



Education and Excellence in the African Diaspora in Tanzania:
July 7-19, 2025

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July 19-25th, 2025

Sunday, July 7th: _____ Jambo!

Arrival into Kilimanjaro Airport. Pick up representatives and proceed into Arusha town.

Check in to the Kibo Hotel <http://www.kibopalacehotel.com>

5:00pm Welcome Meeting and Orientation.

7:00pm Welcome Dinner

Meals: Welcome Cocktail, Dinner

Monday, July 8th: _____ Arusha

Breakfast at your leisure.

9:00am Enjoy a 45 min Overview of the educational system in Tanzania .

10:30 am Visit to the Natema Primary School to learn about primary education in Tanzania. The school serves close to 900 children in this marginalized community during each school year.

Lunch

2:00pm Visit traditional medicine clinic in Arusha and discuss preservation of indigenous knowledge with traditional healers. Afterwards we will visit the Old Arusha Clinic to discuss current health issues in the region.

Evening free for rest, dinner and swimming at the pool.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday, July 9th: **Maasai Village**

9:30 am Lecture and discussion on the political/economic history of Tanzania. Discuss the impact of globalization, agricultural policy on the village and the area.

11:00am Visit a traditional Maasai village, meet with villagers and have conversation about indigenous culture and changes (e.g. transition from pastoralism or agriculture) occurring in Maasailand. Talk to elders about their pastoral way of life, education of youth, beliefs, rituals, and living in harmony with nature.

Meet with an Olaiboni (spirit healer) and elder women herbalists.

Evening free for local dining.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday July 10th, **Arusha**

9:00 am We start the morning at a local Computer Center, a 32-desktop Internet-capable computer lab. Meet with local computer teachers and discuss challenges and opportunities of introducing this new technology into communities in Tanzania.

11:30 am Visit to a secondary school (Moshono Secondary School) one of the schools served by the Computer Center, to learn about local organic farming projects that are helping to fund the school. Meet with the head teacher to discuss the project and visit classrooms to meet students.

1:00pm Lunch

2:30 pm Visit the International College of Accountancy and Management (ICAM) to meet with local university students. Discuss the economics of education in East Africa and human capital efforts in the region.

Afternoon we will visit a local artist studio.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, July 11th

Moshi

9:00am Lecture on The Ujamaa socialist movement and its impacts on Tanzania today.

11:00 am Visit selected NGOs doing community development projects. Discuss social entrepreneurship and social responsibility of business.

Lunch

2:30 pm Visit Coffee Processing Organization (Moshi)
Explore issues surrounding the growing and processing of coffee in Tanzania. Here we will visit a coffee cooperative and learn about Fair Trade coffee co-ops to learn about economic alternatives and community.

Evening is free for exploring local dining and cultural events.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Friday, July 12th

the Ngorongoro Conservation Area

9:00am Check out of hotel.

10:00am Exchange with the Pan-African Centre for Policy Studies (PACPS), provides a meeting place and opportunities for policy analysis and dialogue on issues relating to economic transformation, the development of democratic welfare states and resilient and peace-loving, non-racial, gender-sensitive societies in the African continent through the organization of research activities, training seminars and policy dialogues.

11:30 am Travel to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. It is about a four-hour drive but we will have a stop and lunch along the way.

Check into our accommodation in Karatu

<https://farmofdreamslodge.com>

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<http://www.hhandocoffeelodge.com>

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner

Saturday, July 13th

Ngorongoro Crater

Early morning descent into Ngorongoro Crater for a full morning of game viewing.

Picnic lunch in the crater.

We will interview our park staff to learn about current issues such as the importance of conservation in the region, the impacts of climate change, dealing with the effects of tourism and ensuring that the rights of the local communities are taken into consideration.

Evening Safari Drive

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner

**These 2 safari game drives are optional (they will be added on for those that like!).*

Sunday July 14th

and Monday July 15th

UAACC

AM Check out of the hotel and travel to the United African Alliance Community Center ([UAACC](#)) The United African Alliance Community Center (UAACC) was formed in 1991 with the expressed purpose of sharing and disseminating knowledge in areas relevant to the promotion of creative, productive and wholesome lifestyles giving a strong sense of empowerment to the youth both in village and urban settings in Tanzania.

Activities include: Ngoma workshop and performance, batik workshop, Ritual journey to Mwangusha forest and river, tree planting ritual to honor Ancestors, documentary and lecture on history and projects, walks around village, various rituals for African's from the Diaspora, jam sessions and poetry readings and visitor sharing of knowledge with youth (e.g. music skills, carpentry skills, arts skills)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner

Tuesday July 16th

Dar es Salam

8:30am Check out of the hotel and depart for Arusha's airport.

AM Flight to Dar es Salaam Check in to our hotel

PM Enjoy a city tour of Dar es Salaam

PM Then we get hands-on with our 3-hour Swahili Cooking Class!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Wednesday July 17

Dar es Salam

10:00am Learn about the work of Schools 2030 as we meet a local representative to learn about their program expansion and innovation.

12:30 pm Lunch

2:30pm Exchange with a representative of the Tanzania Institute of Education for a discussion of Tanzania's future.

4:00pm Enjoy the promotion of culture and arts at the Forever' Tanzania Centre for Cultural Heritage (TCCH). You can also shop for wood sculpture art or Tinga Tinga Paintings or even the Maasai Bead Art.

Free time for dinner and wandering town.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday July 18

Dar es Salam

9:30 am Visit to the National Museum of Tanzania for a brief overview of human evolution, Tanzania's history and the East African Slave trade.

11:30am Exchange with a representative of Success Hands Tanzania Initiative (SHI). SHI is a non-profit organization that aims to increase quality education by creating children reading culture, unleash their potential talents, fight gender-based violence and advocate their rights.

1:00pm Free time for lunch and shopping at the Kariakoo Market, or to enjoy the beach.

5:00pm Wrap up AAREA session.

7:00 pm Farewell Dinner.

Evening: Wrap-up meeting and farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Friday July 19th

Kwaheri

AM Breakfast, then check out and transfer for the airport.

TBA Depart for US or stay on to enjoy beach time at the hotel or excursions to other local islands like Mbudya Island.

Meals: Breakfast

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Rwanda

Saturday July 19th

Kwaheri

AM Breakfast, then check out and transfer for the airport. Flight from Dar to Kigali, Rwanda.

Arrive in Kigali, Rwanda and transfer to your hotel, the Hotel Chez Lando, for a late dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday July 20th

Kigali

9:00am Orientation meeting by your local facilitator, the local guide and program coordinator on general Rwanda travel information and logistics, as well as an overview of our program.

10:00am Visit to the Nyamirambo Women's Center and guided walking tour of the colorful lower-class suburb of Nyamirambo, including market visit, cooking class, and home lunch

2:30pm Historical exploration of Kigali with highlights of pre-colonial, colonial,

independence, genocide and post-genocide times, including a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial, the country's most prominent memorial.

6:00pm AAREA will facilitate a group circle.

Dinner and evening free.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Monday July 20th

Kigali

9:00am Invited guest to give a lecture about *Education and Pedagogy in Rwanda* today.

11:00am Visit FAWE Girls School, named after the Forum for African Women Educationalists, a pan-African women's organization whose mission is to support girls and women to acquire education for development.

1:00pm Lunch

2:30pm Visit to African Leadership University to learn about its unique approach that equips graduates with the skills, acuity, and vision needed to succeed as ethical, entrepreneurial leaders, and to meet with members of its vibrant, Pan-African community.

4:30pm Visit to an arts cultural center.

Evening free for group circle, cultural activities, rest and local dining.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday July 22nd

Kigali

10:00am Meeting with members of the Rwanda Women Parliamentarian's Forum or visit to the Ministry of Gender & Family Promotion and the Gender Monitoring Office. We will learn about their important work since 2008 and the status of women in Rwanda today.

12:30 pm Lunch

2:30pm Visit to Niyo Arts Gallery for a dance and drumming workshop!

5:00pm AAREA discussion circle.

Dinner and Eve are free for us to explore local options and announced cultural activities. Recommendations are for us to visit Bourbon Coffee Café Sweet Dreams ice cream.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday July 23rd

Gashora

9:30 am We leave for an excursion to **Gashora** to see the beauty of rural areas. This afternoon we engage with **the Rwanda Girls Initiative** and visit the **Gashora Girls Academy**, a school dedicated to the education of girls, particularly in the fields of science and technology an upper-secondary boarding school for 270 girls. We will learn about educational services.

Our day also concludes with a fun visit to **COVAGA – The Cooperative of Weavers of Gashora**, where we enjoy a **weaving class**.

Dinner and evening free.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday July 24th

10:00am Meet with the **Rwanda Peace Education Programme**. Learn about their work promoting social cohesion, pluralism, personal responsibility, critical thinking and empathy to build a peaceful society.

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Free time or shopping time at the ever-vibrant Caplaki Market.

5:00pm Wrap-up Session.

7:00pm Farewell Dinner at Repub Lounge

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Friday July 25th

Murabeho Mwirirwe

AM Breakfast, then check out and transfer for the airport.

TBA Depart for US

Meals: Breakfast

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