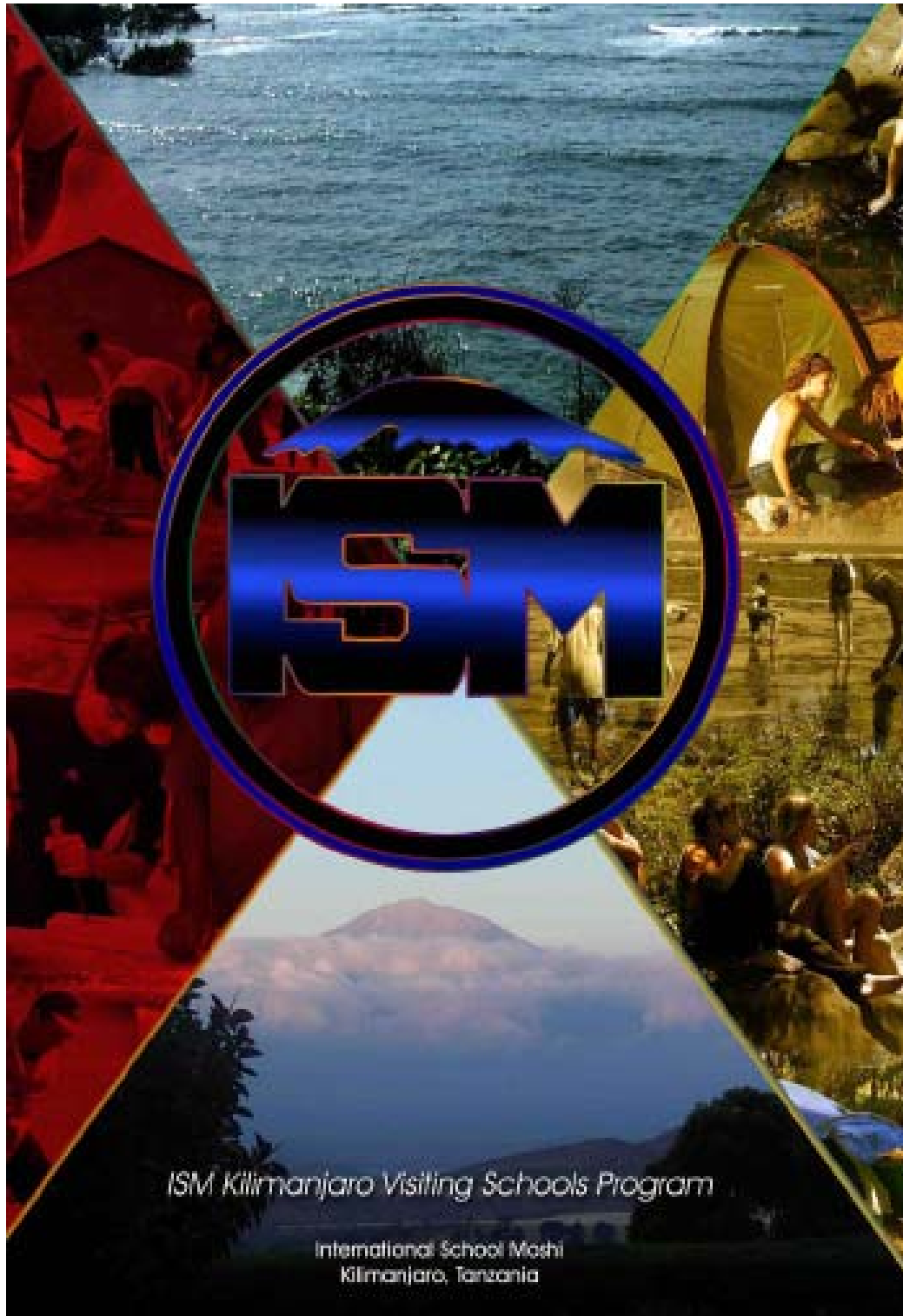


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# ISM KILIMANJARO VISITING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Tanzania is a country overflowing with opportunities for schools across the world to join us by interacting with the people who live here and to see some of the amazing world-famous sites such as Mt Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Crater and some of the world's best national parks. Whether you are an International Baccalaureate school seeking an enriching CAS opportunity for your students or a national or international school aiming to broaden your students' perspectives on the world, Tanzania will provide an experience that your students will value enormously and that may influence them for the rest of their lives.

Since 1969, International School Moshi (ISM) has been hosting international students from around the world who come to Tanzania to interact with and learn from this country and the people who live here. ISM has developed an extensive community service programme supporting national primary and secondary schools in Kilimanjaro region and, through our Visiting Schools Programme, helping to develop the educational provision for the children in this region. We offer a range of flexible programmes for anything between 7 and 14 days (or longer) and can build a programme to suit your needs.

In addition to the variable Visiting Schools Programmes, we also offer a CAS Camp every year in June. This is a fixed programme which your school group can join along with other schools and in which the different school groups can work together on service activities as well as undertaking a safari adventure in a national park.

## **Programmes**

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Our programmes are committed to advancing local communities through various projects. All of our programmes are flexible and can be customized to suit the needs of the visiting school.

### **Community Service & Cultural Activities**

- Community Service work with local schools
- Building classrooms
- Visiting orphanages
- Educational teaching games
- Visit Local Markets
- Visit Local People
- A local cultural and dance evening

### **Outdoor Pursuits**

- Mountain Climbing
- Trekking
- Safaris
- Camping
- Day Trips - Waterfalls

## Facilities

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Our facilities are first rate and include:

- A 50 acre campus
- A special 30-bed facility exclusively for visiting school groups
- Boarding house complete with meeting rooms and dining hall
- A Beach House on the Indian Ocean
- IT / Media Centre
- 25m Swimming Pool
- Tennis / Football / Basketball Courts
- 24-Hour Security and Medical Services

ISM is only a 30-minute drive from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

## Location & Contact Details

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International School Moshi is located on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro close to many National Parks, not far from the coast.

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## Meet Our Team

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Hi, I'm Tina Moyale, the Visiting Schools Coordinator. I will help you arrange your trip and plan your itinerary.

Please contact me at: [gokili@ismoshi.net](mailto:gokili@ismoshi.net)



Hi, I'm Afzal Paliwala, the Trip Manager. I will pick you up at the airport and show you around Moshi and other places in Tanzania. I will take care of you while you're in Tanzania. Karibu!



Hi, I'm Isaac Foya, the Outdoor Program Guru. I will take you on safaris, mountain trips, trekking and waterfalls trips. I love the outdoors and I would love to share my experiences with you. Karibu!

## Possible Options – How does it work?

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### Introduction

International School Moshi (ISM) has truly exceptional opportunities to offer visiting schools in Africa as part of its Visiting School Programme (VSP). Situated in North-Eastern Tanzania at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, ISM provides a location to access world famous mountains, national parks and coastlines. With many years' experience in hosting visiting projects and schools using purpose-built facilities for our expanding programme, ISM is well placed to provide a memorable experience to students from across the world. Visiting schools have the chance to generate a self chosen programme that can include community service projects, safaris, trekking, climbing, coastal visits, field studies and cultural tours. A programme for a visiting school can be anything from 7 to 21 days and can be suitable for an age of 14 and above.

### VSP Options

This section provides visiting schools with a selection of activities that we can provide. It enables potential visiting schools to generate and design a desired package or programme they wish to complete while in Tanzania according to their own wishes and requirements. A brief description of each activity is provided in addition to an approximate cost per person per day.

The cost includes transportation to and from the activity, food, accommodation, qualified guiding, chefs (where appropriate) and an experienced local coordinator. It is important to clarify that the cost

quoted for each listed activity is approximate and is dependent on several factors, including size of group (generally, larger groups result in a lower price per person).

Once a programme has been outlined, a price per person will be quoted for the duration of the visit that includes pick up/ drop off at Kilimanjaro International Airport, accommodation, food, transport and all activities. When writing to us requesting a quote please include the following details: intended duration of visit, desired activities, number of people in the group, and age of students.

Please note that we aim to operate a minimum group size of 15 (including teachers). If you anticipate having a smaller group than this, we would recommend that you consider joining our CAS Camp which offers activities for many schools together at the same time - there is no minimum group size for the CAS Camp. Our maximum group size when ISM is in session is 30 students but, by utilising ISM's boarding facilities, we can accommodate much larger groups during school holidays.

A sample 10-day programme has been included below to give you a greater idea of a typical school visit and how a programme is structured.

ISM can offer any combination of the below:

- **Community Service Projects**
- **Mt Kilimanjaro Trips**
- **Mt Meru Trips**
- **National Park Safaris**
- **Pangani Coast Visit**
- **Lake Natron and Oldonyo Lengai**
- **Local trips in the Moshi area**

### **Sample 10 Day Programme**

This sample 10-day programme will give you an idea of a typical stay for a visiting school.

#### **Day 1**

##### **Arrival Day**

Met at airport and transported to ISM accommodation.

Introductory welcome talk and briefing from programme coordinator.

Settle in and get accustomed to surroundings, use school facilities, swimming pool, internet, etc.

Town trip to change money and visit local markets etc (if you arrived on morning / noon flight).

#### **Day 2**

Introduced to local community service labour project.

Packed lunch at site.

Town trip to change money and visit local markets etc (if you arrived on the evening flight).

Use school facilities, sports hall, swimming pool, internet, etc.

Evening meal at school accommodation.

#### **Day 3**

Continue with local community service labour project.

Packed lunch at site.

Local cultural centre evening - African drumming and dancing

#### **Day 4**

Day trip to Marangu waterfalls.

#### **Day 5**

Continue with local community service labour project.

Packed lunch at site.

#### Day 6

Continue with local community service labour project.  
Packed lunch at site.

#### Day 7

Early start to leave for Manyara National Park. Spend much of the day in Manyara observing a wide variety of animals including elephant, hippos, giraffe, gazelle, monkeys, baboons, and hopefully lions. In late afternoon travel to Karatu and set up camp in secure camp site.

#### Day 8

Early start for a day's game drive in Ngorongoro crater.  
Afternoon visit to Maasai boma.  
Back to Karatu to camp for the night.

#### Day 9

Visit snake park near Arusha.  
Travel to Arusha and see something of Arusha town.  
Lunch in Arusha.  
Return to Moshi for the night.  
Evening meal in a Moshi restaurant.

#### Day 10

Moshi town Trip in the morning - shopping for souvenirs,  
Afternoon spent by pool, in town, using internet.  
Departure in the evening from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

This programme can be extended by trips to trek on Mount Kilimanjaro or Mount Meru, by a trip to Tarangire National Park, or to the Indian Ocean coast, or by extending the community service element of your visit. Alternatively we can put together a different programme to meet your needs. As an indication of cost, the 10-day sample programme above would cost US\$ 1005 per person.

If you are interested in visiting Tanzania as part of ISM's Visiting Schools Programme, please contact us and let us know the programme you are interested in, the dates you would like to visit, and the number and age of people in your group.

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## Community Service

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International School Moshi's Visiting Schools Programme (VSP) is committed to community service projects.

The goal is to give visiting students a first-hand look at poverty and provide an opportunity to help out. Each group of students raises money for a project, usually a classroom, before they arrive. When they get here the hard labour begins - digging foundations, hauling bricks and putting up the classroom walls. Some schools that have been visiting Moshi regularly have "adopted" a local primary school, which they work in time after time.

Less physically strenuous community service work can also be found. ISM has identified other community service projects in various areas such as teaching basic math or English, interacting with children at orphanages and supplying a library or a computer room.

Whether building classrooms at overcrowded schools or volunteering at one of the nearby orphanages, VSP students find the experience rewarding both physically and emotionally.

In the last three years schools participating in the VSP have built 50 classrooms at schools across the Kilimanjaro Region. The visiting students work hard and the local students are thrilled with the attention and the results. Unfortunately, a slowing economy and rising prices have caused a slowdown in the community's ability to finish the roofs on some of these classrooms.

To help out, we are starting a "Raise the Roof" fund. Visiting schools are asked to raise \$5,000 for their community service project. \$4,000 will be used to purchase raw materials before you arrive and the other \$1,000 will go directly towards hiring skilled craftsmen to put the roofs on unfinished classrooms. Once the classrooms are complete, the local Kilimanjaro government provides the additional teaching staff required. ISM believes it is extremely important to invest into the Tanzanian educational system. We offer a scholarship programme at ISM to top Tanzanian students to help develop future Tanzanian leaders. For more details see <http://www.ismoshi.com/scholar.htm>

You can view written reports of previous visiting schools that have completed a community service project at [www.ecolint.ch/webpage.asp?c=1&catid=227](http://www.ecolint.ch/webpage.asp?c=1&catid=227) and [www.mis-munich.de/mis\\_community/mis\\_helping\\_others.html](http://www.mis-munich.de/mis_community/mis_helping_others.html).

This "Hard Labour" is not just part of the Visiting Schools Programme, ISM students also participate as part of their own CAS (Community, Action, Service) programme. Although it is hard work, it is incredibly rewarding for everyone. For more details of the school's own trips and to give you a greater idea of what it is all about please see <http://www.ismoshi.org/hardl09.htm> for more details.

### Community Service

Duration of activity: **2 - 5 days**

Suggested age range: **14+**

Approximate cost: **Nil** (excluding sponsor money described above for the cost of raw materials)

*[Note that ISM will charge \$65 pppd for the costs of all meals, transport and accommodation whilst students are undertaking community service work in the region]*

## Outdoor Pursuits

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### MOUNT KILIMANJARO ASCENT

The highest mountain in Africa (5,895m) is on our doorstep and so is a perfect opportunity to offer this trip to visiting schools. The summit is called Uhuru Peak and can be negotiated via routes differing in difficulty, cost and time. This is a serious undertaking and at difficult physical challenge suitable only for older groups with good physical fitness. Please request further information on each route stating details on group age and duration of visit.

Please see the following <http://www.ismoshi.org/uhuru.htm> to get a further idea of what Kilimanjaro has to offer.

Duration of activity: **5-10 days**

Suggested age range: **18+**

Approximate cost: **\$225 pppd** (variations depending on route chosen)

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### MOUNT KILIMANJARO TREKKING

This is aimed at younger groups still wishing to trek on Mount Kilimanjaro and in Kilimanjaro National Park. Several routes are possible with different objectives depending on the age of your group and difficulty of climb you wish to complete. Please contact us with particulars for more details.

Duration of activity: **2-3 days**

Suggested age range: **14+**

Approximate cost: **\$225 pppd** (variations depending on route chosen)

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### MOUNT MERU SUMMIT

The fourth highest mountain in Africa, and the second highest in Tanzania, Mount Meru's highest point is Socialist Peak at 4565m. This is an incredibly scenic climb offering a great challenge in a beautiful environment with a chance to see lots of African wildlife including giraffe, buffalo, and baboons. It is also a tough physical test but is a more realistic one for younger groups when compared to Kilimanjaro.

Please see <http://www.ismoshi.org/socpk.htm> for more details.

Duration of activity: **4 days**

Suggested age range: **16+**

Approximate cost: **\$ 540 pp / per trip**

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## **MOUNT MERU TREKKING**

There are several alternatives to attempting to summit Mount Meru for younger or less ambitious groups that still offer the awesome scenery, African wildlife and a challenging excursion.

Duration of activity: **3 days**  
Suggested age range: **14+**  
Approximate cost: **\$140 pppd**

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## **NGORONGORO SAFARI**

Ngorongoro crater is one of the most accessible national parks to see the wonderful wildlife of Tanzania. It is highly recommended for groups keen to see lots of game in a short period of time; as you are almost guaranteed to see many of Africa's famed animals. Groups will camp on the crater rim overnight and have a game drive in the crater itself starting early the following morning. In addition to Africa's animals, Ngorongoro also enables visitors to view the life of The Maasai and visit a Maasai cultural centre to see an alternative culture and lifestyle. The trip also includes the visit of Olduvai Gorge, an archaeologically renowned area for the discovery of historically famous fossils by Mary Leakey in 1959.

Duration of activity: **3 days**  
Suggested age range: **Any**  
Approximate cost: **\$550 pp / per trip**  
(Lake Manyara NP can be included free of charge)

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## **TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK SAFARI**

Tarangire National Park is also easily accessible and can be visited in conjunction with a trip to the Ngorongoro Crater. There is a vast array of wildlife to be seen in Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks, especially during the dry season (August to October) including leopard, lion, giraffe, elephant, and large herds of zebra and wildebeest, not to mention the birds! Nights are spent camping just outside the national park.

Duration of activity: **2 days**  
Suggested age range: **Any**  
Approximate cost: **\$400 pp / per trip** (if it is a part of Ngorongoro and Manyara safari, the whole 5 day trip is **\$650 pp / per trip**)

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## SERENGETI

The Serengeti is further away from the VSP base at ISM so requires considerably more time to include in a programme and is also more costly. However, Tanzania's most famous park is a great opportunity to see so many of Africa's animals, including the annual migration of the wildebeest, in a vast untamed environment.

Duration of activity: **5 days**

Suggested age range: **Any**

Approximate cost: **\$950 pp / per trip**

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## PANGANI COASTAL TRIP

ISM offers a beach house on the Indian Ocean coast close to the small Swahili town of Pangani, an old slave port. This beautiful location provides a variety of opportunities for visiting schools to do field study and cultural history visits. In addition it is a superb place for a relaxing break.

Visits to Maziwe island are possible for snorkeling; however this will have to be arranged by the school using the local tourist office. For more information and pictures please see

<http://www.ismoshi.org/pangani.htm>.

Duration of activity: **4-6 days**

Suggested age range: **Any**

Approximate cost: **\$150 pppd**

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## Local Trips in the Moshi Area

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- Both of the following trips are included in the quoted price per person.

### MARANGU WATERFALLS

This is a highly recommended amazing day trip that can be used as a fill-in day for longer programmes. It involves a guided walk through shambas (small scale subsistence farms, producing mainly bananas and coffee) finishing up at a waterfall for a swim and even some extreme cliff jumping if you are feeling adventurous.

Duration of activity: **1 day**

Suggested age range: **12+**

Approximate cost: **Nil**

*[This trip is included within the overall charges of \$65 pppd for accommodation, meals and transport]*

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### CULTURAL EVENING

This cultural evening at a local lodge is an entertaining display of local songs and dances, in which students are encouraged to participate.

Duration of activity: **1 evening**

Suggested age range: **12+**

Approximate cost: **Nil**

*[This trip is included within the overall charges of \$65 pppd for accommodation, meals and transport]*

# Nuts and Bolts of Your Visit

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## Accommodation

ISM has purpose built accommodation for the VSP – *Kishari*. This can accommodate **30 people**. It consists of a teachers' area (three bedrooms, sleeping 6 and a bathroom), several student rooms sleeping 4-8 people, bathrooms, a kitchen, a common area and dining hall.

Please see the exterior and interior of our Kishari house:



Additionally, ISM has 8 boarding houses accommodating **100 students**. All houses have comfortable rooms, shower facilities, hot and cold water.

Please see the following links for more photos of our on campus accommodation:

<http://www.ismoshi.com/kiongozi.htm>

<http://www.ismoshi.com/kijana.htm>

The maximum number of students during the ISM term time is 30 people (in Kishari).

The maximum number of students during the ISM holiday is 130 people (in Kishari and on campus).

Please see <http://www.ismoshi.org/Calendar.htm> for the ISM calendar.

### **Water**

Please drink our water! Water on campus is potable. ISM has its own borehole; the water is then treated and supplied to all buildings and staff houses. Regular tests are being administered on the treated water to ensure that its quality and suitability for drinking is maintained.

### **Electrical Power**

The school power supply is set at 220V AC, so please ensure that any appliance is set for that voltage. All electrical sockets are 3-pin square sockets (UK type). Our large stand-by generator supplies power to all boarding houses during TANESCO power cuts. The school's electrical technician can check any concern about the suitability or condition of electrical equipment. Voltage regulators and surge protectors are advised for larger electrical devices, as the school cannot be responsible for damage to personal equipment that is the result of a power surge. For reasons of safety, students may not burn bug coils, incense, and open candles, or use heaters, kettles or toasters in their rooms.

### **Laundry**

Laundry service is provided for students staying for a longer period of time. It is included in the price per person quoted.

### **Catering - Food**

The kitchen at ISM is well equipped and prepares three full meals and three light snacks per day. The menus are varied and are a mixture of several cultural styles. Please let us know in advance if you have any special dietary requirements.

### **Health & Safety**

Each individual visiting Tanzania should seek medical advice from their doctor before travelling to Tanzania. The only legal vaccination requirement for entry into Tanzania is Yellow Fever. You may be asked to show a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate on arrival.

There are several other vaccinations and prophylaxes that should also be considered before coming to Tanzania including; Malaria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Polio, Cholera, Typhoid, and Rabies. It is also advisable to be up to date with tetanus.

Concerning malaria – please contact your local medical professional before traveling. Our Kishari accommodation offers a mosquito net for every bed.

We do strongly advise you to seek a professional medical advice before traveling.

Please also bring your First Aid Kit – as ISM cannot be responsible for any allergic reactions to locally procured medications.

ISM has a Health Centre at the school with a resident nurse available 24 hours a day. This service is available to visiting schools should they need it. The school doctor operates a weekly clinic at the health centre and is available on call when required. More serious problems are dealt with through Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre.

It is critical that all visitors to ISM as part of the Visiting Schools Program come with adequate medical insurance to covers costs of treatment they may receive. This insurance must additionally cover repatriation and emergency medical evacuation to their country of residence or to another country. ISM can accept no liability for financial costs incurred for medical attention received while in Tanzania.

We require all visiting students and staff to be in a good physical and mental condition.

### **Travel & Visas**

You will be picked up and dropped off from the airport by a school hired transport. This is all included in the cost per person. This bus will be taking you around Moshi and Arusha. Safaris are done in land cruisers.

For entry into Tanzania you must have a passport that is valid for at least six months from arrival. Visitors must also present an onward or return ticket together with proof that the visitor has sufficient funds to support himself or herself while in Tanzania.

Please see <http://www.tanzania.go.tz/visa.html> for information regarding visa requirements.

We do recommend you to arrange your visas well in advance from your country of residence; however tourist visas can be obtained at arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport.

About one month prior to your arrival, we will ask you to email/fax us copies of every group member's passport. This is to ensure that all the group's activities have the full backing of the local and national government authorities.

Please contact you travel agent to advise you on the most appropriate travel insurance.

### **Clothes & Dress code**

Moshi generally has a warm sunny climate but it also occasionally suffers from a number of cold, wet days during the rainy season. For most of the year we tend to wear light-weight clothing but students will be glad of a sweatshirt from time to time. Footwear tends to be training shoes or open sandals. A hat is also highly recommended.

Additionally remember to bring clothing suitable for the activities you have planned e.g. mountain trekking, safaris. If you are planning to complete community service, suitably safe shoes (i.e. not open sandals or flip-flops) and gloves must be worn.

ISM requests that visiting schools follow its own rules of not allowing students or teachers to wear clothing with logos or slogans that might cause offence, which includes reference to drugs or alcohol during ISM term time.

When off campus, it is advisable to wear clothes that do not offend local Tanzanians, e.g. we recommend tops covering shoulders, knee length skirts or shorts. On campus bikinis are allowed at the swimming pool, otherwise students should use reasonably decent clothing.

### **Other things to bring**

- a. First Aid Kit.
- b. Sleeping bags for every visitor (advisable especially during school holidays).
- c. Cash around 100-200 USD (excluding cash for visa) for pocket money.
- d. Cash for visa: 50 USD for all non-US citizens, 100 USD for all US citizens (figures valid as at 20th November 2009) - only if you didn't arrange your visa in advance. Note that it is possible that visa fees will increase from June 2010. Sun screen.
- e. Sun hat.
- f. Mosquito repellent containing Deet.
- g. Torch / Flash light.
- h. Work gloves.
- i. Copy of every visitor passport.

### **Things included in the cost per person**

- ✓ Pick up/ drop off at Kilimanjaro International Airport.
- ✓ Accommodation.
- ✓ Food and chefs (where appropriate).
- ✓ Transport to all planned activities .
- ✓ All planned activities including park fees (where appropriate).
- ✓ Qualified guiding (where appropriate).
- ✓ An experienced local coordinator.
- ✓ Use of ISM facilities, including internet, swimming pool, sports facilities, teaching facilities and social centre.
- ✓ Use of ISM nurse and health centre.
- ✓ Laundry service (for extended visits).
- ✓ Marangu waterfalls trip.
- ✓ Trip to local a cultural center – African drumming and dancing.
- ✓ Special evening meal at a Moshi restaurant.

### **Feedback**

Please feel free to contact us with any queries, suggestions or ideas of how we can improve our programme. Your feedback is welcome! [gokili@ismoshi.net](mailto:gokili@ismoshi.net)

### **Payment Procedures**

When a visiting school has officially asked us to reserve accommodation on specific dates a deposit of US\$1000 (10% of the total; whichever is less) is required to confirm the reservation.

Payment in full must be made 60 days prior to arrival. Non payment by this date relinquishes reservation of accommodation.

Payments must be made via a bank transfer. Please advise us immediately of any transfers giving details of the dates, currencies and amounts of the transfers as well as to which bank account payment was made.

### **Bank Account Details**

Please make payment to one of the accounts below giving the name of your school/group as the reference:

- In US Dollars: International School Moshi, Account number 15274713, Citibank, 8516 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182, USA [ ABA number: 254070116. SWIFT code: CITIUS33 ]

- In GB Pounds Sterling: International School Moshi, Account no. 68151403 with the Bank of Ireland, 20, Berkeley Square, London, W1J 6LL, England  
(Sort Code 30-16-07) SWIFT (BIC) code: BOFIGB2B IBAN: GB75BOFI 301525 68151403

If transferring to the US account please transfer an additional \$20 to cover bank charges.

If transferring to the UK account from outside the UK please transfer an additional £10 to cover bank charges.

### **Credit Card Payments**

Smaller sums can be paid by credit card online using Paypal through the website [ww.ismoshi.org/paypal.htm](http://ww.ismoshi.org/paypal.htm).

Please add 5% to all such sums to cover Paypal transaction charges. It is advised only to use this method of payment for smaller sums. Please provide your school's name in lieu of the student name on this webpage.

### **Cancellation policy**

The cancellation of a visit results in loss of the deposit.

Cancellation of an entire visit 30+ days prior to arrival dates: 75% reimbursement of total cost.

Cancellation of an entire visit 0-30 days prior to arrival dates: 50% reimbursement of total cost.

Cancellation of a party member 30+ days prior to arrival dates: 75% reimbursement of individual's cost.

Cancellation of a party member 0-30 days prior to arrival dates: 50% reimbursement of individual's cost.

Although the above stated policy is in effect, ISM is sensitive to extenuating circumstances. If particular circumstances arise, please contact us to discuss what arrangements we can make to help you.

### **Community Service Project Funds**

Visiting school groups will also be asked to raise funds to purchase building materials and to contribute to roofing costs of the projects with which the Visiting Schools Programme works. These funds can be transferred with other costs to the above bank accounts. If your school would be able to benefit by donating through a 501-C3 Foundation in the United States, please contact us for details of how to pay these funds through the International School Moshi Foundation. If an individual taxpayer in the United Kingdom is paying these funds, their value can be increased if they are paid through the International School Moshi Registered Charity in the UK. Please contact us for details of charitable donations both in the USA or UK.

### **Disclaimer**

ISM will not be held responsible for any loss, theft or damage of property brought / bought by visiting students or staff.

ISM can accept no liability for financial costs incurred for medical attention received while in Tanzania.

ISM reserves the right to make changes to this disclaimer. Any changes to this disclaimer will be posted.