

TRANSPORT IN KAMPALA

Here are some details about transportation in Uganda:

Buses

The Kayoola EVS is a fully electric low-floor bus designed for Urban Mass Transportation. The Kayoola EVS Model 2024 has models ranging from 6 meters (15 seating capacity) – to 18 meters (120 seating capacity). At full charge, the Kayoola EVS can cover a range between 200 to 300 kilometers – making it capable of seamlessly handling the daily Urban Mass Transportation duty cycle. They come equipped with a modern infotainment system designed to enhance the passenger experience. This system offers a range of entertainment options, including an infotainment system, Wi-Fi, USB Charging and real-time route information, keeping passengers engaged and informed throughout their journey

Boda-bodas

The motorcycle taxis, locally called “Boda Boda” or “Boda” are the most popular means of transport in Kampala and other towns of Uganda.

Boda bodas are the quickest way to get around the congested Kampala. They are many and everywhere there is a road or path. They are available all through the night as well. They provide such convenience of travel, in that, as soon as you step out of your house, your wait will be a couple of minutes or even seconds before one passes by and you can summon it to come pick you up. They are available all night and are the quickest way to get around the congested city.

Boda Boda apps on IOS and Android:

1. Safeboda <https://www.safeboda.com/>

This is the premier Boda Boda App company and the best at that! Their riders are constantly trained, are easily identifiable with uniforms and numbers and provide a second helmet for the passenger.

2. Uber boda <https://www.uber.com/en-UG/blog/how-to-request-uber-boda/>

Private taxis

The best option for getting around cities, is private taxis and they are available in Kampala through the taxi-ride app Uber. Open your Uber app and request your ride category.

Additionally, Special hire taxis are what a modern city dweller would be familiar with. (taxi or cab) Special hire is a term that means hiring a vehicle privately to take you somewhere. A standard vehicle for 4 persons + driver, who drives you wherever you want. This works very well, and the drivers are friendly, helpful and they know one's way around.

Urban taxis are also known locally as special hires and are usually painted yellow, or with a white and yellow band (Entebbe airport taxis) around the middle or with a taxi cab light on the top.

The fee does not depend on the distance or the duration, but its negotiated before you start. Taxicab fares are a little pricier than all the above-mentioned road transport means but far more secure to travel with if you organize a special hire vehicle.

Walking

Kampala is a small city and is fun to walk. Most of the city suburbs, shopping malls, hotels and restaurants, are within 5 – 10km of the city centre, so if you are fit enough you should book with a travel guide to walk to town and enjoy the sites.