



**The School
of St Jude**

Fighting poverty
through education

We love visitors!

3-day St Jude's itinerary

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Day 1

**This is an example itinerary and can be changed and modified to suit your schedule. Please note some activities are only available on certain days. Contact our Visitor team for more information.*



4:45pm

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport

[Flight TBC]

A St Jude's bus will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to St Jude's.

6:00pm

Arrive at St Jude's Sisia Campus

[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]

Sign Visitor Registration Forms and go through St Jude's Personal Communication Policy and Child Protection Code of Conduct.

6:05pm

Introduction about the school and watching videos.

[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]

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

6:35pm

Relax, unpack and maybe have a drink

[Own arrangements]

Drinks at The Waterhole

The Waterhole is a local bar just outside the school gate. It opened in 2004 and you will almost always find locals and volunteers gathering after work hours for a few drinks. Karibu (you're welcome in Kiswahili) anytime. Don't be afraid to grab a stool and join the ever-growing circle.

7:00pm

Dinner and overnight at St Jude's

[Own arrangements]

Relax, unpack and maybe have a drink.

Day 2



7:30am

Breakfast at St Jude's

[Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]

After breakfast, head to the Visitors Centre.

8:30am

Tour of St Jude's Sisia Campus

[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]

Visit the Art Gallery and ESL labs

A member of the Visitor team will take you around the primary school, girls' secondary and Art Gallery, which are located inside Sisia Campus. You'll hear about the schools' history.

10:30am

Tea break

[Assembly point: primary school dining hall]

Enjoy tea break with primary students.

10:50am

Class visits

[Assembly point: primary school Art and Music classrooms]

Art class

Participate in a primary school art class. Art is one of the extracurricular activities that makes St Jude's unique from 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 focus on African drumming and dances. See our enthusiastic students performing diverse African cultural songs.

12:50pm

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 to sample traditional Tanzanian food, such as ugali (maize porridge) and beans, or rice with vegetables.

Day 2



01:20pm

Reading with primary students

[Assembly point: primary school library]

Enjoy a reading class with some primary students who are still learning English! You are more than welcome to read a book with them.

02:00pm

Meeting with Sponsor Relations team

[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]

Each year we welcome a brand-new group of students into the St Jude's family! This is your opportunity to learn more about our sponsorship programs.

03:30pm

Home visit or 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

A St Jude's student will take you to their home and introduce you to their family, where you will experience the famous Tanzanian hospitality. Your curiosity about their life will be equally matched by their curiosity about yours, so be prepared to ask and answer lots of questions! This opportunity is available to non-sponsors and is definitely a unique insight into the lives of our students and their families.

05:00pm

Return from the home visit

6:30pm

Dinner at Khan's Barbeque (BBQ)

Khan's BBQ is a local mechanics shop by day and restaurant by night. They pull out the grills, roast some chicken and serve a great variety of salads. It's a popular and unique eating place in Arusha.

Overnight at St Jude's

Day 3



7:30am **Breakfast at St Jude's**
[Assembly point: Rotary kitchen outside setting]
After breakfast, head to the Visitors Centre.

8:30am **Depart for Smith Campus**
[Assembly point: Visitors Centre]

9:10am **Arrive at Smith Campus**

9:20am **Tour of Smith Campus**
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 will have the 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.

10:20am **Farm project visit**
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.

11:00am **Short break**
15 minutes rest at our Smith Campus visitors accommodation area.

11:15am **Swahili and cultural lesson**
During the session you'll get a chance to interact with the students and have a lot of fun whilst learning at the same time. The students will enjoy taking on the role of the teacher, no doubt being entertained as you try and twist your tongue around basic Kiswahili being taught some basic Tanzanian cultural facts.

Day 3



12:15pm Help serve lunch for our secondary students

12:35pm Lunch with our secondary students
[Assembly point: Smith dining hall]

1:20pm Depart from Smith Campus

2:00pm Arrive at Sisia Campus for a short rest

2:30pm Cooking lesson
Learn to cook traditional Tanzanian food with the guidance of our graduate volunteers. You'll get to eat the food you have made.

3:00pm Rest and own arrangements

3:30pm Moivaro Village walk
Guided by our graduate volunteers, you will take a short stroll around the Moshono Village to see the local sights and the world surrounding St Jude's. Arriving at Moivaro Boarding Campus, you will be warmly welcomed into our boarding rooms and shown around the school farm and other attractions around the boarding campus.

4:30pm Arrive at Sisia Campus and have a short rest

4:50pm Bus ride with students
Hop on one of our yellow 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.

7:00pm Dinner and overnight at St Jude's

Day 4



7:30am

Breakfast at St Jude's

8:00pm

Depart from St Jude's

[Times will vary based on individuals' departure flights and onward journey plans]

Depart for safari for those who are going and safe travels to your next destination.





Additional activities



Informational talks

Meeting with Beyond St Jude's

An opportunity to hear more about student plans for students after Form 6 including the Beyond St Jude's program.

Meet with the Marketing team

Meet with our Marketing team and discuss how you can help us spread the word about fighting poverty through education.

Sisia Primary Campus

Extracurricular activities

Monday afternoon only

Every week students and teachers participate in extracurricular activities that enrich our students' academic curriculum. New skills such as craft and juggling expand their minds and encourage creativity and teamwork outside the formal classroom environment.

Primary Assembly

Friday at 3.30pm

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

Off campus

Government school visit

After Form 6 at St Jude's, St Jude's graduates can participate in the Beyond St Jude's Program, including a Community Service Year during which they impart the knowledge obtained at St Jude's to younger students at government schools in their local communities. While visiting one of these



government schools and observing our graduates teach, you will have the unique opportunity to witness the result of a St Jude's education. An impressive abundance of knowledge is passed on through their desire to give back to the community.

Cultural activities

Kisongo Market and Boma visit

Kisongo is a small town located about an hour from the school. This is an authentic experience and an opportunity to interact with the locals, purchase colorful Maasai fabrics and, if you are up for it, eat fresh barbecued goat! After the markets, 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.

Maasai Choir

Meet a local Maasai choir and enjoy their singing and gain insight into the traditions and culture of the Maasai people.

Maasai Craft Market

Hidden in the heart of Arusha is the wonderful Maasai Craft Market where you can purchase all of your souvenirs to take home. You will be welcomed by absolutely every store owner so this alone can turn into a half-day experience if you have the patience and enjoy bartering.

Cultural Heritage Centre

The Cultural Heritage Centre in Arusha presents crafts and artifacts by hundreds of tribes from both Tanzania and intercontinental Africa. The centre sells everything from masks, traditional weapons and tanzanite to wood carvings of all shapes and sizes.



Additional activities



Day trips

Serval Wildlife

You can take a trip to Serval Wildlife, a luxurious ecotourism safari park and resort with the student whose academic scholarship you support.

Explore Arusha

You will get the chance to explore Arusha town, buy a SIM card for your phone, a coffee or snack and visit the Maasai craft and local markets. Town landmarks include the Clock Tower or Shoppers, the shopping mall in town. The Kilombero market is right across the street. This is a good chance to get any personal items you may need and to experience local transport in Tanzania.

Coffee Farm

From US\$45 per person depending on group numbers (lunch and transport included)

The trip starts from St Jude's around 9am with a 25 min drive to Nkoaranga. You will meet your local guide and walk through the village to the Aranga Organic Coffee Nursery. One of the farmers will explain how coffee is grown. After the visit you will walk down to the garden of Wild Tracks and enjoy a hot Tanzanian lunch. Finally, the tour ends at the roasting factory where you can see how coffee is roasted, ground and packed.

Maji Moto

Note: Own expenses US\$5 per person for entry to Maji Moto (hot springs) Additional \$100 return transport costs

A natural hot spring set in an oasis in a typically dry area near Mount Kilimanjaro. Maji Moto is set among shady trees where you can relax with a picnic and enjoy swimming in the fresh, crystal clear blue waters.

Go on Safari

The School of St Jude is just minutes from the centre of Tanzania's safari capital, Arusha. This town is the gateway to popular East African National Parks and game reserves such as Ngorongoro Crater, the vast plains of the Serengeti, Lake Manyara, Tarangire and Arusha National Park.

If you are interested in going on a safari, be sure to check out www.safaris-r-us.com, Gemma and Richard Sisias's safari company. Emails can be sent info@safaris-r-us.com Safaris-R-us will get back to you with a personalised itinerary to suit your needs and a quote for your safari.



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Thank you for visiting St Jude's

Contact us

Contact our Visitor team so we can help you organise an unforgettable experience with us at St Jude's. We hope you enjoy your stay and 'karibu tena' [Kiswahili for welcome again].

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Safaris enquiries

- If you are interested in going on a safari or to Zanzibar etc. Please email us through Visitor@schoolofstjude.co.tz.



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