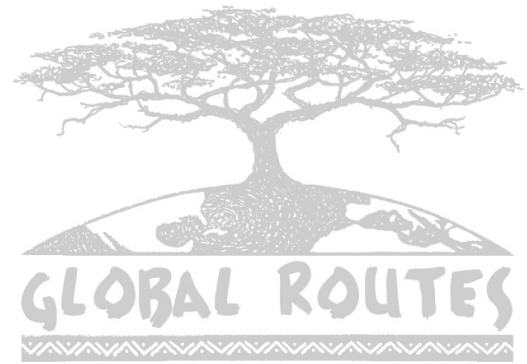


TANZANIA

THE FOOTHILLS OF KILIMANTJARO



Exploring Tanzania's famed "Northern Circuit" is like no other journey on Earth. It is said that it is here, in the heart of the great Rift Valley, that humankind was born. This dramatic landscape is refuge to some of Africa's largest and most exquisite wildlife populations. Among the soft prairie grass and acacia trees, expansive herds of wildebeest, elephant and zebra roam free. Rare black rhino, lions, leopards and gazelles all share this land with Masai herders. Blending in with this abundant wildlife are over 100 tribal groups and others of Indian, English and German ancestry. Even beyond its spectacular beauty, it is Tanzania's warm, welcoming and loving people that make it an ideal setting in which to discover the simple joys of African life. Join Global Routes in Tanzania this summer, as we immerse ourselves in the generous spirit of Africa.

"I was so in awe of all the incredible sights we got to see. We were so lucky to be able to go to three really beautiful national parks." -**Megan**

"I loved sipping tea underneath the stars with my host family and just sharing stories." -**Georgia**

"I learned so much about Tanzanian culture and so much about myself. I learned about respect and responsibility." -**Rachel**

HIGHLIGHTS

Safari in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and the famed Ngorongoro Crater, home to lion, giraffe, zebra, elephant and rhinoceros.

Learn to cook ugali and sukumaweeki with your host mother.

Construct classrooms, teach English and initiate health education classes for your village school.

Experience the 'spice' isle of Zanzibar as you sail the clear waters of the Indian Ocean in a woodendhow.



TANZANIA DETAILED ITINERARY

IN-COUNTRY ORIENTATION

(Days 1-5)

Below the majestic ridgeline of Mt. Meru, Arusha's busy streets and colorful local markets serve as the gateway to the "Northern Circuit" of Tanzania. Here you begin Swahili language classes as your group makes preparations for the safari of a lifetime. From Arusha your bus steers westerly to gradually climb the escarpment of the Rift Valley. You make camp in this dramatic landscape of rolling grasslands and natural cauldrons of the most prized wildlife parks in the world. Safari into the depths of the massive Ngorongoro Crater where some of East Africa's last black rhinos thrive in the traditional grazing pastures of the Massai people. Catch a glimpse of tree-climbing lions on the edge of Lake Manyara, where soda deposits draw thousands of pink flamingoes to its shallows. Finally, enjoy the large herds of elephant and zebra that graze the baobab tree-dotted landscape of Tarangire National Park.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

(Days 5-23)

You are welcomed with a great celebration of song and dance into your rural village in the Chagga lands outside of Arusha. This fertile landscape is home to some of Tanzania's most prolific tea plantations and the looming backdrop of Mt. Meru. Working together in the spirit of umoja, your construction efforts for the school is a community event, bringing families and friends together to offer their tools, skills, food and laughter. Spend an afternoon conversing with the village chief, making ugali (corn meal porridge) with your host mother, or drinking a chai in the local duka (store). For nearly three weeks you experience life as Tanzanians do, in a joyful union of work and leisure, gathering water from the community well, harvesting and roasting corn to eat for lunch and playing an impromptu game of soccer, as you raise the walls of a building of great value and longevity.

*Optional Weekend Excursion to Mt. Meru and the United African Alliance Community Center.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES

(Days 23-28)

After a heartfelt farewell ceremony, you depart your Tanzanian home and journey on to the beautiful spice island of Zanzibar. Zanzibar is said to be the birthplace of Swahili; the language created specifically for trade between the Bantu tribes of the archipelago and the Arabian traders that sailed these waters thousands of years ago. Zanzibar grew to be an important port along East Africa's 19th century slave trading route and vestiges of this history still remain. Explore the ornate architecture and mysterious cobbled-alleyways of Stone Town, tour a working spice plantation and enjoy the intricacies of this diverse Swahili culture. Your final days are spent relaxing on remote sandy beaches, enjoying snorkeling riding the waves in a dhow, a traditional wooden fishing boat.

THE BASICS

Dates: 4 weeks

Starting/Ending Point: Arusha, Tanzania

Group Size: 10-18 students; 1-2 U.S. leaders; 2 Tanzanian Staff

Language Requirement: None. Swahili and English are the official languages of the country.