

Typical Costs for a Uganda Missions Trip

The exact cost for a short-term missions trip to Uganda will vary from individual to individual based on length of stay, time of year, number of immunizations that must be taken, and personal preferences of things to take, personal funds, and how much money a person wants to spend on gifts for friends back home and how much you wish to share to help meet the needs of Ugandans.

For example, if you already have a valid Passport (expires at least 6 months after your trip is scheduled to be over), and have had the two hepatitis series, the trip would cost you \$260 less than someone who still needed these.

Most team members, especially the ladies, go to a local *Salvation Army* or *Good Will* thrift store and purchase clothes (outer garments) to wear while in Uganda and then give them away as they prepare to depart.

Include your own personal toiletries for the trip and some basic First Aid supplies (band-aids, triple antibiotic cream, etc.)

Almost all team members take some of their favorite snacks, granola bars, etc., with them. Increasingly snacks and candies familiar to most travelers are become available in Uganda. Some teams take a day off and visit a safari game park and that costs about \$250.00

It is realistic to expect each team member to raise the basic \$3,500 and provide the reminder themselves. We have had team members who found it very hard to cover much if any trip funds and in that case, our other team members have chipped in and helped. We would never want anyone to miss out on ministry in Uganda due to a few hundred dollars.

Here is a breakdown of how the basic \$3,500 is typically used based on experience over a twenty-eight year period. The variations depend on time of the year, number on the team, number of venues visited, etc.

- \$1,300 to \$1,700 airfare to Uganda and back
- \$400 to \$600 for lodging, food, and traveling Uganda
- \$1,500 to \$2,000 used for ministry in Uganda

Personal Cost Estimator		
Item	Estimated Cost*	Your personal Figures
Team Funding	3,500.00	3,500.00
Passport	110.00	
Yellow Fever	75.00	
Typhoid (injection)	35.00	
Typhoid (oral)	30.00	
Meningitis	99.00	
Polio	38.00	
Hepatitis A -1	32.00	
Hepatitis A - 2	32.00	
Hepatitis B - 1	32.00	
Hepatitis B - 2	32.00	
Hepatitis B - 3	32.00	
Tetanus/Diphtheria	61.00	
sub total	4,098.00	
Personal funds	200.00	
Game Park	200.00	
Personal toiletries	0.00	
Food snacks	0.00	
*Estimates are from 2010 costs		

Funding Tips

The Apostle Paul requested, received and acknowledge support in his missionary work:

- *"I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through **and to have you assist me on my journey** there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while" Romans 15:24*
- *"I have received full payment and even more; **I am amply supplied**, now that I have received from Epaphroditus **the gifts you sent**. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18*
- *I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way. 7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by **receiving support from them so as to serve you**. 9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. 2 Corinthians 11:6-9*

Therefore, we should not think it out of place for us to do the same. This not only will help us raise the funds we need, it will also help build a network of friends who will pray for our trip and will in fact, be partners with us.

Here are some tips to help you reach people with the message about your trip:

- Make this matter of first importance in your own daily prayers, take this need to God (if the money comes from Him, it will be HIS trip. If you produce the money, it could very easily become YOUR trip)
- Make a written list of friends, family, neighbors, churches, groups that would have an interest in you and an interest in the work of the Lord (experience has shown that between 35 and 65 contacts are sufficient to raise the \$2,900 for this ministry in Uganda)
- When you write
 - < Review sample letters to gain some idea of what to say (**SAMPLES INCLUDED IN NEXT PACKET**)
 - < Explain where you are going and why
 - < Detailed when you will be going and with whom
 - < Do not be afraid to ask for financial help
 - < Ask for prayer and state that all who say they will pray and/or give financially, will receive a prayer calendar about one week before you leave
 - < Ask for their email addresses so you can send updates from Uganda as email connections are available to the team
 - < Ask for the opportunity to speak with them about this if they desire
 - < It is acceptable to photocopy many letter and then handwrite the recipients name at the beginning
 - < Include ACTI endorsement letter and you may or may not want to include "Are Short Term Missions Worth The Cost?" and "How Funds are Used."
 - < Include the return envelope and there is not need for you to put a stamp on it.
- Purchase commemorative stamps to use on your envelopes as these attract the eye to your letter and it will most probably be opened first
- Finally, I always take my appeal letters to the Post Office for mailing. I sit in the parking lot and hold them in my hands and pray over them before taking them inside for mailing
- If your first mailing does not produce sufficient funds, the create a second list with around 25 more possible supporter to mail to. Pray some more!
- Contact Bob Hayes if you need more materials Bhayes409@aol.com

A mailing piece consists of the following with items with #s 2 - 4 being provided by ACTI **but are not in this initial packet of information.**

1. Your personal letter
2. A copy of your ACTI endorsement letter
3. A copy of "Are Short Term Missions Worth the Cost" and "How Funds are Used" on the back
4. A pre-addressed return envelope which contains information on ACTI financial accountability and provision for your teams ministry dates, your name, and for donors information.