

Uganda – Culture Smart!

The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture

By Ian Clarke

There are good reasons Uganda is called “the Pearl of Africa.” Beyond its ideal climate, abundant wildlife, and spectacular natural beauty, however, it is the friendly and good humored Ugandan people who make this country different. Drawn from more than twenty tribes, they represent a tapestry of traditions, ethnicities, and cultures. As a society they are devoutly religious and conservative; as individuals they are surprisingly laid back. English is widely spoken but there are many cultural pitfalls to be aware of – differences in expectations, customs, and ways of behaving.

Culture Smart! Uganda provides key insights into Ugandan life and offers practical tips on how best to meet the Ugandan people on their own terms – vital information for travellers and businesspeople alike.

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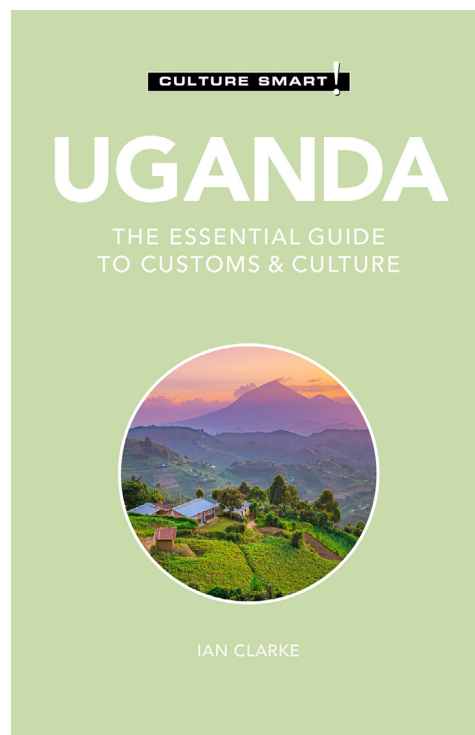
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