

short term

MISSION TRIPS



KENYA — COST: \$3,895/PER PERSON (12 DAYS)

The intrigue and adventure of Kenya reaches back to the birth of mankind. Revered by anthropologists as the “cradle of humanity”, Kenya promises the globe’s most magnificent wildlife parks, unsullied beaches, ancient Swahili settlements, and iconic landmarks such as Mount Kenya which stands above the Savannah plains. More than a safari destination, Kenya is a country of immense beauty and resilience over time. From the bustling cities to more rural landscapes, you will get the privilege to interact with and meet some of the more than 70 tribal cultures sprinkled throughout the East African country. Kenya is still a developing country, and almost half of its people are poor. Serve alongside local pastors who are passionate about investing in their communities and who are giving sacrificially, doing everything they can to spread the Gospel and meet the everyday needs of those around them.



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2024-25 KENYA MISSION TRIP DATES

Trip includes 3-Day Masai Mara National Reserve Safaris

June 15—26, 2024 June 29—July 10, 2024 July 13—24, 2024 July 27—August 7, 2024 August 10—21, 2024 August 24—September 4, 2024 September 7—18, 2024	September 21—Oct 2, 2024 October 5—16, 2024 October 19—30, 2024 November 2—13, 2024 January 25—February 5, 2025 February 8—19, 2025 February 22—March 5, 2025	March 8—19, 2025 March 22—April 2, 2025 April 5—16, 2025 April 19—30, 2025 May 3—14, 2025 May 17—28, 2025 May 31-June 11, 2025
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KENYA MISSION TRIP ITINERARY

Friday	DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Departure to Nairobi, Kenya
Saturday	DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon arrival at Nairobi Int'l Airport the mission team will be picked up and shuttled to our accommodation.
Sunday	DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team members will attend Sunday morning worship services.
Monday	DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service Projects – TBD
Tuesday	DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service Projects – TBD
Wednesday	DAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service Projects – TBD
Thursday	DAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service Projects – TBD
Friday	DAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service Projects – TBD
Saturday	DAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The team will be picked up from the hotel after breakfast at 7:00 am. We'll be briefed by our safari manager and drive through the floor of the Rift Valley to the world-famous game reserve, the Masai Mara. We will arrive at camp in time for lunch. At 4:00 pm, an afternoon game drive is scheduled in the reserve. Dinner and overnight stay are at the camp.

Sunday	DAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After breakfast the team will enjoy a full day in the reserve with both morning and afternoon game drives at 6:30 am and 4:00 pm respectively. The Mara is the northern extension of the Serengeti and its rolling plains are home to hundreds of plain game together with predators that feed on them. All meals and overnight stay are at the camp.
Monday	DAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Depart the famous Masai Mara after breakfast and drive back to Nairobi arriving early in the afternoon. Have lunch at the famous Carnivore Restaurant, justifiably referred to as Africa's greatest eating experience, having twice been voted amongst the World's 50 Best Restaurants by a UK-based restaurant magazine. Afterwards the team will be drop off at the hotel.
Tuesday	DAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Afternoon departure from Nairobi Int'l Airport to US.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP COST: \$3,895.00

Included in trip cost:

- ✓ Round Trip Airfare
- ✓ Lodging
- ✓ Homemade, culturally immersive and American meals
- ✓ In-country ground transportation
- ✓ Adventure day activities
- ✓ Ministry training
- ✓ Health and accident insurance
- ✓ Online fundraising page for individuals
- ✓ Extensive trip information
- ✓ Tour leader accompanying the group from the U.S.

Expenditures not included:

- ✓ Passport and Visa
- ✓ Immunizations and Vaccinations

FIELD SERVICE PROJECTS

Church Ministry	Worship alongside a local church and participate by providing music, sermons, short-exhortations, teaching, testimonies, or help lead Sunday School or VBS.
Medical Ministry	Provide medical services and support to the community and healthcare system as well as nutrition awareness and general counseling on health issues.
School Ministry	Lead devotions, tutor students, observe classes, help teachers with arts and crafts, games, storytelling, singing or participate in recess.
Service-Oriented Projects	Work alongside a local builder on various projects from painting, roofing, cement work, tiling, landscaping or whatever projects are needed in the community.
Sports Ministry	Use sports or group games for building relationships and sharing the gospel.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

TRIP DATE	APPLICATION DUE	50% PAYMENT DUE	BALANCE DUE
June 15—26, 2024	November 17, 2023	January 19, 2024	April 19, 2024
June 29—July 10, 2024	December 1, 2023	February 2, 2024	May 3, 2024
July 13—24, 2024	December 15, 2023	February 16, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 27—August 7, 2024	December 29, 2023	March 1, 2024	May 31, 2024
August 10—21, 2024	January 12, 2024	March 15, 2024	June 14, 2024
August 24—September 4, 2024	January 26, 2024	March 29, 2024	June 28, 2024
September 7—18, 2024	February 9, 2024	April 12, 2024	July 12, 2024
September 21—October 2, 2024	February 23, 2024	April 26, 2024	July 26, 2024
October 5—16, 2024	March 8, 2024	May 10, 2024	August 9, 2024
October 19—30, 2024	March 22, 2024	May 24, 2024	August 23, 2024
November 30—December 11, 2024	April 5, 2024	June 7, 2024	September 6, 2024
January 25—February 5, 2025	June 28, 2024	August 23, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8—19, 2025	July 5, 2024	September 6, 2024	December 6, 2024
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March 8—19, 2025	August 9, 2024	October 11, 2024	January 10, 2025
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May 17—28, 2025	October 18, 2024	December 27, 2024	March 21, 2025
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ACCOMODATIONS

Team members will be staying at the guesthouse or hotel depending on the size of the group. In most cases, you will share the room with at least one roommate of the same gender, but have your own bed; no sleeping bags, pillows or sheets are necessary. Private rooms are also available depending on availability. However, married couples usually get priority for single rooms.

Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided and will consist of local cuisine and a few American style dishes. During our consulting process, we will be able to identify team members who have allergies or dietary restrictions. Our meal program can accommodate vegetarian needs; however, we are not able to provide for other dietary restrictions. We recommend that team members with dietary limitations, bring any additional foods they would like, to supplement their daily meals.

Bottled water is readily available at the guesthouse, all worksites and service locations. Food and drinks outside of mealtimes are the volunteer's responsibility.

REGISTRATION PRIORITY

TEL International is only able to reserve spaces for individuals who register and pay the initial trip deposit (\$250). There is a maximum number of spaces available per trip, and all trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis based on completion of the registration process.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Trip payments can be made by CREDIT CARD or CHECK. A 3.5% credit card transaction fee is applied.

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

If deposit has been received and processed, but a flight has not been booked nor other expenses directly related to the trip have been incurred, trip participant will receive a full refund.

If deposit has been received and processed, and a flight has been booked and confirmed by the airline or other costs related to the individual's participation on the team have been incurred; trip participant will receive amount of deposit less cost of non-refundable flight, incurred expenses, and \$75 in administrative fees.

If deposit or full payment has been received and processed and if cancellation takes place less than 45-days prior to departure date. No refund. 50% of non-flight portion of deposit, may be applied to a future mission trip to be taken in the current or future calendar year.

In the event a mission trip is canceled (at the discretion of TEL International) due to the minimum team size requirement not being met, terrorism, civil unrest, natural or man-made disasters, widespread illness, pandemic or other extraordinary events—all funds paid will be credited toward a future mission trip, to be used within 24 months of its issuance.

TRANSFER POLICY

Should any trip participant cancel and withdraw from a trip by his/her own choice less than 45-days prior to departure, the Missions Trip Coordinator must be notified in writing by mail or email. All funds paid are non-refundable. However, credits will be made for future trips within 24 months.

1). A \$75 processing fee will be deducted prior to the credits being made and any/all expenses that were incurred by TEL International that cannot be refunded or transferred by the vendor/partner.

2). When TEL International is able to accommodate the new trip date, funds available for transfer from the original trip date to an available future trip date will be held to the following guidelines: a). If the transfer is made 3 months before the original trip date AND the future trip date is within 12 months of the original trip date, there will be no loss of registration fee; and b). If the transfer is made within 3 months of the original trip date OR the future trip date is after 12 months of the original trip date, the registration fee will be forfeited, and a new registration fee will be required.

WHY NON-REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS?

When your group partners with TEL International on a mission trip, our staff team invests real time and energy preparing for your mission trip and supporting your team. Non-refundable amounts not only allow us to cover all organizational costs associated with your trip, but also to cover upfront expenses already committed to the community and on-field partners prior to your team's arrival. Below are a few ways we support you and the team to make mission trips a meaningful experience for all:

We take the time to plan all the logistics, including housing setup, meal planning, safety protocols, team training and debrief materials; and recruiting and training field staff to lead and run each trip.

Our staff and local Community Partners work well in advance of each team's arrival, setting up work projects and areas of service within the local community. Last-minute withdrawals from a trip within 45 days of the trip start date have a direct impact on our ability to maintain commitments to Community Partners, community members, local churches, schools, service organizations, and ministries, while not leaving enough time to adequately fill spaces vacated by team members.

We're here year-round to help you plan and prepare for your trip (providing pre-trip checklists, team training materials, and fundraising resources), complete necessary pre-trip documentation (team member registrations, waivers, and background checks), and alter your trip when necessary (by adding and dropping team members or transferring to a different community).

We believe this personal touch to ministry enhances the experience of every mission trip, for you, and the people you hope to come alongside and serve.



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ If citizenship is not U.S.A what is your visa status? _____

Job Description/Profession: _____

MARITAL STATUS: Single Married Divorced Widow

If married, spouse's name: _____

Does your spouse support your participation? Yes No

Person to contact in case of emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

CHURCH BACKGROUND

Home Church: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Physical Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long have you regularly attended this church? _____

Are you a member of this church? Yes No

E-mail completed application to: rharris@telinternational.org

Mail completed application to: TEL International · 610 Uptown, Suite 2000, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

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EDUCATION

Are you presently attending school? Yes No

High School Graduate Yes No

College Graduate Yes No

Post College studies Yes No

What language(s) do you speak? _____

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS

Previous evangelism, mission/work trips or service project(s) you have participated in? (Please describe including when, where and length or project):

What contact have you had with other racial, cultural religious groups?

Do you have any foreign language proficiency? (list each noting fluent, conversational, etc.)



Practical skills: (such as construction, technology, painting, etc.)

Creative skills: (such as puppets, juggling, conjuring tricks, music, etc.)

PERSONAL REFERENCES (church staff member (preferably a pastor); a teacher, employer, co-worker, or friend).

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Why are you interested in this particular experience?

TRIP INFORMATION

I am applying for the following short-term mission trip (check box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Belize | <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines | <input type="checkbox"/> Uganda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Rep | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaica | <input type="checkbox"/> South Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenya | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanzania | <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe |

SERVICE PROJECTS AND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Circle any of the following service projects or ministry assignments that interest you:

Church Ministry	Worship alongside a local church and participate by providing music, sermons, short-exhortations, teaching, testimonies, or help lead Sunday School or VBS.
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