

KENYA

Mission Trip

MARCH 18-31, 2026



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WHERE WE ARE GOING?

MASAI MARA, KENYA

OUR PARTNER

Our hosts for this trip will be Africa Mission Services (AMS). AMS has an extensive history in Kenya and will be making our project and lodging arrangements.

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TRIP LOCATION

Our group will be hosted at Mara West Camp which is located on the edge of the Mara Triangle in the Masai Mara National Reserve, approximately a 6-hour drive from Nairobi, Kenya.



ACCOMMODATIONS

At Mara West, there are 10 bandas available. Each banda is a brick duplex with a shared bathroom between two rooms, totaling 20 rooms. Every room is cozy and basic, furnished with 2 twin beds (or a queen bed upon request), bedside tables, and electricity. The bathrooms are equipped with a toilet, vanity, and a hot shower.

Feel free to inquire about upgraded accommodation choices for an additional cost.



OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to facilitate cross-cultural relationships while developing sustainable community projects.



Traveling to Kenya

What you need to know...

Passport



All participants must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond the scheduled return date.

Visa



An electronic travel authorization is needed to travel to Kenya. Cost is \$34 USD (<https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>)

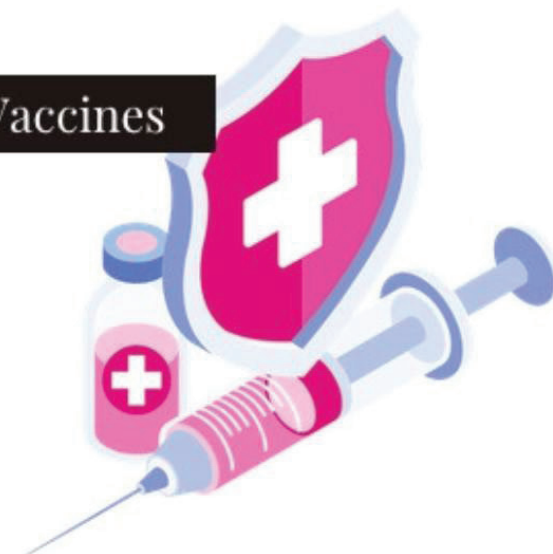
Requirements



There are NO Covid -19 Travel requirements to enter Kenya.

Yellow Fever Vaccine is NOT required when entering Kenya from USA.

Vaccines



All volunteers should have their tetanus shot up-to-date. Please refer to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for current recommendations: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/kenya>

What to pack...

- ☐ Personal toiletries
- ☐ Flashlight with batteries
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ Warm fleece/hoodie
- ☐ Work clothes/scrubs
- ☐ Church clothes (for men pants/button up shirt, for women a simple skirt/dress)
- ☐ Protective shoes for worksite
- ☐ Easy shoes (sandals)
- ☐ Sun hat
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Sports rehydration powder

- ☐ Hand wipes/instant hand sanitizer
- ☐ Carry On - please ensure to pack 1-2 extra sets of clothes and any essentials (meds, etc.) for the night in Nairobi and in the event your luggage is delayed.
- ☐ Personal snacks/treats
- ☐ Personal medications/First Aid Kit
- ☐ Swimsuit & Pool Towel

Travel Documents

- ☐ Passport (email yourself a digital copy)
- ☐ Spending Cash
- ☐ Signed forms (Medical Release, Medical History, Emergency Contacts)
- ☐ Printed Kenyan electronic travel authorization (E-VISA)

Recommended

- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Camera, SD cards, extra batteries, charger, travel adapter

Items Provided at Camp

- ☐ Bed & linens
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Hand soap & toilet paper



Safari Experience

Mara Triangle

Enjoy a safari in a world renowned game reserve...

Mara West camp sits on the edge of the Oloololo Escarpment, overlooking the Mara Triangle. Considered by many to be the greatest game reserve in the world, the Masai Mara is 1,500 sq. miles of savannah abounding with wildlife. Wildlife includes the BIG 5, along with numerous other plains animals and predators.

AMS offers volunteers full-day safaris into the Reserve, and does its best to ensure up-close and personal experiences that are unforgettable.



Helpful Information...



Water

Filtered water is available for refilling water bottles. Should you have a sensitive stomach, bottled water can be purchased.



Laundry

Laundry services are provided at a minimal fee. Turnaround time is approximately 1-2 days depending on weather.

Suggested Tip

Mara West staff work hard to ensure your stay is pleasant. Tipping is an effective method to show your gratitude.

Suggested tip:

- Driver: \$20-30
- MW Staff Tip Box: \$50-100



Connectivity

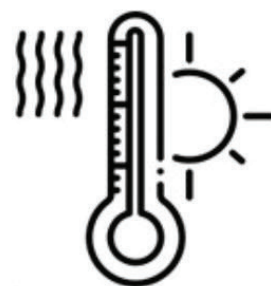
WiFi is available at common areas - dining hall, pool, and office.

Electricity

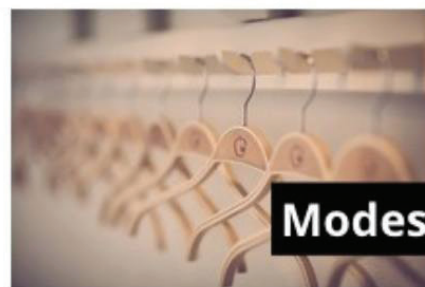


Kenya uses "Type G" plug socket and has a standard voltage of 240 V.

Weather



MW Camp is located at approximately 6,000 feet elevation. You can expect temperatures of 55-65° F at night & 75-85° F during the day. Note that being just 1° off the equator the sun is intense.



Modest Dress

Maasai are accustomed to Western style of dress, however, participants are encouraged to dress modestly (avoid short shorts, tank-tops). Recommended church dress: simple skirt/dress, sandals; for men casual dress - pants/button shirt

Sustainable Community Development

How to help without hurting...

The benefit of short-term mission trips has been debated over the years. Many volunteers have started projects—never to be completed... Communities have become accustomed to getting hand-outs rather than providing for themselves. People have questioned whether the expense is worth it.

Africa Mission Services (AMS) believes in sustainable community development. Our team lives on the ground, ensuring projects once started are completed. We work with the local leadership to identify projects that would benefit the community as a whole. We strive to encourage local Maasai young people to be leaders in their community by providing educational opportunities. We believe that short-term mission trips are valuable to the work we are able to accomplish and also to the participants—giving them an opportunity at cross-cultural friendships; all while giving back. Lives are changed, friendships are forged.

As a volunteer with AMS, interactions and friendship with the local community are encouraged. It is natural to want to give gifts. While there is a time and place for these, please consider whether your gift is empowering the local community or encouraging dependence (see our suggested donation items list for ideas, if interested). Together, we have an opportunity for great good but with that comes GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.



DONATION ITEMS

Tips on useful items to donate...



Medical

*Distributed through AMS Clinic

- Newborn caps, receiving blankets, diapers, sleeper
- Maternity sanitary pads, medium size underwear
- Gloves, sutures, wound supplies, gauze, alcohol swabs, reusable suture instruments, surgical blue towels
- Pens, AA batteries, 9v batteries
- Automated BP machine
- Ask for current needs...



Construction

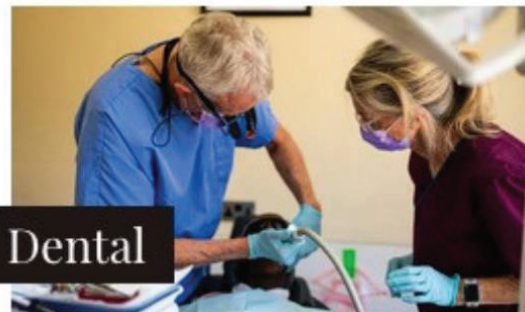
- Please consult on your specific project to determine items needed....
- Hammer
- Measuring tape
- Tool belt
- Mason gloves
- Construction Pencil
- Leather Gloves



Education

*Distributed through local schools

- Pencils, rulers, sharpeners, colored pencils, scissors, chalk, notebooks
- Soccer balls (Kenya has lots of thorny bushes causing balls to go flat very quickly; consider a non-deflating/unpoppable ball such as the "One World Play")
- "Hand Ball" - large bouncy ball
- Jump ropes
- Educational/character building books for library



Dental

*Distributed through dental clinic

- Gloves
- Novacaine
- Consumable supplies
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Please contact for specific information on current need



MARA WEST

ACCOMMODATION
GUIDE



\$3,300

Base Level **COTTAGE**



The cottages, custom-built for volunteer groups collaborating with Africa Mission Services, are currently under construction and are anticipated to be completed by December 2024. These accommodations comprise 10 brick duplexes, each featuring shared bathrooms serving two rooms, resulting in a total of 20 rooms. Each room is furnished with either two twin beds or a king bed upon request, complemented by bedside tables and electrical amenities. The bathrooms are outfitted with a toilet, vanity, and a hot shower to ensure the occupants' convenience. Although the cottages do not offer a view of the Mara, they are positioned in a picturesque setting surrounded by expansive fig trees, providing a daily spectacle of zebras roaming the area.

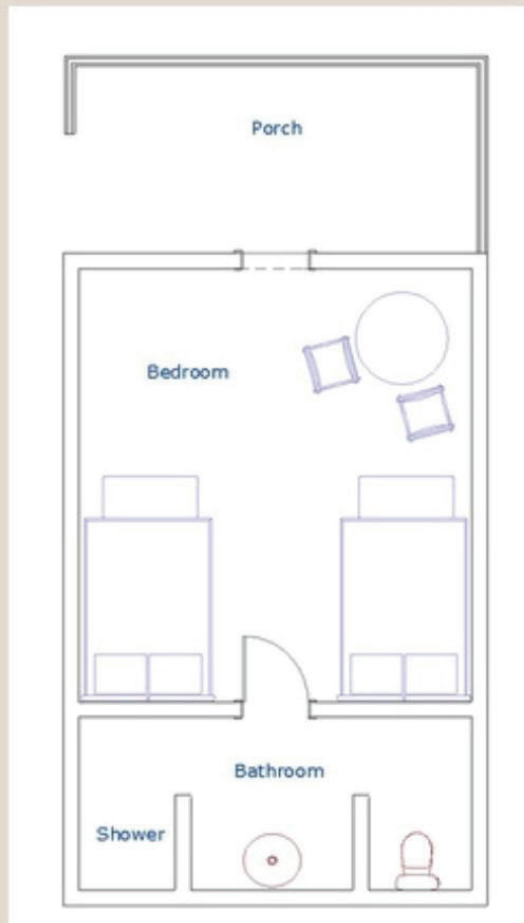


\$3,900

w/ double occupancy

Midrange Level

SAFARI TENT



We offer 8 canvased Safari Tents, including 5 twin Safari Tents, 1 Family Tent, and 2 double Safari Tents for couples or honeymooners. The Safari Tents offer a cozy and private bedroom experience in a natural setting, almost like sleeping outdoors. The twin safari tents feature two double beds, while the double safari tents come with a king bed. Each tent includes brick bathrooms with en suite amenities similar to the larger secluded chalets, equipped with hot showers and flush toilets. Additionally, electric lighting and plug outlets are available in every tent.

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\$3,900
w/ triple occupancy

Midrange Level **FAMILY SAFARI TENT**



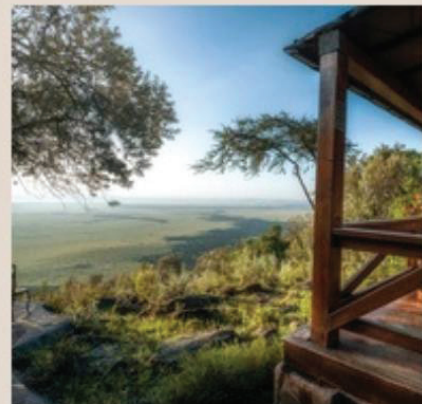
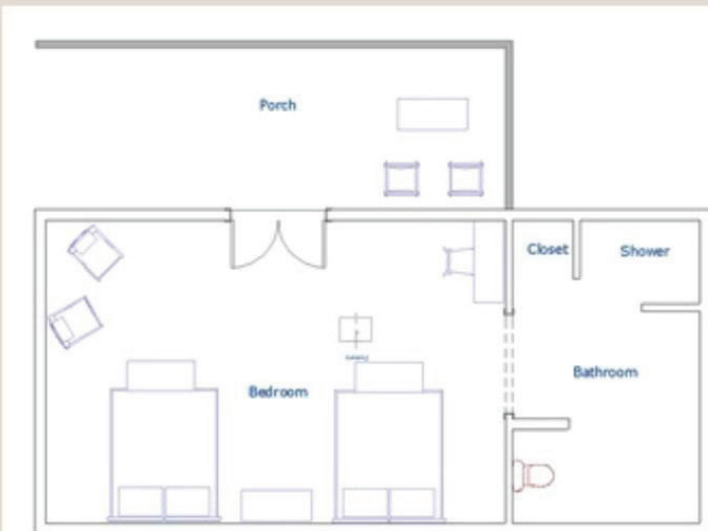
The Family Safari Tent has two bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The room can accommodate up to 4 adults. The main bedroom has a King size bed for the parents and the second bedroom has two queen size beds for the children or grandchildren. The bedrooms are at opposite ends with a living room in-between.

The living room has a sitting and a dining area. The Family Safari Tent also has a kitchenette complete with a fridge, microwave, coffee-maker, hotpot, a reading-nook and an outside sitting area

\$4,400

w/ double occupancy

High End Level **CHALET**



Mara West Camp offers a total of 8 luxurious Chalets, comprising 6 twin Chalets with two queen beds in each, 1 Family Chalet, and 1 suite featuring a king-size bed, perfect for couples. Each room is equipped with full en-suite bathroom amenities, including flush toilets, spacious showers, excellent water pressure, and abundant hot water. Nestled in secluded spots on the edge of the Oloololo escarpment, all 8 Chalets boast stunning views of the vast plains of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, ensuring guests a feeling of exclusivity and seclusion.

\$4,400
w/ triple occupancy

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NEXT STEPS

Payment Plan

1. CONTACT PASTOR JASON

JASON.CALVERT@OREGONADVENTIST.ORG

2. REGISTER

PASTOR JASON WILL SEND YOU THE LINK

3. 1st Payment | \$1,000

NONREFUNDABLE

DUE BY NOV 3

4. ATTEND 1ST TEAM MEETING

ZOOM

TBD

5. 2nd Payment | \$1,300

DUE BY JAN 5

6. Final Payment | \$1,000

DUE BY FEB 2

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