

GeoLodges Uganda wins UWA hospitality award

On June 5th, 2008, at an UWA Investment breakfast, GeoLodges Uganda was awarded the Jumbo Award for Hospitality. Mr. Moses Mapesa, Executive Director of the Uganda Wildlife Authority, said that the award was given to the Company for its high customer satisfaction, high service standards, value for money, sustainable tourism and its community development.



This is the second award that GeoLodges Uganda has won, after the Ecobusiness award given to The RainForest Lodge – Mabira in October 2007.

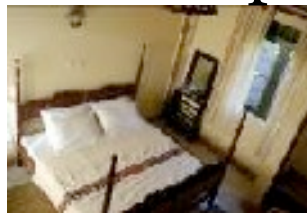
SilverBack Lodge – Bwindi is open



The view of Bwindi Forest from SilverBack Lodge



The outdoor lounge area



A double room



View of the rooms from the lounge

On the 1st of May, 2008, GeoLodges Uganda opened the gates to its fourth lodge in its portfolio of ecolodges in Uganda. It is set high on the edge of Nkwenda Hill in Buhoma, on the border of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the view is one of a kind. The lodge has 7 rooms, a restaurant with a Chef who creates artistic dishes that rival the setting, a well-stocked bar, laundry facilities.

GeoLodges Uganda is proud to own and operate the most number of safari lodges in Uganda's most popular tourism destinations. Welcome SilverBack Lodge – Bwindi to the GeoLodges Uganda family!

Kayaks inside Kasanduka

In July, Jacana Safari Lodge successfully began to implement its **JACANA +** program, whose goal is to introduce new low impact activities around Jacana Safari Lodge. There are four kayaks, that take 2 people each, to be hired for cruising around Lake Kasanduka, which is the small crater lake behind Jacana. There is a resident hippo in the lake, so it is recommended that inexperienced kayakers take a guide!



A lodge word from the Managers



Craig

It's 10pm and we've had a full house again...murmurings of chatter around the firepit and in the restaurant fill the night. It has just finished raining and the frogs have begun to sing again. Hundreds of elephants were on display today on the island across from the lodge...what a place!

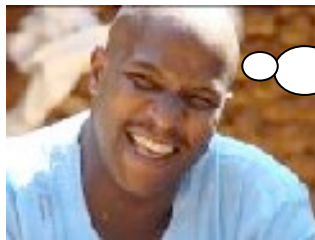
Location: Murchison Falls National Park
Element: water
Represented by: the mighty Nile River
Opened: 1993
Best feature: location, location, location!



Habib

New, improved and expanding ... fall asleep to chimps telling bedtime stories, and wake up to a cup of Ugandan coffee to the calls of the colobus monkeys and fish eagles. Artistically-prepared meals and stylish service are all part of the improvements. Happy to be a part of the team!

Location: Queen Elizabeth National Park
Element: earth
Represented by: feeling grounded
Opened: 1998
Best feature: peace & quiet



Chris

We are constantly changing and improving at The RainForest Lodge - Mabira! From art shows, movie sets, and school trips...next project - - - treeplanting indigenous Mabira Forest species to enrich and replant former charcoal and degraded areas. Our own staff will take charge of this....we hope you will join us in this new adventure!

Location: Mabira National Forest Reserve
Element: air
Represented by: the freshest oxygen – direct from the source
Opened: 2007
Best Feature: sets benchmarks in service standards



Davidson

There's a lot more to Bwindi than meets the eye! Birdwatching is at a premium and the views are spectacular. There are a lot of family activities to be explored here too! I am proud to be the pioneer in this new GeoLodges project.

Location: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park
Element: fire
Represented by: the surrounding volcanoes
Opened: 2008
Best Feature: the view

elements of nature
...retreat...romance...respect

Elevations



GeoLodges Uganda is very proud to internally promote people within the Company, especially to staff that show an interest and thereby building their own capacities and capabilities.

GeoLodges Uganda announces the following recent promotions.

Mr. Joseph Ssenyonga - promoted to Human Resource Manager

Mr. Ssenyonga has been with GeoLodges since February 2007 and was instrumental in opening The RainForest Lodge - Mabira. Throughout the last year he has managed all of the lodges. He is a trainer by profession and truly felt his calling to accept the promotion and developing the Human Resource Department. He has developed the GGCC training program which has been implemented at all the lodges. We are very proud to have him heading this vital department from the Head Office.

Mr. Davidson Kinyera II - promoted to SilverBack Lodge Manager

Mr. Kinyera II has always shown strong leadership skills and was a manager waiting to be born! An avid birder, Head Bartender for many years, and an-able bookkeeper, throughout the years with the Company has shown a capacity for management. We were so happy that the Company was able to give him his own lodge to manage.

Ms. Patricia Ochiba - promoted to Office Manager

Ms. Ochiba is an integral part of our Head Office operations since early 2006. She has shown capabilities of knowing what is going on everywhere and was promoted to Office Manager after her maternity leave at the beginning of the year. Welcome to the GeoLodges family Baby Sean!

Ms. Gladys Nakalanzi - promoted to Reservations Officer

Ms. Nakalanzi first started with GeoLodges Uganda when construction began for The RainForest Lodge in September 2004. In Mabira, she progressively worked her way up from housekeeping, to public relations, to bookkeeper and in January 2008 joined the Head Office as the Reservations Officer. She is efficient and proficient in filling up the lodges.

Mr. Simon Oketch - promoted to Bookkeeper, Nile Safari Lodge

Mr. Oketch has been at Nile Safari Lodge for over a decade, in various positions and has shown skills in whatever he has been required to do. When the Company needed a bookkeeper, he stepped up and was a natural!

Ms. Justine Nakabuye - promoted to Head of Housekeeping, Nile Safari Lodge

Ms. Nakabuye has just moved to Nile Safari Lodge as the Head of Housekeeping from The RainForest Lodge – Mabira. Justine has been with the Company since the beginning of the Mabira project and the Company recognised her strong leadership skills and are looking forward to developing her skills further as a Head of Department.

And the President says...

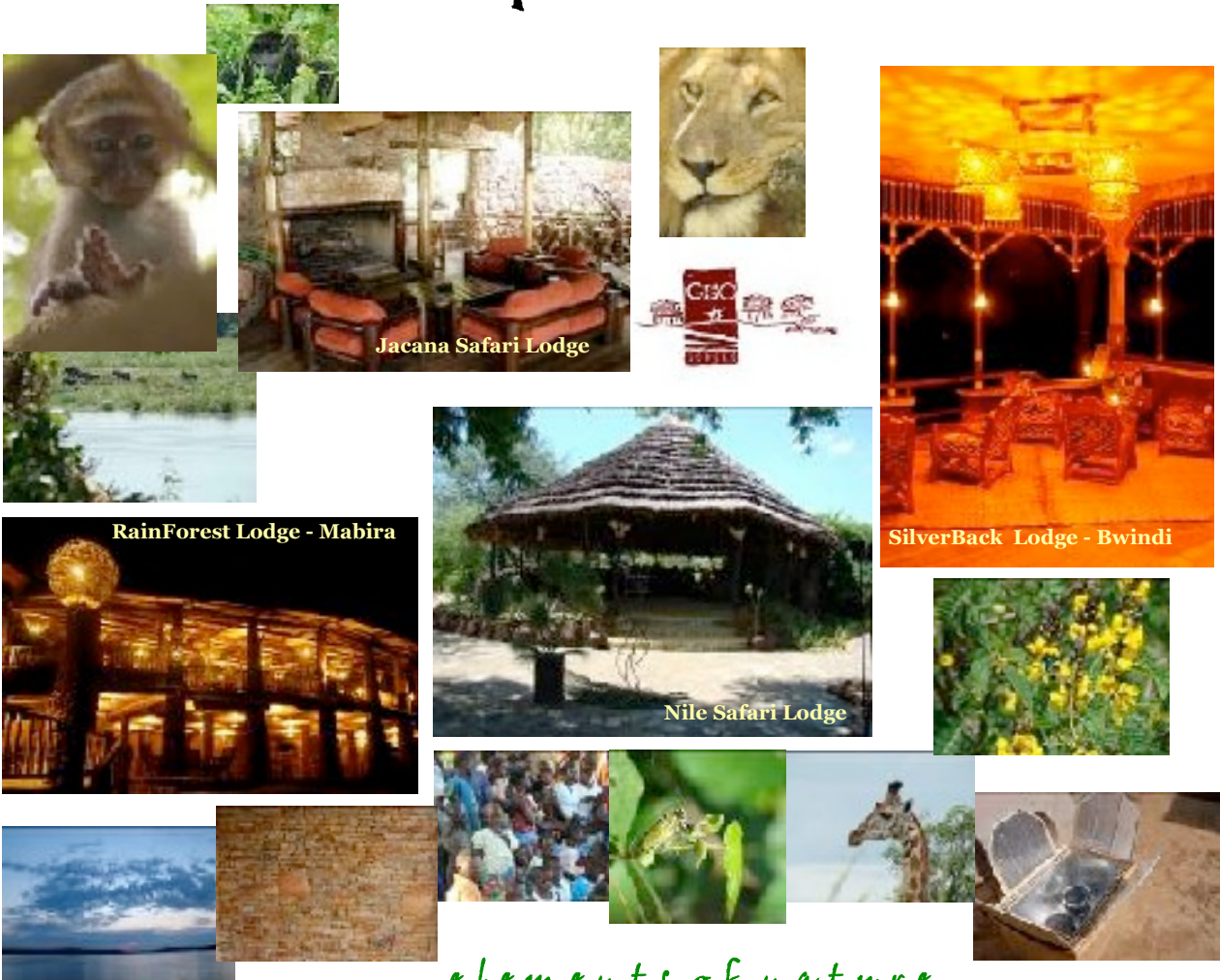
“Slow track to Africa’s beat and engage in a heartfelt journey through Uganda. It is not where you go, but what you take back with you from that journey upon your return that makes it an unforgettable life experience.

At GeoLodges, we are striving to show you how elements of nature come alive. We are benchmarking superior standards in hospitality, for your pleasure and life experience.”

- - - Zahid Alam, Managing Director GeoLodges Uganda - July ‘08



...a picture is worth 1,000 words



RainForest Lodge - Mabira

Jacana Safari Lodge

SilverBack Lodge - Bwindi

Nile Safari Lodge

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