

# THE MESERANI PROJECT

EDUCATING AFRICA'S CHILDREN

Inspired by the pupils, staff and parents of Acklam Grange School, Middlesbrough, England.

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Please find below basic information about the proposed group trip to Kenya and Tanzania in 2016.

## ITINERARY

### Friday 12/8/16:

Overnight flight from the U.K. to Nairobi.

*There is the option to arrive early and spend a few days in Kenya or Tanzania – contact Peter Swan if you wish to discuss this.*

### Saturday 13/8/16:

Early morning flight arrival in Nairobi, Kenya.

Meet the overland truck crew.

Drive along the Rift Valley Escarpment, then descend to Lake Naivasha in the Rift Valley.

Overnight camp at Fish Eagle Camp, Lake Naivasha.

Overland  
Safari Truck



### Sunday 14/8/16:

*Option: Hell's Gate National Park walking safari, and gorge walk, (\$35 park entry & truck/driver fee).*

Drive to Crater Lake Sanctuary.

Afternoon guided walk through Crater Lake Sanctuary.

Night-time game drive.

Overnight at Crater Lake Tented Lodge.



Hell's Gate  
Gorge Walk

### Monday 15/8/16:

Morning game drive and walk in Crater Lake Sanctuary.

Drive to Nairobi.

Overnight at Wildebeest Eco Camp, Nairobi.



Crater Lake  
Sanctuary

Kibera



Tuesday 16/8/16:  
Visit St. Cecilia School, in the  
Kibera Slum.  
Visit the Kazuri Bead  
Factory.

*Option to visit the Elephant Sanctuary.*  
Overnight at Wildebeest Eco Camp, Nairobi.



St. Cecilia  
School

Wednesday 17/8/16:

Drive to Meserani, Arusha, crossing the border into  
Tanzania.

Visit the Snake Park, Medical Centre and Maasai Museum.  
Overnight at Meserani Snake Park.



View from Meserani Snakepark

Thursday 18/8/16:

Walk to Lesiraa Primary School  
and Meserani Juu Primary School.  
Overnight at Meserani  
Snakepark.



Lesiraa  
Primary  
School



Meserani  
Juu Primary  
School



Friday 19/8/16:  
Visit Meserani Chini School.  
Shopping at the Maasai  
Market, Arusha. Snakepark.  
Overnight at Meserani  
Snake Park.



Meserani Chini Primary School





Bwanashamba's  
home

Saturday 20/8/16:  
Visit local homes (Maasai bomas).  
Drive to Tarangire National Park.  
Game drive in Tarangire National Park.  
Visit Tarangire Safari Lodge.  
Overnight bush camp in Tarangire National Park.



Tarangire  
National Park



Sunday 21/8/16:  
Early morning game drive in Tarangire National Park.  
Drive to Karatu.  
Overnight at Kudu Lodge Camp, Karatu.



Ngorongoro  
Crater

Monday 22/8/16:  
*Option: Morning game drive in the Ngorongoro Crater (\$125 each).*  
Drive to Meserani.  
Overnight at Meserani Snakepark.



Tuesday 23/8/16:  
Visit Kipok Girls Secondary Boarding School and Moita Boys Secondary Boarding School, to meet some of the 100+ pupils being sponsored by The Meserani Project.  
Overnight at Meserani Snakepark.



Moita School



Kipok School





Wednesday 24/8/16

Shopping at the Maasai Market, Arusha.

Visit Losingira Primary School.

*Option: Buy a goat at Kisongo Market (extra cost for clients - minimal).*

*Goat barbecue and spend a night sleeping in an actual Maasai boma (extra cost for clients - minimal).*

Overnight at Meserani Snakepark for those not staying in the Maasai boma.



Goat  
barbecue



Maasai  
Mud Hut



Thursday 25/8/16:  
Hold a Sports Day for Lesiraa Primary School, Meserani  
Juu Primary School and Meserani Chini Primary  
School.

Overnight at Meserani Snakepark.



Sack  
Race

Obstacle  
Race



Friday 26/8/16:

Drive to Nairobi.

Overnight at Wildebeest Eco Camp, Nairobi.



Saturday 27/8/16:  
*Option: Visit Giraffe Sanctuary*  
 (extra cost involved for clients –  
 1,000 KSh).

Meal and live stage show at  
 Safari Park Hotel.

Overnight at Wildebeest Eco Camp, Nairobi.



Sunday 28/8/16:  
 Flight back to the U.K.

## TRIP ORGANISATION

The trip is being provided by Kupenda Africa, and the trip leaders will be the staff from this company. Because much of the time spent in Tanzania will involve the work of The Meserani Project, Diane and Peter Swan will be directing the work here. You can visit the company website at:

[www.kupendafrica.com](http://www.kupendafrica.com)

Kupenda Africa will be providing everything for you when you arrive in Nairobi, but flights and insurance are your own responsibility. This allows you the flexibility to select flights that are suitable for you, and many of you will already have annual travel insurance policies anyway.

Peter Swan will be providing help and guidance with booking the flights, for those who need it.

There are options on several days to upgrade your accommodation from camping to semi-luxury lodges or basic rooms. These options will be available at:

Fish Eagle Camp, Lake Naivasha.

Meserani Snake Park.

Kudu Lodge, Karatu.

Please contact Kupenda Africa as early as possible to enquire about cost and availability.

There is the flexibility on some days for you to 'do your own thing', so long as it does not affect what the majority of participants wish.

## COST

The prices given below are a provisional estimate, and are based on current international currency exchange rates. However, we are confident that they are reasonably accurate.

The cost of the actual trip in East Africa – payable to Kupenda Africa, is:

350 U.S. Dollars for the safari truck and staff.

360 U.S. Dollars for all food (this includes the meal and show at the Safari Park Hotel).

120 U.S. Dollars for all camping fees.

75 U.S. Dollars entry to Tarangire National Park.

5,950 Kenyan Shillings for the stay at the Crater Lake Sanctuary Luxury Tented Camp.

This all adds up to just under **£700** in sterling.

Over and above this, there will be the following costs for things that you will need to purchase yourself:

Flights from the U.K. to Nairobi. Flights for August are normally between £600 and £700 return with Turkish Airlines from Manchester, and up to £985 with KLM from Durham Tees Valley. Flights with Emirates from Manchester or Newcastle are usually less than £700 if you book early. There are many other flight options, with different airlines, and from different airports. Peter Swan can provide assistance and guidance with this for those who require it.

Your own travel insurance. Peter Swan can provide assistance and guidance with this for those who require it. Please ensure that your insurance covers scheduled airline failure, and end supplier failure (company ceasing trading).

100 U.S. Dollars for Visas for Kenya and Tanzania. These can be bought at the borders.

### Other considerations:

- You will need to buy your own bottled water each day, although the cost of this is negligible.
- You will need a Yellow Fever vaccination to get into Tanzania – these currently cost about £58. There are other vaccinations that you may well need, but these should all be free.
- You will need anti-malaria tablets – these currently cost about £35 for a two-week visit if you buy Lariam, about £47 if you choose the more expensive option of Malarone, and about £24 if you choose the new Malarone alternatives. These are high-street chemist prices, but you will get them cheaper at supermarkets or online chemists.
- You will need a large hold-all to carry all your clothing and personal requirements.
- You will need a 3-season sleeping bag and a karrimat or lightweight sleeping mattress, and will be expected to share a tent with another person.
- You will not need any other specialist clothing or equipment.

To gain an insight into the trip, you can read some of the reviews submitted by participants on the 2014 Trip.  
Go to our website [www.meseraniproject.co.uk](http://www.meseraniproject.co.uk)  
and follow the links: Africa Expedition 2014 – Trip Reviews



## **PLEASE BEAR IN MIND**

If you are sponsoring a pupil through The Meserani Project, and they are still at secondary school in 2016, then you will have the opportunity to meet them, unless they are ill and absent from school.

If your sponsored pupil has left secondary school, there may be the chance to visit them in their homes, and spend some time with them. However, if your pupil was in Further Education, they could be at a College or High School hundreds of miles away, and there would be no guarantee of you meeting them.

Whilst the itinerary is the same for everyone, there is often the flexibility for you to make your own arrangements, and spend time on activities that are preferable to you.

The truck will be a non-smoking environment, as will all eating areas.

## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NEXT**

Buy your flights to Nairobi as soon as they become available. You need to arrive in Nairobi early on the morning of Saturday 13 August 2016, and depart from Nairobi on Sunday 28 August 2016. Contact Peter Swan if you require assistance or further details regarding this.

Some of the group have already said that they intend to travel out earlier, and spend some time at Meserani with Peter & Diane before joining the group in Nairobi on 13 August. Contact Peter Swan if you would like to discuss this possibility.

Once you have booked your flights, please inform Grace and Jason at Kupenda Africa to let them know: [kupendaafrica@gmail.com](mailto:kupendaafrica@gmail.com)

You will then need to pay a 50% deposit to Kupenda Africa by May 2016, by international bank transfer (in U.S. Dollars), with the remaining 50% being paid in cash when you arrive in Kenya.

If you wish to upgrade your accommodation, please let Grace know as soon as possible. The options are:

- An en-suite room at Fish Eagle Lodge, Lake Naivasha.
- An en-suite room at Kudu Lodge, Karatu.
- A basic room at Meserani Snake Park.

Prices for these options can be obtained by contacting Grace at Kupenda Africa.

*Peter Swan*