



Nations Together

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Nations Together, we hope the following information will help you make an informed decision.

We aim to offer volunteers the chance to experience a unique and personal adventure by volunteering with Light In Africa a well established organisation based in Tanzania, East Africa

Below is a list of frequently asked questions that we hope will answer most of what goes through your mind now that you have taken the first step in considering to volunteer in Africa.

Frequently Asked Questions

This is a lengthy document, so please consider the environment before printing.

From this point on "NT" will stand for Nations Together and "LIA" will stand for Light In Africa.

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Nations Together will organise a volunteer placement with a well established non governmental organisation situated in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania.

We will organise individualised itineraries to suit your needs which will include volunteering, and available dates for all or some of the following options; climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, taking an adventurous safari or relaxing on the beaches of Zanzibar. (Please see the Legal page for information on this topic.)

NT will organise your full board and accommodation and airport collection from Kilimanjaro Airport on your arrival.

Your volunteering experience will be within an orphanage setting for children from birth to adolescence, but will also include out reach programs to the Massai and Chagga tribes of the region.

NT will be here to answer questions with regard to your volunteering from start, during and completion via phone or email whenever there is a need on either parties side.

NT will discuss available projects and help you choose which one to support.

NT's office hours run from Monday – Friday 9.30am – 5.00pm
In Emergency the mobile can be called 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Criminal records background Checks

It is our policy to obtain a CRBC for all volunteers wishing to volunteer with our organisation. A CRBC dated within 6 months of the start date is acceptable.

Currently we work from the guidelines of the CRBC portability framework and stress that you must inform us of any recent convictions that you knowingly have gained since your last CRBC was processed.

Returning volunteers are also required to obtain an up to date CRBC.

CRBC can easily be obtained from your local police station at a small cost.

The original document must be sent to us, damaged or photocopied CRBC will not be accepted.

Once we have seen your CRBC and are satisfied that it is a true copy we will take a note of your CRBC number and then return the document back to you.

Data Protection

Nations Together is in the process of registering with the Data Protection Bureau; our application is currently in the first stages.

We stress that all information held on you is in a secure database and locked cabinets. All information held on you is confidential and only given to those who are required to know in the events of an emergency situation.

As soon as your volunteer placement is completed all information held on you will be shredded and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

What visa / permits do I require?

All applicants will need to obtain an entry visa into Tanzania. This can be gained at the airport that you arrive at in Tanzania which will cost 50 USD (US passport holders pay 100 USD)

You can not apply for an entry visa in your country of residence on a volunteering basis. Applying for a tourist visa will levy a \$400 USD fine (payable only in US Dollars Cash)

You cannot get a Class C volunteering permit in your country of origin.

On the plane to Tanzania you will complete a Green Entry Card. You must state on this card that you are going to volunteer with LIA and the address is P.O. Box 2075, Moshi, Tanzania.

What vaccinations are required?

Please seek guidance from your local health authority, your own Doctor or Nurse Practitioner on vaccinations required for entry into Tanzania at your time of travel.

The Yellow Fever is NOT needed for Tanzania, however, if you are travelling to other African countries such as Uganda and South Africa, you will require the Yellow Fever vaccination and documented evidence for entry.

Malaria tablets are optional, but Lariam is not advised for anyone who has a history of depression.

The Rabies vaccination is again optional and personal choice. If bitten in Tanzania you would be taken and given a tetanus injection.

It is advisable to seek advice on vaccinations at least 16 weeks prior to your departure date.

What Insurance do I need?

Volunteers are solely responsible for evaluating and determining the type, the extent and levels of any insurance coverage that you may need or desire during your volunteering term. Travel, health, repatriation, luggage and finances should be covered for theft, damage or loss. Please arrange all travel insurance prior to your volunteering placement starting.

What currency do I need?

British Sterling, Euros, USD and Tanzanian Shillings Tsh

For indication only here are some exchange rates (indicative only 12/2007)

GBP 1 = Tzs 2210

EUR 1 = Tzs 1580

USD 1 = Tzs 1080

What is Nations Together's Equal Opportunities Policy?

Nations Together's equal opportunity policy promotes fairness, justice, independence and opportunities for all volunteers regardless of their race, ethnic origin, religion, age, gender or abilities.

Nations Together will not adhere to any form of racism, cruelty, or physical abuse, or sexual harassment.

Is there a preferred airline to use and which airport should I fly in to?

KLM the Dutch airlines offers a direct flight from Amsterdam into Kilimanjaro, it is recommended to fly directly into Kilimanjaro International Airport as you will be collected from this airport.

Other international flights are Addis Ababa (ET/Ethiopian) and Nairobi (PW/Precision Air in cooperation with KQ/Kenya Airways).

Alternatively you could choose to fly into Dar-es-sallam International Airport; however this will entail either a connecting flight to Kilimanjaro Airport (Precision Air) or an 8 hour coach ride to Moshi/Arusha with just one stop halfway for food and toilet facilities.

Alternatively, you could fly to Nairobi, Kenya and then catch a connecting flight to Kilimanjaro. As the proprietor of Emslies Travel Agency is a wonderful supporter of LIA, we would ask that you use their services for all flights although you are completely free to make your own arrangements.

From experience, Emslies will assist you in getting a fair price for air tickets and will also be accommodating to ticket changes and different departure airports. They are also available to help you sort out ticket problems and changes once you are in Tanzania.

Please state that you are a prospective LIA volunteer when contacting them.

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Are there set dates for volunteering with Nations Together?

We take volunteers throughout the year, however, during the months of June, July and August places are quickly taken up so it is advisable to book early to avoid disappointment. Christmas and Easter periods are a great time to volunteer also.

What is the minimum and maximum time scales for volunteer service?

There is no required time for volunteering; we hope to be able to accommodate your availability. We have volunteers for anywhere from one week to 3 months

Please note: the longer permits are at the discretion of Light In Africa's executive committee and will be agreed after a volunteer period once you are there and are also subject to extra visa / permit regulations.

Is there a minimum or maximum age for volunteering with Nations Together?

Nations Together accepts volunteers of all ages.

For children / young adults under 18 years of age who wish to volunteer without a family member, an agreement and disclaimer will need to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which must be received by NT prior to the volunteer placement.

Parents / Caregivers will need to be the ones communicating with NT re their Child's volunteer placement.

For children under 16 years an escort service by airlines must be used to ensure that the child arrives safely and is handed over to a LIA representative on arrival in Tanzania.

A full contingency package will be set in place with the parents/ caregiver, NT and LIA prior to the child's volunteering placement so the roles and responsibilities of each organiser is clearly stated.

LIA is a family run organization and NT wishes to promote families and people of all ages to volunteer with LIA as it is wonderful to see the interaction between young and senior generations of all nationalities.

Is Tanzania a safe country?

Tanzania gained its independence in 1964 and since then has not entered into any political uprising or confrontations within its own regions or other countries.

Tanzania is a wonderful, peaceful country to visit; the Tanzanian people are friendly and welcoming. As do all countries, there are petty thieves who take advantage of unsuspecting tourists, but taking safeguards and being careful will help in this situation.

Tanzania has so many opportunities for volunteers, not only because you will be helping the families and children in great need but the country itself has so much to offer from the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, to the seventh wonder of the world the Serengeti, to the white sands and spice island of Zanzibar, it's an extremely inviting country.

What is my project money for?

NT expresses a wish for half of all project money raised by yourself to be given towards the running costs of Light in Africa for example, the staff wages, the weekly food bill, the running costs of the vehicle, repairs to the children's homes, clothing or bedding for the children, furniture, to name but a few. This part of your project money helps so many people especially with the wage support as many of our staff team not only support their nuclear family but many of their immediate family as well.

We would hope that you would take on board our experience and knowledge in knowing the needs of the organisation light in Africa and so therefore would choose to adhere to this request and happily support the every day running costs of the children's homes. Thank you.

The other half of the project money can be used in many different ways – house builds, purchasing uniforms – paying for a life saving operation – purchasing the medication to help 100's of people in an out reach medical dispensary. This will be highlighted if you choose to volunteer with Nations Together.

What will it cost to volunteer with NT?

Please note these costs are accurate at time of print, but are subject to change at any point prior to your volunteering placement starting.

Booking fee per volunteer	£ 50.00
Entry visa in to Tanzania	£ 38.00
Flights (booked by yourselves) Approximately	£600.00
Full board and accommodation, per week, per volunteer	\$140 USD
Project Money – minimum amount per person	£400.00
Vaccinations / Malaria tablets (Will vary on requirements, aprox)	£ 40.00
Class "C" volunteering permit once in Tanzania, payable in USD	\$120.00
Weekly personal allowance (water, emailing, post, socialising)	£ 25.00
Insurance – Please remember to add this on to the total	

Optional Costs

Please note all prices are approximate and may change.

6 day Mount Kilimanjaro Climb (per person)	£450.00
3 day camping safari to the Serengeti (per person)	£250.00
Zanzibar – Hotels per night varies from	£ 20.00 / £70.00
Zanzibar – Flights from Kilimanjaro (per person)	£100.00
Zanzibar – Bus & Boat (per person)	£ 40.00

Other information

Once you have completed the application form and are requesting a volunteer placement at Light In Africa in Tanzania in depth information will be sent out to you regarding:

- Documents needed to obtain a class "C" volunteering permit
- How to pay for food and accommodation
- Will someone be able to speak English and interpret for me
- Who will collect you from the airport on arrival
- Details of locations of volunteer placement
- Recommended travel agency for booking airfares
- Health Care – what will happen if you are ill?
- What does my food and accommodation payment cover?
- Appropriate clothing to wear, bedding needed