



MOSHI TANZANIA –TRAVEL GUIDE

People from around the country will meet in Moshi, Tanzania—to celebrate the ordination of the Transitional Deacons, to visit the parishes and families of the new priests, meet all the senior seminarians, optionally: go on a safari, visit St Pamachus School for Special Needs, visit Upendo orphanage, family and community wells, and other activities.

While in Tanzania: Tentative stay in Tanzania—26 Aug—9 Sept 2024 (arrive home 10 Sept).

We are official guests of the diocese; our group will be met at the airport and taken to the retreat centre. It is approx. 1 hr drive from the airport.

Safari—3 days/2 nights to the wildlife parks. Pricing TBD.

Activities—meet all the senior seminarians 1 Sept 2024; visit St. James Minor Seminary, homes and parishes of priests and seminarians; visit the Upendo orphanage; Moshitown, water well projects in progress and completed, etc.

Visit homes—this is the real life-changing experience of your visit to Moshi. You are welcomed with great love by the people of the Moshi Diocese. Come see how they can have so much joy!



BEFORE YOU GO:

1. Make sure your **passport is good for six (6) months** after our arrival in Tanzania. Leave a copy at home.
2. The **visa for Tanzania** costs Americans \$100. You can now apply online.
3. **Visit a doctor** to review recommended immunizations. Proof of **Yellow Fever vaccination**—or a **waiver** is required to enter the airport in Moshi if you travel through Ethiopia—but not if you arrive on KLM or Qatar Airways. There is NO yellow fever in Tanzania; we need this proof of vaccine or waiver IF we are flying through Ethiopia. (This group is not). **Malaria prophylaxis** is recommended. **Traveler's diarrhea** does happen. Be prepared with a quinolone antibiotic, such as ciprofloxacin. Check the Tanzanian Embassy website about other restrictions related to Covid closer to your departure.
4. **Travel insurance is not generally needed.**
5. **Baking soda** can be useful—for deodorizing soggy shoes, cleaning, etc. Just bring the whole box (not sure if it is available for purchase there).

6. It can be rainy or dry. Best to plan for both. A waterproof jacket could be helpful. Make sure your shoes can withstand mud and are secure enough to walk on muddy paths.

PACKING:

1. People should wear **modest clothing** that also protects from mosquito bites. Long skirts are appropriate for women. Men may want to bring a sport coat or cardigan sweater for more formal occasions such as the ordination celebrations.



The girls show off their dresses made in Moshi.

2. For wildlife park excursions, bring typical **"safari"-style clothing**. If you go to Zanzibar, modest beach apparel is acceptable.
3. We can have our **laundry washed at the retreat centre**—so you can come with one week's worth of clothing and have them laundered.



MONEY:

1. **Bring cash in like-new US currency printed in 2009 or later.** \$100's and \$50's get a better exchange rate than \$20's. **No marks, tears, or defects.** We will exchange money in Moshi town the day after we arrive. The average exchange rate is around 2200 TZS per \$1USD.
2. Bring a **credit card** for emergency use. Call the credit card company and inform them of your travel plans and destinations. Most purchases are paid in cash.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

1. We stay at **Mwenge Retreat Centre**. There are single and double rooms, each with a private bath.



<<< Yes, you sleep under mosquito netting!



2. **Breakfast and dinner** are included in the \$40/day single and \$30/day per person double occupancy rates. Lunch will be taken in various places. We may give a donation to the host (such as a parish or seminary). Transportation cost \$30/day; tips \$200 per 2-week visit. **I need to check if this has changed for 2024**
3. **Drink only bottled water!!!! Only brush your teeth with bottled water.**



4. **Electricity is 220V.** You need this adapter if you use an electrical appliance (eg. Shaver or hair dryer). You also need a converter if the device is not auto-switching. (Computers and phones are au-

September weather forecast—high 71F, low 63F

Overnight during the safari can get colder!
Plan to wear layers!

It may rain. Be prepared.

TIPS FROM TRAVELERS

1. Be sure to have plenty of **Purell** or the equivalent. It is very important to keep your hands clean—and don't touch them to your mouth, nose or eyes.



2. Bring your own **hangers**—and plan to leave them there.
3. We each get one bath towel. If you need an **extra towel** for your hair or for other things, please bring a spare towel with you.

4. There are **no electrical outlets in the bathrooms**. If you need a mirror to do your hair or shave in proximity to an electrical outlet, please bring something like a **camping mirror**.

5. Power may go out at any time. Be sure you have a **flashlight** that you can carry with you.

6. **Mosquito repellent** is a must! The OFF towelettes are best thing I've found for convenience. These should be readily available in the spring.



7. Moshi is 7 hours ahead of the east coast and 10 hours ahead of the west coast in June/July. You might need an **alarm clock** (or your phone alarm) to wake up in the AM their time.

8. Don't forget your **meds**.

9. Packs of tissues may be handy just in case!

10. Print and carry your **itinerary** with you as we travel by air.

11. Contact your **cell phone** company to turn on coverage in Tanzania if you want to use your phone there. We have access to wifi most of the time.

Some people seem to attract **mosquitoes** and some don't. Wear long sleeves, full-length trousers and skirts; keep your skin covered. Put insect repellent on in the morning when you get dressed. Don't risk getting malaria! Avoid lotions and fragrances; they attract mosquitoes.



It can be chilly there. The locals and the visitors dress in layers!



It is always respectful of the people and the country we are visiting if we try to adapt to their culture and customs—such as “dressing up “ for their special occasions and dressing modestly— no short skirts, shorts, or tank tops please. ☺



How the locals dress for ordination

TRAVELING— The airline on which you travel will depend on your airport of origin as the flight route can vary considerably. **No airline chosen yet**

Typically, each economy class passenger may **check 2-50 lb bags free-of-charge**; additional bags are typically charged up to \$200. We ask that you pack one of your bags with your personal belongings and either you pack the second bag with needed items (such as liturgical items) or allow us to use your second baggage allowance to transport other items.

Carry-on baggage—Restrictions are dependent on the airline.

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