



AFRICOMPASSION

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Expedition 2025 Description

Itinerary

		Travel to Tanzania
6/7/2025	Saturday	Arrive in Mwanza by 12 noon, Travel to Tarime, NK Leisure Hotel
6/8/2025	Sunday	Visit village, attend church, visit children and families Stay at Tarime, NK Leisure Hotel
6/9/2025	Monday	Service projects in village of Kogaja Stay at Tarime, NK Leisure Hotel
6/10/2025	Tuesday	Service projects in village of Kogaja Stay at Tarime, NK Leisure Hotel
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6/12/2025	Thursday	Service projects in village of Kogaja Stay at Tarime, NK Leisure Hotel
6/13/2025	Friday	Service projects in village of Kogaja Stay at Tarime, NK Leisure Hotel
6/14/2025	Saturday	Visit Serengeti sleep in Serengeti
6/15/2025	Sunday	Visit Serengeti
6/16/2025	Monday	Travel to Mwanza AM, visit native village, boat tour Lake Victoria, stay in Adden Palace Hotel
6/17/2025	Tuesday	Depart from Mwanza airport, fly to Dar es Salaam, US

Itinerary subject to change.

Fees and payment schedule

Expedition cost

\$1,850 per person

Airfare, Tanzania VISA and travel insurance not included.

Africompassion USA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The expedition fee is tax deductible and can be funded through donations. 75% of

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the expedition fees are tax deductible. IRS guidelines provide that travel expenses are also tax deductible. [See IRS website.](#)

Payment schedule

A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required.

50% of balance due 90 days prior to expedition. (March 15).

Balance due 60 days prior to expedition. (April 15).

Register online at <https://bit.ly/afco-register>

Pay fees online via credit card or check at <https://bit.ly/afco-trip>

Cancellation policy

Deposit is non-refundable.

90 to 45 days prior to departure:

Payments except deposit are refundable.

44 to 30 days from Departure

All payments are non-refundable. However, they may be transferred to another individual.

29 days before to Departure

All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.

What is included?

The expedition fee includes ten nights hotel accommodation in international quality hotels, meals, local transportation, park admission fees, expedition support in Tanzania, and all project costs (including materials) for service projects. Personal expenses are not included, such as purchase of snacks, souvenirs, etc.

The expedition fee will not cover any additional accommodation needs if arriving before or after the expedition. About 20% of the expedition fee will provide funding for projects in Kogaja during the expedition and for Africompassion's work in Tanzania. It will not pay for Africompassion board members travel expenses or administrative expenses.

Travel Arrangements

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to Mwanza, Tanzania. Air Tanzania and Precision Air fly to Mwanza from Dar es Salaam (DAR) and Kilimanjaro (JRO) international airports.

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Flights usually arrive in Dar or Kilimanjaro too late to take a connecting flight to Mwanza, so you may need to plan on staying in a hotel overnight and catch a morning flight to Mwanza. It usually takes about an hour to clear customs and retrieve your luggage.

The local airlines require that you arrive 2 hours before your anticipated departure time. It is highly recommended that you do so, especially if you have more than one bag to check.

We have arranged with a travel agency who books travel for humanitarian trips to assist you with your travel if you desire. They are sometimes able to get baggage fees waived on some carriers. The travel agency will provide a quote for best available flight fares at the time when you contact them. You can research fares at [Flights.google.com](https://www.google.com/flights) and set notifications for price drops. You may want to watch for fare changes and then contact the travel agency when fares are low.

Here is a video tutorial for Google flights: <https://youtu.be/z8INIJ09nTw>

Contact information:

Valeri Johnson
Economy Travel
3300 Holcomb Bridge Road Suite 280
Norcross GA 30092
Toll free: 888-222-2110 ext 118
Direct: 404-645-7330

Flights from DAR or JRO to Mwanza can be booked at gotogate.com.

There are strict limits on baggage weight on domestic flights. 1 small carry on (15 pounds or less) and 1 personal item may be brought on the plane. They will weigh them.

1 checked bag is free. Additional bags have to be paid for at the baggage office outside the security screening area. The cost is about 50,000 TZS (about \$20 USD). Otherwise, the cost at the check-in counter is \$1.50 per pound (8,000 TZS per kilo). They only accept cash payments at the check-in counter. See section on financial information for details on cash and bank cards.

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Travel insurance

You are required to obtain medical evacuation insurance that includes \$25,000 of coverage for emergency medical evacuation and covers medical expenses in Tanzania. You can purchase it online for your flight to Tanzania and through gotogate.com when you purchase your flight to Mwanza. Trip cancellation coverage is usually included in these types of policies. We recommend shopping for travel insurance at TravellInsurance.com.

Travel documents

A valid passport is required. The passport must not expire within six months of the return date to the US.

A Tanzanian Multi-entry VISA is required. The cost is \$100 and application should be made online as soon as you have your airline tickets booked and at least 60 days before travel dates.

Apply for a visa online at: <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>

Required:

PDF scan of your passport first page

Passport VISA jpg photo: 300 KB or smaller

(You can use this website to convert to a small size and optionally remove background color, which needs to be white) <https://www.freepassphoto.com>

Hotel information: NK Leisure Hotel, PO Box 438, Tarime, Mara, Tanzania

You must provide three color copies or email us a scanned copy of the front page of your passport. You should also bring a color copy of your passport and another government issued ID with you in case your documents are lost during your trip.

Travel tips

Bring a change of clothes, especially undergarments in your carryon, some and some survival snacks in case of flight changes or cancellations or lost luggage.

Accommodation and transportation

We will travel on air-conditioned buses in Tanzania. Africompassion will charter a bus to carry all expedition members and luggage.

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We will be staying in air-conditioned hotels with hot water, safe food and water. Only drink bottled water. The well water at the school is safe to drink. Only eat food provided by Africompassion. Meals will be provided at the village or at the hotels. Fruit, such as bananas, watermelon, mangoes, oranges may be eaten if peeled or processed food purchased at stores.

Health and sanitation

Ensure that you have all CDC recommended vaccinations prior to travel. Contact your local county health department for international vaccinations recommendations and to obtain vaccinations. Some health insurance covers the cost of immunizations. This is the CDC website for Tanzania.

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/tanzania?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001

You will need anti-malaria medication. A prescription may be obtained from your doctor. We also recommend a physical exam and recommendation from your doctor if you have not had one within one year of travel.

Please remember to bring any needed medications. We recommend that you also bring a supply of anti-diarrheal loperamide tablets which may be purchased at retail outlets like Walmart.

All women should pack feminine hygiene supplies. Usually toilets, when available in Africa, are a squat style toilet with no seat. The hotels will have American style toilets, but they will not be available except in the hotels.

Water - do not drink tap water, drink only bottled water and only use bottled water to brush your teeth.

If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, high blood pressure, a chronic illness, or physical limitation, we require that you obtain clearance from your doctor before registering for the expedition.

Communication and internet service

Contact your phone carrier to arrange for international roaming service during your trip. We use WhatsApp for voice and text communications which requires cellular data service and SMS text messages which does not require data.

If your phone supports an esim card (see: <https://esim.holafly.com/how-to/esim-phones/>) you can purchase an esim (electronic sim)

(<https://www.airalo.com/tanzania-esim/>) to add to your phone which will allow

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you to have data services in Tanzania. Typically the mobile data is 3G or 2G, rarely 4G is possible in some cities.

You may also purchase a SIM card on arrival in Tanzania with a local carrier such as Airtel or Vodacom. Network coverage in western Tanzania is poor.

In case of problems with travel or emergencies, please text Steve Whitehouse at 801-884-9765 or WhatsApp 1-801-884-9765 or Jerald Malamba at +255 788 009 968

Banking and finances

In general, Tanzania is a cash economy. The local currency is Tanzania shillings. The exchange rate is about 2,400 TZS per USD. Dollars are generally not accepted.

You can access ATM machines at the airport on arrival. ATM machines are available at banks in Mwanza and Tarime also. Banks typically charge several dollars per withdrawal and there is an ATM fee also, about \$5 per withdrawal total, depending on your bank.

If you have more than one bag, you should be able to pay for excess baggage fees at the baggage office using a VISA credit card or cash. It is a good idea to have about \$100 in TZS for miscellaneous expenses. Some stores accept credit cards, many do not.

Do not give money to people who ask you for it. If you want to buy something, please ask for assistance to ensure fair pricing.

It is a good idea to bring an undershirt money pouch and to store your passport in the hotel safe. Bring a color copy of your passport and DL. Keep your DL and passport in a second wallet.

Culture and Behavior

Expedition participants are asked to refrain from smoking, drinking alcohol or use of drugs during the expedition. Tanzania has very strict drug laws, including prohibition of any forms of cannabis and marijuana. If you use medical marijuana, do not bring it to Tanzania, even if you have a valid legal prescription in the US. You risk arrest, fines, and imprisonment if you do.

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Participants are requested to dress modestly. Full length skirts and or dresses are recommended for women although pants may be worn. Participants should not wear shorts. Shirts covering shoulders, such as t-shirts, etc. are required.

Vulgarity and profane language are not permissible.

Africompassion has a strict no-gifting policy. While select items may be donated to the community at large (to be cleared through Africompassion USA), individual gifts of food, candy, toys, clothing, etc. are not permitted. Items that foster interactive experiences such as bubbles, nail polish, and sports equipment to play together are encouraged. These items should not be given to individuals.

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