains variety of drinks from soft hard and spirits. Check in is by 10:30am and check out is 9:00 in the morning east African time.

KABALEGA WILDERNESS LODGE

it provides masterly built accommodation with well-furnished self-contained rooms and flushing toilets, entangled in the bush cabins command scenic views of the rive Nile spectacular landscape of the park

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The onsite restaurant offers extensive services with continental meals being served the well-stocked bar also offers variety of drinks to choose from hard soft drinks .to compliment your wilderness experience a camp fire is always setup the evenings where you can relax and watch the stars.

There are so many safari lodges that range from the budget to luxury that you can choose for your stay, these safari lodges cost between 40\$ to \$500\$ per night. Most of them do arrange safari activities within the park too and you can request for it.

MASINDI DISTRICT TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

Masindi District received a fund of 10,000,000million shillings from the Ministry of Tourism ,Wildlife and Antiquities to support the establishment of a visitor information center, the center is located along the route heading to Murchison falls in Masindi town plot no 41, Masindi port road.

The center will be used as a tool to promote tourism and will house all the information in the entire district that can be of great value to all people visiting us, travelers will learn about available tourist products and services in the region. This will also be a tool to capture and analyze important traveler information and statistics.

Tourists should find information about banks, tourism sites and hospitality, some important contact persons within the district, security, and so many important information.

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List of Members on the District Tourism Coordination committee

With guidelines from the Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities during our induction in Jinja 2019 we were guided on how to formulate a District tourism coordination committee, the following is the list of the members of the District Tourism Coordination committee that was formulated.

1. Chief Administrative Officer: Member
2. District Planner: Chairperson
3. Tourism Officer: Secretary
4. Peter Waswa: Representative of Tour company owners
5. Physical Planner: Member
6. Secretary for Production: Member
7. Asiimwe Jane: Representative of the Community
8. Bagada John winter: Representative of Tourism site managers
9. Nahida Beghani: Representative of the Hotel Sector

PICTORIAL OF SOME OF THE KEY TOURIST SITES IN MASINDI



THE HISTORICAL SITE, IS THE POLISH CHURCH IN NYABYEYA BUILT BY THE POLISH WOMEN IN 1940'S



MURCHISON FALLS THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFULL WATER FALLS



THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH IS THE HISTORICAL SITE WHERE SIR SAMUEL BAKER MET WITH KABALEGA



THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN AT BIIZI MULTIPLE AGRO TOURISM FARM

CONCLUSION

Masindi is endowed with a lot of tourist attractions and activities, during your stay in Masindi you can experience agro tourism, eco-tourism, faith tourism, cultural tourism, community tourism and many others. The district has quite a huge number of hospitality facilities, it's very secure. However, the district has lots of under developed tourism products once developed can be a huge source of revenue and can create employment opportunities that will benefit all citizens.