

Come on the July 2018 Rotary Africa Volunteer Trip!!!

You will spend 3 amazing days at Boston school in Matopeni, Nairobi, Kenya, 3 days on safari in the Masai Mara, cross part of lake Victoria, experience rural village life at Butere near the Uganda border; visit the source of the Nile, cross Uganda, track chimpanzees and be hosted at Rugashali school by Lake Albert and the Congo border.



Arriving in Matopeni, Nairobi, you'll have the chance to make a difference as you experience a unique insight into the life of this vibrant African community where smiles are the common language, where you will be welcomed like an old friend. We are privileged, as few westerners stay in this community. Matopeni is a slum, yet over the past 10 years its school, with our support, has improved to be the best of 48 schools in the area for the past 3 years – you'll see why!

Our key goal is to enable the school to have a competitive edge whilst being sustainable, independent of support from the West. We will bring replacement computers, and you can help train the teachers and children computer skills. You'll each have a child as your guide. Our volunteers and donations/funds raised will enable solar power, a big deal as power here is intermittent and they study hard. And like their water bore, power can be sold. You will run workshops on your area of skill and tell your life story to inspire the children with what is possible.



The Masai Mara is the best safari location in the world and you will enjoy the best of it.

After the Masai Mara you will enjoy a concert at the lakeside town of Mbita then boat across Lake Victoria to the rural village of Butere to help make the school built for 70 children with HIV, be sustainable



Itinerary

Friday 6th July – fly to Nairobi (or take off earlier via Mauritius and have 2 beach days!)

- Arrive Nairobi airport, travel by bus to be show around the primary school, enjoy a welcome concert, have a dance, then a walk to your accommodation at the Boston Secondary school in Matopeni and an early dinner.

Sat 7th orientation day, be taken around the area, concert by the children and a dance

Sun8th - Orientation day, dance and sing at the local church, Setup your computers and prepare lessons Mom

Mon 9-Tuesday 10 Volunteering

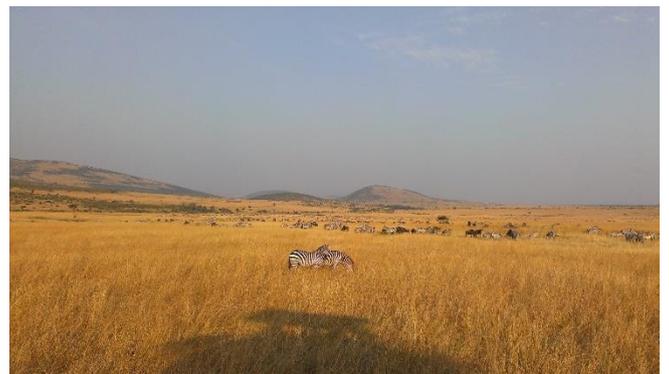
10th Safari

11th - Travel through the Masai Mara to Joylanders Academy at Mbita on Lake Victoria, concert with children.

Ferry trip across Lake Victoria from Mbita to Luanda Katieno, to Butere

12th - Butere with day trip to Kakamega forest with the children

13th Volunteering, Butere, install Solar and computers



- 3rd - Bus Butere to Hairy Lemon, Jinja, Uganda , relax for the afternoon
- 4th - Nile morning rafting option extra \$120 bus to HUG project at
- 13th - Depart Jinja, arrive Lubanda village near Masaka , stay 2 nights
- 16^h – Masaka to Kigadi :Bigodi wetland Sanctuary walk lunchtime Chimp trekking option for extra \$150. Stay at URDT
- 17th, 18th Visit Rugashali school, install computers and solar
- 19th Depart for Entebbe have our last night in luxury !
- 20th – morning by the pool ! Flight home, via Mauritius , Thailand or Qatar, or journey on to Ethiopia

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Cost of Trip & What is Covered

There are 3 main components required to cover the cost of your trip -

- 1) On ground expense including buses, meals and Masai Mara safari approx \$900 AUD (very low because we stay in bunks at the schools a lot)
- 2) Tax deductible donation \$1,500 AUD – which is split between the 3 schools – Matopeni, Butere and Rugashali. A big part of the trip is that each volunteer raises money or makes a tax-deductible donation through Rotary to help with the school building effort. We do want at least 50% of the donation to happen this tax year so they locals have time to complete their side of the project and we will help you find donors to channel it through...
- 3) Air fares \$1,800 to \$2,600 AUD (approx)

Additional Costs

- Kenyan and Ugandan VISA – purchase at airport or border US \$50 each
- Vaccinations – approximately \$100-300 AUD
- Spending Money - \$500 AUD is ample

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Any Nairobi terrorist threats and we start in Arusha Tanzania, cross the Serengeti and bus the Nairobi children to meet us in Butere. We travel as Rotary volunteers with Rotary travel insurance.

Trip Leaders

Stephen Okwaro is the Head of the 'Boston Children Center' School in Matopeni, Nairobi, www.bostonchildrencenter.org supported by his "older brother" Rotarian project manager Laurence Webb www.laurencewebbbushpoet.com

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Our guide across Uganda Fort Portal Eco Tours <http://fortportaltours.com/>

Accommodation

In Matopeni we stay at the school, spread over 3 classrooms, with beds, and mosquito nets. There is a new toilet block (with flushing toilets) and showers. The whole school is walled, secured and has a nightwatchman and we hire security guards for our stay. This means we get the chance of interacting with the boarding students after school, and the day students, who always arrive early! The accommodation at Masai Mara is large luxury tents with solid ensuites.

At Butere we stay in a new private house (right) with an extended toilet and shower block and solar power. In Uganda we stay in "bandas" which are locally build de-luxe huts.

Post trip options

–meet the gorillas in the wild - head to the Rwanda –Uganda border OR
stay over in Mauritius or Thailand, or Ethiopia !

