Our Hidden Treasures:

COMMUNITY MUSEUMS IN UGANDA



Community Museums in Uganda

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1 CULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE MUSEUM

Located in the centre of Jinja town, at the Nile Gardens, is the Cultural Research Centre Museum where you will learn all about the cultural heritage of the Basoga. Do you need to research Busoga culture? Are you looking for original Kisoga drums? Or do you simply need to travel back in time, to experience the lifestyle of the Basoga in generations



Call Fr. Kayaga Gonzaga: Tel +256 434 243962 or visit www.crcjinja.org for further details

2 CHARLES NYONYINTONO KIKONYOGO MONEY MUSEUM AT THE BANK OF **UGANDA**

Located on Plot 45 Kampala Road, within the Headquarters of the Bank of Uganda, the museum was opened in 2006 and named after the 8th Governor of the Bank. The Museum displays artefacts related to the history of the Bank and the evolution of Uganda's currency. The Museum has been established to educate the public on monetary issues, as well as to provide information on the role of the Central Bank.



For further details, contact Miriam Ssebanakitta: Tel: +256 312 392000 or visit: info@bou.or.ug

3 IGONGO CULTURAL CENTRE

Located at Bihaarwe, 10 Km before Mbarara town on the Masaka-Mbarara highway, the Igongo Cultural Centre preserves and promotes the cultural and natural heritage of South-Western Uganda. The location enjoys a culturally rich hinterland and close proximity to Lake Mburo National Park. The Centre has a museum, a cultural village, accommodation facilities, craft shop, and gardens where cultural performances are held



For more information, call: Tel: +256 392 722829 or visit www.igongoculture.co.ug

4 ITESO CULTURAL UNION MUSEUM

At the headquarters of the Iteso Cultural Union in Soroti Town (opposite the Soroti Hotel) you will find a museum displaying the domestic utensils and hunting tools of the Itesot. The museum also promotes intangible heritage through a film on the traditional stories, norms and values of the Itesot.

For more information, contact Frances Akello on Tel. +256 782 540765 or email: kuiteso@gmail.com or Ikalany Betty on Tel +256 781 096 059



KABAKA MUTEBI'S COLLECTIONS

Located immediately after Wankaaki (the main entrance to Mengo Palace in Kampala), this photographic gallery showcases Kabaka Ronald Mutebi II's collections, giving you a glimpse of his life since childhood.

For further details, contact the Buganda Kingdom Ministry of Tourism: +256 414 271 166 or visit: www.bugandatourism.org

6 MUSEUM OF ACHOLI ART AND CULTURE

Located in Kitgum town, the museum was opened in 2011 to collect, preserve and promote Acholi art and cultural heritage, while encouraging greater crosscultural understanding, awareness and active engagement of community members in promoting the Acholi culture.

440200 (English) or email:museumofacholiartandculture@yahoo.com/oloyart@gmail.com

For further details, contact Peter Oloya: +256 471 440199 (Acholi), +256 471

MUSEUM OF THE CENTRE FOR AFRICAN CHRISTIAN STUDIES.

Located at Gaba Seminary along the Kampala-Gaba Road, the museum was established in 2004 by a group of Ugandan Christians and scholars as an endeavour to understand Christianity within the African context and its impact on the social and cultural development of Uganda. The museum has a rich collection of ethnographic objects from different parts of the country.

For further details, contact Gaba National Seminary on Tel: +256 414 510373 or visit: www.cacisa.org

8 NYAMYARRO MUSEUM - BUNYORO KINGDOM

The Museum is located inside the Karuziika (the royal palace of the King of Bunyoro in Hoima). It conserves and promotes the human heritage and the ancient regalia of the kings of Bunyoro-Kitara through education and tourism. The main object in the museum is the royal stool of the Omukama. The museum is also known for its focus on metallurgy in the Kingdom.

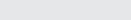
For further details, contact Kabalega Development Foundation: Tel: +256 752 580946 or email: nsambay@yahoo.com

THE HOME OF EDIRISA MUSEUM

In the centre of Kabale Town, renown activist of the Kiga culture and language Festo Karwemera has built a unique replica of the traditional Kiga homestead, complete with traditional tools, domestic utensils and shrine. The Home of Edirisa serves both local and international tourists, with a museum, a backpackers' hostel, a craft gallery, an internet café and a restaurant.

For further details, call Miha Logar on Tel. +256 752 558558 or visit www.edirisa.org







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10 ST. LUKE COMMUNITY MUSEUM

The Museum was initiated by Brother Anatoli Wasswa of the Bannakaroli Brothers of Masaka Catholic Diocese to preserve and showcase objects, mostly received from traditional medicine practitioners who have abandoned their belief systems as being un-Christian. Through the museum, Brother Anatoli teaches healing methods that do not involve worshipping ancestral spirits. The museum is also linked to a treatment unit where herbal medicine is prescribed and administered.



For further details, call Douglas Mayanja: Tel: +256 772 957528/+256 772 490162 or write to: stlukemuseumluke@yahoo.com or mayanjadouglas@yahoo.co.uk

11 UGANDA MARTYRS' UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

Located near the equator 2km off the Kampala-Masaka highway; this is one of the very few anthropological and ethnographic museums in Uganda, with artifacts from Uganda and neighbouring countries. The Museum is a resource for local and international students and researchers of anthropology, African history and sociology.



For further information, contact Leonard Kawuki: +256 382 410635. +256 779 664 605 or ardc@umu.ac.ug, researchdirectorate@umu.ac.ug

12 UGANDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMME - CULTURAL **ASSETS CENTRE**

In Kagadi town in Kibaale District, the Uganda Rural Development Training Institute has established the Cultural Assets Centre, a living encyclopaedia of Bunyoro's traditions and cultural heritage. The centre not only presents cultural artefacts but it also presents traditional knowledge and wisdom from the wise men and women of Bunyoro.

For further information, contact Anthony Lwanga +256774227663 or visit www. urdt.net



13 THE BATWA CULTURAL EXPERIENCE, A MUSEUM TRAIL

Near the entrance to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the Batwa people initiated the Batwa Cultural Experience trail to preserve, promote and transmit their cultural heritage to future generations. This living museum presents an unusual perspective on community museums: for five hours, the Batwa showcase their traditional knowledge and skills within a forested

environment located next to the National Park. For further details, call Levi Busingye: Tel: +256 777 396256, +256 392 888700, +256 772 901628, +256 772 607317 or visit: www. BatwaExperience.com



B. APPOINTMENT NEEDED

1 ANKOLE CULTURAL DRAMA ACTORS' MUSEUM

At the Ankole Cultural Drama Actors' Museum in Isingiro, you can see artefacts and dances that depict the history and cultural traditions of the Banyankore. If for some reason you cannot come to the museum, this museum will come to you - it is mobile! The museum helps women earn a living through the preservation of artefacts, performances and education.

The Museum is located at Kagarama, 10km off the Mbarara-Isingiro Road, or call Ignatius Kato +256 772 182555 to find out their mobile exhibition schedule.



Located at Buloba along Mityana Road, the Attitude Change Museum collaborates with community members to present ways in which culture can be infused in development processes. At the museum members of the community learn how to use traditional resources like banana fibre to make products for

For further details, call Onesmus Kabuga: +256 775 246974

3 BULEMBA MUSEUM

Located in Bulemba in the Rwenzori Mountains, the Bulemba Museum acts as an education centre to interpret the culture of the Bakonzo.

The museum, located at the end of the 7km trail from Bwera, brings together historical items on the cultural and social life of the Bakonzo. Close to the museum is the burial site of Mukirane, the former leader of the break away movement of the Rwenzururu from Tooro Kingdom.

For further details, contact Emanuel Masereka: +256 772 978982 or email: biogardns@gmail.

4 BUKONZO CULTURAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM

Located in Mpondwe Lhubiriha town council in Kasese District, the museum showcases the artifacts of the Bakonzo. Cultural performances are also organized at the museum. It is easily accessible to visitors of the Queen Elizabeth National

For further details, contact Stephen Baguma: +256 752 816422

5 BUNYORO COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATES

Located in Hoima town at Kwebiha Hostel, the museum showcases artefacts that depict the cultural heritage and history of the Banyoro. Artifacts range from music instruments to household utensils.

For further information, contact Apuuli Karugaba: Tel +256 772 686922



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a short description and contact information. Come and visit us! This map indicates where to find 30 community museums in Uganda, with

mounments that Ugandans are proud to call their own. knowledge and skills, languages, food, creative arts, cultural objects and experience more of Uganda, from its hospitable people to its indigenous Whichever region you may be visiting, make a stop at a museum to

and other elements of the local culture and heritage. showcasing a diversity of collections ranging from artefacts, oral history, n various parts of the country, you will find private and community museums

people who have a sacred attachment to them. birds and animals are part of the cultural and historical environment of a natural sites do not exist in isolation: the mountains, waterfalls, vegetation, the fascinating sights and sounds of the countryside. But the magnificent ourists love Uganda for her tropical climate, the beautiful landscape and

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BUSOGA CULTURAL MUSEUM

Located in Bugembe, on the shores of Lake Victoria about 1km off the Jinja-Iganga Road, the museum preserves and showcases artefacts of the Kisoga

For further information, contact Charles Mulindwa: Tel +256781406631



7 BUTAMBALA HERITAGE CENTRE OF CIVILIZATION

Located in Butambala District 3kms from Kyabadaaza (64km on the Kampala-Masaka Road), the Museum is the home of the Akasimba clan, the official ironsmiths of the Buganda King, the Kabaka. At the Heritage Centre, you can see the Akasimba blacksmiths in action, heating and shaping iron into farming tools, traditional home utensils, and especially the spears which are still used today when installing a family heir.



For more information, contact Ali Ssempereza: Tel. 0712 486 748 or email: butambalaheritage@ yahoo.com

8 GAKONDO CULTURAL MUSEUM

email: gakondocrafts@yahoo.com

9 HAM MUKASA MUSEUM

Buganda.

Located on Mutunda Road in Kisoro town, the Gakondo Cultural Museum preserves and promotes the cultural resources of the Bafumbira, including traditional ways of worship, home utensils and traditional crafts. For further details call, Jean Mugisha: +256 775 222735 or



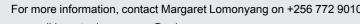
(1868–1956), one of the earliest Anglican Catechists and secretary to Sir Apollo Kaggwa, the longest serving Katikkiro (Prime Minister) of

For further details, call: +256 712 491009 10 KARAMOJA WOMEN'S CULTURAL GROUP MUSEUM

Located in Nassuuti village near Mukono town is Ham Mukasa's house.

The museum showcases artefacts that portray the legacy of Ham Mukasa

In Natumkasikoua village 1km from Moroto town, a group of women displays a collection of Karamojong items - headgear, beads, stools, pots, handicrafts and many more. The Museum gives you the opportunity to buy 'a piece' of Karamojong culture: a Karamojong tartan wrap complete



with hand-made beads and car tyre sandals. The Museum is located on the left, as one enters Moroto town. For more information, contact Margaret Lomonyang on +256 772 901081 or email her at mlomonyang@yahoo.com



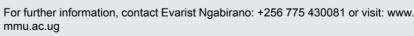
KIKONZO LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CENTRE

The Kikonzo Language & Culture Centre researches, documents and publicizes the culture and language of the Bakonzo. To visit or order your copy of printed and audio-visual materials about the Bakonzo, call Joachim Muhindo +256 772 357325 or email: kikonzolc@yahoo.com.



12 MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

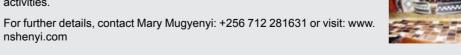
Located within the University premises, the museum collaborates with members of the community to collect traditional artefacts. The museum is meant to promote research and supports the University's programme on African Studies. It also safeguards Kabarole District archives dating back to 1906.



13 NSHENYI CULTURAL MUSEUM

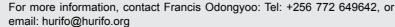
nshenvi.com

Located in Ntungamo District, the museum showcases the traditional artefacts of the Banyankole, their traditional homes and economic



14 THE HUMAN RIGHTS FOCUS PEACE MUSEUM

Established by the Human Rights Focus in Gulu, the Peace Museum targets the younger Acholi generation whose childhood and young adulthood was spent in camps for internally displaced persons. It promotes indigenous cultural practices for peace and reconciliation. At the Peace Museum, you can for instance learn about the Matoput, the traditional reconciliation rite of



15 KIGULU CHIEFDOM MUSEUM

Located in Iganga town, the museum preserves and promotes the cultural heritage of Kigulu chiefdom in Busoga Kingdom.

For further details, contact Patrick Kabale: +256 702 543 907 or email: pkabaale@gmail.com



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C. IN PREPARATION

1 BABWISI CULTURAL CENTRE

Located in Bundibugyo town, the centre is intended to preserve and showcase the cultural heritage resources of the Babwisi-Bamba communities For further details, contact Wilson Mubulya, Email: bwamitefulgensio@gmail.com

Benet community, a minority group evicted from Mt. Elgon when it was

Located in Mengya trading centre in Kween District, the museum is

intended to showcase and preserve the cultural heritage resources of the gazetted as a National Park For further details, contact the Benet Lobby Group: +256 782 903584

2 BENET CULTURAL LEARNING CENTRE

3 HOUSE OF MEMORY OF THE IK Located in Kamion in Kaabong District, the museum is intended to collect and preserve the cultural resources of the lk people, one of Uganda's ethnic minority

For further details, contact John Mark Lomeri: +256 782 911102/+256 755 911102 or lomerijohnmark@gmail.com

4. JINJA MUSEUM

Located in Jinja near Kakindu Stadium, the museum is intended to showcase objects depicting the history and culture of the Basoga. For further details, contact Alexander Mbiro: +256 701 334600

5 KOOKI MUSEUM

Located next to the Headquarters of Rakai District, the museum is intended to showcase and preserve the cultural heritage of the Bakooki and the regalia of the traditional cultural institution of the Kamuswaga. For further details, contact the Culture Minister of the Kamuswaga: +256 782 863205



6 MADI CULTURAL MUSEUM

Located in Moyo District, the Museum preserves the cultural resources of the Madi people. For further details, contact Drangwili Santos: +256 753 925544

7 THUR COMMUNITY MUSEUM

Located in Abim town, the museum is intended to preserve and showcase the cultural resources of the Ethur, one of Uganda's ethnic minority groups. For further details, contact Florence Adong: +256 772 664773

