

June 14 - 27 2018

Registration deadline, December 15, 2017



A “Vision Trip” is different from a “mission trip.” The primary goal of a Prince of Peace Vision Trip to Tanzania is to accept the gracious hospitality of our Lutheran partners there as they share with us how they live out their call to be the church in that incredible, beautiful and impoverished place. We visit schools, churches, hospitals and other places where the gospel is proclaimed and hope and healing are provided. That’s what POP Vision Trips to Tanzania are all about. They are life-changing journeys, full of wonder and adventure.

Participants in Tanzania Vision Trips return with an expanded vision of the role of the Lutheran church in the world. They have the profound experience of being warmly welcomed by people who appear to have so little, but are rich in faith, joy and Christian hospitality. Lasting friendships are established with people who may live in mud huts or cement shacks on the other side of the world. These are just a few of the amazing blessings which remain long after the Vision Trip ends.

We also spend several days experiencing the breathtaking natural beauty of Africa and her wildlife out on safari in the vast Serengeti Plains and down in the sunken caldera known as the Ngorongoro Crater. Visitors to these natural wonders of Tanzania support one of the primary means of employment in this impoverished country, where most people survive on an income of under \$1 a day.

Cost

The approximate cost for the 2018 trip is \$4,295 per person. This cost covers airfare (approx. \$2,500), visas, ground transportation, all lodging, permits, guides and meals. You will be responsible for securing recommended inoculations and travel medication taken during the trip. Tipping is done very modestly, so figure about \$2 per day. The trip payment schedule is as follows:

\$295 – *Non-refundable deposit will* reserve your spot on the trip (Due by Dec. 15, 2017)
\$1,000 – due January 15, 2018
\$2,000 – due March 15, 2018
\$1,000 – due May 15, 2018

Alternative payment schedules can be arranged upon request. Simply speak with Pastor Chad to work out a payment plan that better meets your needs.

Air Transport

We will most likely fly from Minneapolis on Delta Airlines to Amsterdam, and then fly KLM Airlines directly to Kilimanjaro International Airport near Moshi, Tanzania. Special arrangements can be made to depart from other US cities.

Accommodations & Ground Transportation

These are arranged with the representatives of the Northern Diocese of the Lutheran church in Tanzania and other in-country partners. Much of the time we will stay in modest motel-like facilities. Rooms are double occupancy, each with its own bathroom. On safari we will spend several nights at relatively nice lodges or mobile tented camps.

Schedule

Our days in Tanzania will be full and rich. This two-week adventure provides you with a wonderful introduction to life in a developing country through visits to churches, schools, health centers, ministry sites, and local villages. Our safari will be to Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti.

Environment

Tanzania is a desperately poor country with a limited infrastructure. Healthcare is nowhere near American standards. If you have health concerns, you will need to assess that risk. Tanzania is not very accessible for those with physical disabilities.

Attitude

Tanzania is not the USA and this is not a commercial tour. Despite comprehensive planning, we know there will likely be surprises, breakdowns, delays, disconnects, and other unforeseen events. That is just the reality in Africa and really, who would want it any other way? But it does mean that trip participants need to understand and accept this and adopt the African attitude. If a monkey should take your hat, you are expected to say "*hakuna shida*, no problem! Adaptable and positive attitudes are important qualities to have along.

Preparation

We have a detailed travel manual to help you prepare for the trip as well as a trip orientation. The travel manual will be emailed to you upon receipt of your \$295 deposit.

Healthcare

Your health is paramount and proper health preparations for the Tanzania trip are your responsibility. Contact a traveler's clinic or your local physician about what kind of shots, etc. that you may need. There are several things travelers can do to be well prepared:

1. Be up to date on routine immunizations.
2. Have protection against diseases that spread through contaminated food and water. This may include: a polio booster as an adult, hepatitis A vaccine; consider typhoid vaccine.
3. In addition to mosquito avoidance measures (like insect repellent), most travelers take a malaria prevention medicine. Your travel clinic will discuss the different malaria medicine options. Also, for those who pay for their malaria medications out of pocket and have no prescription drug coverage, the cost of malaria medications can vary quite a bit from one to the next. Bed nets are provided in Tanzania in areas where they are needed.
4. Bring Imodium AD to take in case someone gets mild diarrhea. Also, consider a prescription for levofloxacin to take in case of severe diarrhea. Many travelers also get a prescription for a strong antibiotic such as Ciproflocacin (Cipro) or an alternative in case of unforeseen illness while traveling.

Passport

If you do not have a valid United States passport, ***please secure one now***. For those who have a passport, make sure your passport does not expire within 6 months of the trip.

Trip Orientation

An orientation for the trip will be held in January of 2018.

Registration

Space is limited! Many people ask if family members and friends can go – the answer is YES! Anyone is welcome! To register, return a \$295 deposit per person to the POP church office at:

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
7217 W Broadway Ave.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

(make checks payable to "*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*" with "*2018 TZ Vision Trip*" on memo line)
Contact Pastor Chad Brekke with any additional questions or concerns

2018 Tanzania Vision Trip Registration Form



Full Name (**exactly** as it appears on passport) _____

Birthday _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Housing - Rooms are typically two persons to a room.

Roommate preference _____

Special Needs or Requests:

Please return this completed form and \$295 non-refundable deposit by December 15, 2017 to:

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