



# The School of St Jude

Fighting poverty  
through education

## 2026 Parents and Cubs Shared Journey itinerary

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Sunday 29 March 2026 – Saturday 4 April 2026

Prepared by: Visitor team

Kitchen: Outside setting

Wi-Fi: v-wireless / Password: *To be provided on arrival*





# Day 1

Sunday  
29 March



## Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (Flight TBC)

*Note : Recommended airline for arrivals is Qatar*

You will be met at the airport by one of our Visitor team staff and transferred to the school by bus.

## Arrive at St Jude's Sisia Campus

*[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]*

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## Introduction

*[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]*

*Introduction about the school and watching videos*

Watch six short orientation videos and learn about St Jude's. You'll get a brief insight into what we do at St Jude's and then be shown to your rooms.

## Free time

*[Own arrangements]*

Relax, unpack and maybe have a drink.

## Dinner at St Jude's

*[Assembly point: outside dining area]*

Dinner and overnight at St Jude's.





# Day 2

Monday  
30 March



**7:30am**

## Breakfast at St Jude's

[Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]  
After breakfast, head to the Visitors Centre.

**8:30am**

- **Exchanging USD to TZs**
- **Phone/Sim Registration**
- **Receiving of donations**

### Exchanging USD to TZs

For anyone wanting to exchange USD cash to TZS (Tanzanian Shillings), there will be a Visitor team member who can exchange the equivalent of US\$50 to Tanzanian Shillings. Please do not bring small currency notes. US\$50 or US\$100 notes which have been made in the past few years are preferred.

### Phone/SIM card registration

For anyone wanting to purchase a Tanzanian sim card for their phone, the Experience and Culture Manager will have an agent from a local phone company visit the school. They will provide sim cards for a few dollars (to be paid TZS). They can also add data and phone credit to your sim card as well.

### Receiving of donations

If you have donation(s) of resources, books or equipment from the school's wishlist, you can speak to our Donor Relations staff who will be there to receive and register your donations and register.

**9:30am**

## Tour of St Jude's Sisia Campus

[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]

A member of the Visitor team will take you around the primary school, Girls' Secondary School and Art Gallery, which are located inside Sisia Campus, and share the school's history. This is a great chance to see the school in action.

**10:30am**

## Tea break

[Assembly point: primary school dining hall]  
Enjoy tea break with primary students.

**10:50am**

## Art and music classes with students (80 minutes)

For the first 40 minutes, half of the group will go for an art class and the other half to a music class then swap classes from 11:30am for the remaining 40 minutes.

### Art class

Participate in a primary school art class. Art is one of the extracurricular activities that makes St Jude's unique to other schools in Arusha. Witness the work of our talented and creative students.

### Music class

Tanzania has around 120 tribes, each characterised by a unique culture. Our music lessons mostly focus on African drumming and dances. See our enthusiastic students performing diverse African cultural songs.

**12:10pm**

## PE class with our primary students

[Everybody will participate]

Join in a PE class with primary students.

**12:50pm**

## 10 minutes to refresh

**1:00pm**

## Lunch with primary students

[Assembly point: primary dining hall]

We welcome you to have lunch with some staff and students. This is an excellent way of sampling traditional Tanzanian food, such as ugali (maize porridge) and beans, or rice with vegetables.

**1:40pm**

## Rest and own arrangements

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**2:30pm**

## Interactive games

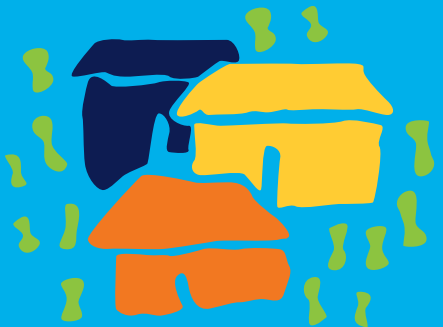
[Assembly point: girls' school dining hall]

Soak up some fun, laughs and friendly competition with students as you spot items in Spot It or race to the last card in UNO or test your knowledge in the new St Jude's game; how well do you know the school? These activities are sure to leave a lasting memory.



# Day 2

Monday  
30 March



3:30pm

## Home visit and bus ride

The Experience and Community Programs Senior Manager will communicate with you about when your home visit will be scheduled. Depending on your schedule, you will do one of the below activities during this time.

### Home visit

If you sponsor the scholarship of a graduating student, a staff member will accompany you and the student to their home. You'll be introduced to their family and experience wonderful Tanzanian hospitality. Your curiosity about their life will be equal to their curiosity about yours, so be prepared to ask and answer lots of questions!

**Please note:** this opportunity is also available for non-sponsors. A visit to a student's home offers unique insight into the impact St Jude's is having on the lives of our students and their families.

### Bus ride with students and staff

Hop on one of our school buses to enjoy a ride with the students as they get dropped home. It's a round-trip ride from the school that gives you the opportunity to see where some of our students live plus, sing songs and learn what they've been up to at school that day.



6:30am

## Welcome dinner

[Assembly point: garden in front of Head Office]  
Informal BBQ at Sisia Campus for all visitors.





# Day 3

Tuesday  
31 March



- 7:30am Breakfast at St Jude's**  
[Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]  
Breakfast will be served outside at the outdoor dining area of the Rotary Kitchen/Red Building.
- 8:30am Q&A with Gemma**  
[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]  
This is your opportunity to spend time with our Founder, Gemma Sisia, to learn more about her motivation and future plans for The School of St Jude.
- 10:30am 30 minutes break**
- 11:00am Meet the Marketing team**  
[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]  
Meet with our Marketing team and discuss how you can help us continue to spread the word about fighting poverty through education. You can share your experiences; most memorable moments and the team can even help you share your story to local media when you return home.
- 11:30am 15-minute break**
- 11:45am Swahili and cultural lesson**  
[Assembly point: red garden area]  
During the session, you'll get a chance to interact and learn from our Community Service Year (CSY) volunteers and staff, all while having fun! Our CSY volunteers will take on the role of your teacher and there's no doubt you'll be entertained as you try to twist your tongue around basic Kiswahili before learning some Tanzanian cultural facts.
- 12:50pm Lunch with girls' secondary students**  
[Assembly point: girls' school dining hall]  
We welcome you to have lunch with some staff and students. This is an excellent way of sampling traditional Tanzanian food, such as ugali (maize porridge) and beans, or rice with vegetables.
- 1:40pm Cooking lesson**  
[Assembly point: lower primary garden]  
Learn to cook traditional Tanzanian food with the guidance of some of our CSY volunteers and after that get a chance to eat the food that you have made.

## **3:40pm Home visit or Girls' Secondary School Assembly and bus ride**

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### • Home visit

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### • Girls' secondary assembly

Experience a weekly assembly where you will share in the excitement of students receiving awards for outstanding behaviour and achievements. It is an afternoon of fun and enjoyment as various classes entertain the audience with dancing and singing.

### • Enjoy a bus ride home with students and staff

Hop on one of our school buses to enjoy a ride with the students as they get dropped home. It's a round-trip ride from the school that gives you the opportunity to see where some of our students live plus, sing songs and learn what they've been up to at school that day.

## **6:00pm Depart for dinner at Khans**

[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]  
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## **6:30pm Dinner at Khan's (Chicken on a bonnet)**

[Dinner at Khans and overnight at St Jude's]

An auto-spares store by day and a popular barbeque night; spread of grilled, skewered meat and salads. They simply pull out the barbeques and roast chicken, beef and lamb in front of you. A great variety of salads, Naan bread and the unique Zanzibar pizza (nothing like a real pizza!) are also included in the package. It's a popular and unique eating place in Arusha that is like nothing you will find at home.



# Day 4

Wednesday  
1 April



**7:30am Breakfast at St Jude's**  
[Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]

**8:30am Meet with Sponsor Relations team**  
[Assembly point: Visito Center]  
Meet with the Sponsor Relations team and get to know the people who send updates to sponsors about the students whose academic scholarships they support.

**9:15am Depart for Maasai Boma visit**

**10:15am Maasai Boma visit and Maasai choir**  
**Maasai Boma visit**  
Visit a traditional Maasai boma or village. Meet members of an ancient tribe who are still living within their culture, even in today's modern world. Lunch boxes provided.  
**Maasai choir**  
Meet a local Maasai choir, to enjoy their singing and gain insight into the traditions and culture of the Maasai people.

**11:30am Depart from the Maasai Boma for Goat Street**  
A popular spot in Arusha, get an authentic experience of local cuisine, known as nyama choma (barbequed meat), and an opportunity to interact with the locals and have a taste of the fresh barbequed goat.

**2:00pm Depart for St Jude's**

**2:45pm Arrive at Sisia Campus**  
Arrive at Sisia Campus and have a 45-minute rest.

**3:30pm Home visit or resting time**  
The Experience and Community Programs Senior Manager will communicate with you about when your home visit will be scheduled. Depending on your schedule, you will do one of the below activities during this time.

**Home visit**  
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**Rest and own arrangements**  
(For everyone who won't be going for a home visit).

**7:00pm Dinner at St Jude's**  
[Assembly point: outside dining area]

**7:40pm Itinerary briefing for the following day**  
Dinner and overnight at St Jude's.





# Day 5

Thursday  
2 April



<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast at St Jude's</b> [Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Depart for Smith Campus</b> [Assembly point: Visitors Centre]
<b>9:10am</b>	<b>Arrive at Smith Campus</b>
<b>9:20am</b>	<b>Tour of Smith Campus</b> Smith Campus is located in Usa River and is home to our St Jude's Secondary School, which is attended by our O Level boys (the first four years of secondary) and both girls and boys in A Level (the final two years of secondary). You'll get a chance to meet some of the older students who will tell you about their dreams and ambitions for the near future. You'll be amazed by the artistic talent of these students when you visit the art room and a music class.
<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Farm project visit</b> The farm project supports our goal of sustainability by reducing food costs and providing a regular supply of fresh vegetables to our students. The school aims to grow a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. The farm covers 12 acres of Smith Campus and has been fully funded by incredibly generous donors. We have two greenhouses, a teaching area and a water pump that enables us to use drip irrigation to water the crops. Students work on the farm on Saturdays and have classes to teach them about modern agricultural methods.
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Picture painting activity</b> [Assembly point: sports hall] Divided into teams, you will all share a common goal to create an artistic masterpiece. Each group will be responsible for painting a small segment of their paintings, you'll work together with students to ensure that lines meet and colours match.

<b>12:35pm</b>	<b>Lunch with our secondary students</b> [Assembly point: Smith dining hall] Lunch with our secondary students
<b>1:20pm</b>	<b>Q&amp;A with our secondary students</b> [Assembly point: sports hall] It is your turn to be quizzed by our students about your professional /study life so they can gain insight into your careers/studies, your work experience and advice for life after/in school.
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>20 minutes break</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Friendly matches begin</b> [Assembly point: Smith sports field] All first games sessions will be 30 minutes long for basketball and volley ball, with a 5-minute rest period in between and 15 minutes interval for all others.
<b>3:05pm</b>	<b>Games session with St Jude's students and visitors (parents and children)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Volleyball</li><li>•Spoon race</li><li>•Sack race</li><li>•Moon walk</li></ul>
<b>4:15pm</b>	<b>Return to Moshono, Sisia Campus</b>
<b>4:55pm</b>	<b>Arrive at Moshono, Sisia Campus</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Rest and own arrangements</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Safari briefing</b>
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Depart for dinner at a restaurant in town</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Dinner at a restaurant in town</b>



# Day 6

Friday  
3 April



**7:30am** **Breakfast at St Jude's**  
[Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]

**8:30am** **Learn about Beyond St Jude's**  
[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]  
An opportunity to hear more about the plans for students after Form 6 including our Beyond St Jude's Program.

**9:30am** **Short break**  
15-minutes short break.

**9:45am** **Government school visit**  
[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]  
After Form 6 at St Jude's, graduates can participate in the Beyond St Jude's Program, including a Community Service Year (CSY) during which they share their gift of a free education from St Jude's by voluntarily teaching in local government schools in their local communities.

While visiting one of these government schools and observing our graduates teach, you will witness, first-hand, the impact of a St Jude's education. An impressive abundance of knowledge is passed on through their desire to give back to the community. Watch our CSY volunteers teach classes such as chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics and commerce. Get ready to be amazed and learn!

**12:00pm** **Lunch at St Jude's**  
[Assembly point: Rotary outside setting]  
Lunch at the outside shade near Rotary kitchen/red building.

**12:50pm** **Town tour**  
**Explore Arusha**  
Today you will get the chance to explore Arusha.

**Visit local markets**  
Today you will visit the local market for a truly African experience. You will get a chance to see the butcher, the locally grown fruit and veg, the fish and spice stalls and just about anything else you can think of.

**3:50pm** **Primary School assembly**  
[Assembly point: primary dining hall]  
Experience a weekly assembly where you will share in the excitement of students receiving awards for outstanding behaviour and achievements. It's an afternoon of fun and enjoyment as various classes entertain the audience with dancing and singing.

**5:05pm** **Village walk**  
[Assembly point: girls' school soccer field]  
Guided by a group of secondary students, you will take a short stroll around Moshono village to see the local community surrounding St Jude's. Arriving at Moivaro Boarding Campus, the students will warmly welcome you into their boarding rooms and show you around their home away from home before inviting you to join them for dinner. After Dinner, sit back and enjoy some entertainment that the students have prepared.

**7:00pm** **Dinner at St Jude's**





# Day 7

Saturday  
4 April

6:30am

Breakfast at St Jude's

8:00am

Safari

Depart for safari for those who are going.





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# Thank you for visiting St Jude's

## Price Structure - 2026 Parent and Cub Shared Journey

Our Parent and Cub Shared Journey is priced at US\$446 per person. However, our current sponsors and donors can stay for free at St Jude's for seven nights, which means the price is US\$296 per person for those supporters.

### The package includes:

- Accommodation and meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions outside the school (Maasai market, dinner at Khans and Boma visit)
- Transportation around Arusha

### A number of optional extras are also available:

- Transport to and from the airport – US\$50 each way per trip
- Home visit gift pack for a student and their family – US\$32 / with optional solar light US\$16

### Student gift pack

- The price depends on the choice of gift pack

### Safari enquiries

- If you are interested in adding extra activities onto your trip such as a safari or a trip to Zanzibar, please email us through [visitor@schoolofstjude.co.tz](mailto:visitor@schoolofstjude.co.tz)



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