



MEET 'TEMBO'

the Ultimate Travel Ukulele

by

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WHY TEMBO

Tembo is the ultimate travel ukulele, born from a constantly-moving individual's creative mind and crafted by a true artist's skilled hands. This compact instrument is more than just a ukulele – it's a concept, an idea.

Tembo in Kiswahili means Elephant.

Just like the animal it's named after, **Tembo** is loyal and playful, **communicating** through a range of sounds and feelings.

Its body is carved from a single piece of wood, ensuring a solid build and durability, and its unique carbon fibre strings can produce a variety of tones. With high-quality friction tuners, **Tembo** will always stay in tune.

Tembo is made of **three** different types of wood –

Red cedar, Spanish Cedar and Ebony, representing how this little instrument brings together people and cultures to create something unique and spectacular.

Red cedar is commonly used for classical guitar construction, it has a very soft sound and remarkable sustain.

Spanish cedar is a lightweight and stable wood (withstands changes in humidity and does not deform over time), it also has very beautiful grain patterns.

Ebony is the quintessential fingerboard wood, extremely hard and durable, it provides good sustain to the instrument and elevates its value and beauty.

Bone: factory ukuleles, are usually made of plastic or other synthetic materials, which do not guarantee good sound transmission. **Tembo** uses bone, which provides more sustain and better tuning stability (plastic ones can compress over time, causing the string to not slide properly or even get stuck).

Zero fret: The zero fret ensures that the sound of the open strings is the same as that of the fretted strings.

Tembo's distinctive appearance is enhanced by its almond-shaped soundhole, as well as the small **elephant** designs on the fretboard and the ukulele logo adorning the headstock.

What makes Tembo special?

- Lightweight (only 380 grams)
- Small in size
- Resilient, the body is carved from a single piece, so the thickness is more consistent and the structure is sturdier and more durable
- Very rounded edges make it very comfortable to play
- Low action
- Fingerboard is ground on each instrument: this allows for very low string height without fret buzz
- Natural finish

Designed to be small yet robust, **Tembo** is a breeze to carry around wherever you go. Whether you're jetting off to a far-flung destination or simply heading out to the park for a jam session, this ukulele is the perfect companion. With its exceptional quality and portability, **Tembo** sets a new standard for travel instruments.

Soon available in our online shop!

Get in touch today!

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SPECS and PRICE

Dimension: 530 x 195 x 35 mm

Weight: 380g

Scale length: Soprano – 330mm /13"

Top: Red Cedar

Back Sides: Spanish Cedar

Neck: Spanish Cedar

Fingerboard: Ebony

Bridge: Ebony

Nut & Saddle: Bone

Headstock cover: Ebony with Ukulele Safari logo

Finish: Natural oil satin effect

Strings: Waiz Fluorocarbon

Zero Fret: YES

Side dots: White madreperla on 3, 5, 7, 10, 12

Tembo inlay: White madreperla

Tuning pegs: 4:1 geared pegs

Tuning: GCEA High G (also available with low G)

Strap Button: YES

EURO 700

Free worldwide shipping

Include donation

for the "Kenya Ukulele Project"





Tembo and Kenya Ukulele Project

The Kenya Ukulele Project is a wonderful initiative that aims to provide music education and ukuleles to underprivileged children in Kenyan schools. The project raises funds through its online shop and the sale of the "**Tembo Ukulele**" to support its mission of bringing the joy of music to those who would otherwise not have access to it.

Last year, the project was able to donate 70 ukuleles to Kenyan schools, making a positive impact on the lives of many children. This year, the project is looking to expand its reach by bringing in music teachers to join its **volunteer program** and teach the teachers in Kenya. This will enable more children to benefit from music education and the many advantages it brings.

The **Tembo ukulele**, which is sold by the project, is a beautifully hand crafted instrument that is both durable and affordable.

By purchasing one of these ukuleles, you can not only enjoy playing music but also contribute to a worthy cause.



The "HAND" behind Tembo

Master Luthier Paolo Bianchi - Italy

Paolo Bianchi is a talented and passionate artist, whose love for sculpture and music has led him to pursue a career in lutherie.

His work at Liuteria Cocopelli is impressive, and his personal range of acoustic guitars is a testament to his creativity and talent. He has now started his own brand "Waiz".

Among Waiz distinctive creations, we should highlight the custom-made soprano electric Ukulele named "Cipollino" for Christopher Shannon Davis and the Prestigious Banjolele.

Paolo's love for Africa and his desire to make a positive impact has led him to connect with the Kenya Ukulele Project & Ukulele Safari.

By joining the Kenya Ukulele Project, Paolo has the opportunity to use his skills to bring joy and music to the lives of those who need it the most.



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