

Kenya Missions: What to Expect

- To learn about a new culture, their faith, their day-to-day life, day-to-day struggles, and share the love of Jesus with them/ to them
- To be respectful towards everyone we meet & their culture
- A time to grow in our faith & exercise the power of God available to us as His sons & daughters
- To do new things God may be calling us to
- Flexibility & patience. It may be hot, rainy, and scheduled events may start late or be cancelled.
- We are going to serve :(1) our Lord Jesus Christ & (2) the Kenyan people
- The children's home is in Maseno, Kenya and is a 45-minute drive from the hotel
- The children will be very excited to see you and very interactive. Most know enough English to carry a conversation
- We will stay approximately 10 days in country
- We will attend church at the church on the children's home property. We may be invited to speak
- We will have activities/ bible studies with the children
- We may host revivals in the church on site
- We may host afternoon bible studies
- There may be projects to do around the church and children's home

Is it Safe?

- Our Kenya contacts are very protective of us. They are always with us with exception to the time we are at the hotel or on the safari (we have known the safari guide/driver for many years).
- We have never had an issue of safety in Kenya; however, as with any international travel
 you need to be aware of your surroundings at all times, never be alone, and hide
 valuables including money.
- There is a safe in each hotel room for safekeeping of valuables
- You should never go anywhere alone. Always go in groups of 3.

Health Notifications

- Malaria medication (pills) is required as prescribed by your doctor. It is typical to begin taking medication daily 2 days before arrival in Kenya, continuing everyday while in country, and continue taking daily for 1 week after arriving home. The area in Kenya we travel to is high risk for malaria. Malaria is very serious. Taking the preventative medication is very important to avoid malaria.
- Yellow fever & Typhoid fever immunizations are suggested but not required
- Proof of covid vaccinations or negative covid tests are no longer required for entry into Kenya

Travel

- Typically, we fly a US carrier from DFW to JFK (NYC), connect to Kenya Airways and then fly direct to Nairobi, then connect to a short 45-minute flight to Kisumu, Kenya.
- Total travel time is about 25-26 hours with 14.5 hours of it being on the Kenya Airlines flight NYC to Nairobi
- Travel insurance will be purchased for everyone through Faith Ventures (included in the package)

Lodging

- Lodging will be at the Best Western Kisumu or Wigot Gardens
- Both properties are gated with a full-time guard 24/7
- Breakfast is provided each morning
- Accommodations based on 2 people/ room, 2 beds/ room. King beds are also available
- Every room has air conditioning, a private bathroom, and a safe
- The hotel has WiFi
- Most evenings, we will eat dinner at the children's home. Some evenings, we will eat dinner at a local restaurant or the hotel.
- The hotel is 45 minutes from the Children's home. The Children's home does not have accommodations on site at this time

Safari

- It is a day trip to Masai Mara National Refuge along the Tanzania/ Kenya border. This refuge on the Kenya side of the Serengeti
- Leave the hotel at 4am. Hotel will provide a sacked breakfast to take with us. Arrive in Masai Mara around 8:30am. Eat a late lunch at the Masai Mara lodge. Leave Masai Mara around 5pm. Return to hotel in Kisumu around 9pm
- The lodge is built in traditional native Masai style, on a bluff, overlooking the refuge
- This is a great opportunity to see one of the top 5 safari locations in the world. It is as beautiful and incredible as you imagine.