



**The School
of St Jude**

Fighting poverty
through education



BE INSPIRED!

Visit The School of St Jude

Partnering with The School of St Jude adds an unforgettable cultural dimension to your guests' Tanzanian tour.

A stay with us is a life-changing experience.

St Jude's transforms lives through education. With 100% of our 1,800 students on full scholarships, and supporting 400 graduates at the tertiary level we are a pioneering leader in charitable education in Africa.

Visiting St Jude's offers a meaningful cultural exchange, where your guests will be able to engage with our students and staff, stay in comfortable accommodation, and witness the profound impact of our school on our students, their families, and the local community.

Contact us to design your itinerary today:

 info@schoolofstjude.org

For more information about St Jude's visit:

 www.schoolofstjude.org

We love hosting visitors, and they love staying with us!

- Our [Visitors team](#) will work with you to design a [St Jude's itinerary](#) that incorporates a broad range of activities tailored to fit your guests' interests and length of stay at the school.
- Your guests stay free of charge* in our [three-star guesthouse-style accommodation](#) (offering singles, doubles, and families) within our secure campus grounds.
- Their safety is guaranteed in our secure grounds, patrolled by professional security 24 hours a day!
- [Three meals a day](#) can be provided at an affordable daily rate of US\$25 per person (dietary requirements can be catered)
- Past guests describe their visit to St Jude's as "awe-inspiring," rating their experience [5 stars on TripAdvisor](#).

* Offered to registered safari companies



Who we are

The School of St Jude:

- Registered, 100% donor-funded international non-government organisation (iNGO), granted charity status by the Tanzanian Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Operates with the mission to give bright, poor Tanzanian students free, quality education so they can lead their families, community, and country with respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness to growth and prosperity.
- Provides 1,800 students everything they need to make the most of their free, quality, holistic education. As a result, St Jude's three schools are full of thriving students who achieve among the top academic results in the country.
- Teaches 12,000 government students per year through our graduate community service program.
- Supports over 400 graduates with tertiary scholarships at 49 universities across 14 countries.
- Adheres to clearly defined policies that guide the conduct of our students and staff with our guests. Contact details are never shared, nor is personal financial support ever sought.
- Operates with oversight from six boards across Tanzania, Australia, and the USA.
- Committed to rigorous governance, full accountability, and transparency in all operational areas. The school is audited internationally by Ernst and Young every year.

Come as a guest, leave as a friend.

We love visitors! Typically, St Jude's receives approximately **1,500 visitors** through our school gates each year.



Our Visitors team is dedicated to making your guests' stay unforgettable.

- We are professional, organised, adaptable, and flexible—a top-notch combination of skills honed from **20 years of hosting visitors from all over the world.**
- Our friendly team comprises 12 staff of professional chefs, housekeepers, reservation, and operations personnel.
- Our team is available on-site and can always be contacted by phone.
- Your guests enjoy personalised care and attention, guided through their itinerary from when they arrive at St Jude's to when you pick them up.
- Past guests describe their visit as “magical,” “inspiring,” and “life-changing,” giving us **5 star rating on TripAdvisor.** Visitor reviews on the same site also rank us in the Top 5 Attractions in Arusha.

The School of St Jude



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#13 of 41 guest houses in Arusha

📍 Moshono, Arusha Tanzania

✍ Write a review

Our 3-star guesthouse-style accommodation is cosy and comfortable.

- Free accommodation is offered to guests of registered safari companies.
- The rooms can be configured into single, double, triple, and family rooms and boast ensuite bathrooms, with linen and toiletries provided.
- Safe and secure baggage storage is available while guests are on safari.
- Daily room service is offered by our professional housekeepers.
- No cancellation fees on bookings when your plans change.



Full board meals are available at a daily rate of US\$25.

- Our in-house catering can provide your guests' breakfast, lunch, and dinner, served within the accommodation area or alfresco at our lovely gardens.
- Upon advice, our chefs can prepare dishes to suit your guests' dietary requirements.



Planning your guests' stay

A St Jude's itinerary is flexible and can be tailored to suit your guests' interests and schedule.

We have a good mix of interactive and informative activities guaranteed to make your guests learn more about Tanzania's people and culture. Selections from our top 10 activities can be made based on your guests' interests and availability.

It is ideal to save three days for a visit to St Jude's, but this can be shorter or longer as time allows.

A visit during graduation week in May is extra special.

Guests visiting us in May can attend our one-of-a-kind graduation:

- Our graduation ceremony is nothing short of spectacular!
- To experience the full St Jude's graduation week, we offer visitors an inclusive five-day itinerary covering most of the top ten activities.
- The week is fun, engaging and memorable.

1 Tour a St Jude's school, or three!

Your guests can tour St Jude's three campuses. A tour of the school would allow guests to interact with the students and the staff and learn first-hand how the school impacts their lives and the local community.



2 Learn to cook Tanzanian style.

Food is an integral part of culture! Your guests will learn to prepare some traditional Tanzanian recipes with the help and guidance of our high school graduates. To complete the experience, they will savour the goodness of the food they helped prepare as they dine together in a beautiful outdoor set-up.



3 Enjoy a home visit to a student's family.

A home visit gives first-hand insight into our students' home lives, showing the profound difference St Jude's can make. Guests have the option to purchase a Home Pack (US\$48) as a gift for the family. The pack includes a solar light and necessities such as mosquito nets, rice, sugar, cooking oil, toothpaste, and soap.



4

Browse St Jude's Art Gallery.

St Jude's holistic education approach provides students with avenues to explore their talents—and we found we have exceptionally artistic ones! Our Art Gallery showcases some of the best works of our students, each piece reflecting a unique perspective and story. The artworks are available for sale, so your guests can go home with a piece of St Jude's with them—and for a cause, because proceeds of each sale go to the student artist and to purchase more art materials.



5

Take a ride on our iconic blue and yellow bus.

Joining our students on their journey home on our big yellow school bus is a unique experience. Students share about their day and what they have learned in class, and participate in joyful sing-alongs as they are dropped home, one by one.



6

Meet our Founder, Gemma Sisia.

Our school's story is extraordinary. Your guests will personally meet Gemma Sisia, our Founder, and hear from her the journey of St Jude's from a school that began with three students to what it has grown to become, a real inspiration of what passion and commitment can achieve.



7

Participate in an extra-curricular activity.

St Jude's education is BIG on extracurricular activities. From African drumming to traditional dances to football, volleyball, and netball—whether your guests are musically inclined or into sports, St Jude's has extra-curricular activities they will be delighted to participate in!



8

Go back to school – see a class in action.

Your guest can join a class! An excellent opportunity to see our students' progress first-hand, your guests will interact with our students during art, music, and reading classes where appropriate.



9

Take part in one of our weekly assemblies.

Our school assembly at the end of each school week is spectacular, and visitors are always welcome. Held at the Smith or Sisia Campus, students dance and perform musical acts, offering a unique presentation of Tanzania's rich culture.



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Observe how our graduates pay it forward in a visit to a government school.

In their final year of secondary school, our Form 6 graduates can opt to do a Community Service Year (CSY) volunteer placement for their first year out of school. This year-long volunteering provides graduates a way of giving back in appreciation for the free education they received at St Jude's.

As a CSY volunteer, they personify the school's vision, sharing the knowledge and values they learned at St Jude's by teaching in local government secondary schools. With a shortage of over 80,000 teachers across government schools in Tanzania, this program supports the government education system and provides an invaluable, unequalled community service in our region.

- Since 2015, our volunteers have taught over 100,000 government secondary school students.
- Some CSY volunteers teach classes of up to 130 students.
- A visit shows, by contrast, the enormous challenges government school students face in furthering their education. Get ready to be amazed and learn!



Do it all at a St Jude's Graduation!

One of the best experiences in the St Jude's calendar.

Although the graduation as an event is one day, we are more than glad to have your guests arriving 5 days before the graduation day in May so they can experience the graduation week which is jam-packed with activities! Not only do they get to see the school in action, but also learn more about the school through interaction with our students. They go on a home visit, have a Q&A session with Gemma, cooking lessons and much more.

The week is not only fun and engaging but also memorable, and your guests will love it!





Your guests are safe with us.

Good governance underpins all we do.

The School of St Jude is a registered international non-governmental organisation (iNGO) under the Non-Governmental Organisations Act, No. 24 of 2002 of Tanzania. It is a charitable organisation with accounts audited annually by Ernst and Young, an internationally recognised firm.

The school is governed by a board of directors who use their expertise from various backgrounds to ensure its mission and policies are followed. They support the management team and ensure strategic goals are achieved within specific timeframes.

Donors who provide 100% of funding are represented by two charitable boards in Australia and the USA and directors visit the school throughout each year.

Our policies and procedures

- The School of St Jude is a child-safe organisation implementing a strong Child Protection Policy. Students are fully protected while in the care of the school with its zero-tolerance policy for child abuse.
- Before their visit, all visitors receive a copy of the school's policies covering child protection and personal communication. On arrival, they are reminded of the policies during a short briefing, after which they confirm their agreement in writing to comply with these policies.
- Guests are always accompanied by a staff member while engaging in school activities.
- All staff and students agree to abide by our clearly defined personal communication policies in their dealings with our visitors. Students and staff will never ask guests for contact details, gifts, or personal financial support.

