Rustic Pathways

2019 Visa Information

U.S. citizens must obtain a Tourist Visa for Tanzania prior to departure from the USA. Instructions are below for completing the application process. The Visa requirements for non-US citizens vary widely.

Rustic Pathways has partnered with G3 Global Services to provide support for the visa process and make this as simple as possible for you. For US Citizens and residents, G3 can assist with visa applications as well as passport renewals and additional pages (fee paid directly to G3). G3 will refer non-US residents to the appropriate embassy, consulate or resource as needed free of charge.

Instructions for US Citizens

To take advantage of G3 assistance, please follow the attached application and an instruction sheet from G3 Global Services as well as the attached application. Please note that there are additional requirements listed for travelers under age 18. If you have any questions or problems as you move through this process, please reach out to G3 directly at 888-883-8472 or <u>RusticPathways@g3visas.com</u>.

Should you choose to apply for your visa directly through an embassy or different visa service, please contact your personal travel advisor for the additional information needed. The online forms are valid for G3 Global Services only.

We recommend that you apply for your visa 6-12 weeks prior to your departure from the US. If you wish to apply for your visa more than 12 weeks in advance of departure, please email RusticPathways@g3visas.com to discuss your visa processing.

Also note, your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond your final session date. We also strongly recommend you have at least 3 to 5 blank pages available, as entrance requirements frequently change and you may be denied entry should these pages be unavailable.

We highly recommend you use certified mail or a delivery service such as FedEx or USPS Express Mail when sending your passport to a visa service. Please be sure to use a service that enables you to track your package and provides a delivery confirmation.

Instructions for Non-US Citizens

G3 is able to process visas for non-US citizens who reside in the US, and will provide guidance for travelers who reside outside the United States. If you are a non-US citizen, please reach out to G3 for more information about the visa process directly at 888-883-8472 or RusticPathways@g3visas.com.













Each Traveler Must Send the Following Documents to G3:

- Your valid, signed US passport. Your passport must have two blank pages labeled "Visas" and be valid for more than six months beyond the end of your trip.
- Two identical 2" x 2" passport size photographs with white background.
- One visa application form, completed and signed.
- A copy of your international flight itinerary.
- A copy of your Rustic Pathways tour itinerary (attached).
- Non-US citizens, submit a valid I-94 or copy of Permanent Resident Card.
- If you are under age 18, submit the following additional items:
 - Photocopy of your birth certificate showing both parents' names.
 - Photocopy of both parents' passports (photo/signature page) or driver's licenses.
 - Completed Letter of Consent (attached) signed and <u>notarized</u> by both parents.

Send all documents, including this completed order form, to G3's Washington, DC address using a service with tracking such as Federal Express.

Contact and Shipping Information: Provide a street address for FedEx delivery - no P.O. boxes.	Fees: Payment includes Embassy fees, G3 service fees, and return shipping via Federal Express. Requirements and fees are				
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Parent's Email We will email you status updates, including a shipping confirmation.	 All fees are payable to G3 by: Credit Card: American Express, Visa, or MasterCard Check or Money Order payable to G3 Global Services 				
Your passport will be returned via Federal Express. FedEx delivers to residential addresses with <u>no signature required</u> ; please note below if you require a signature release for your package. (Redelivery fees may apply.)	For Payment Via Credit Card: I authorize G3 to charge the amount of \$ plus a 5% convenience fee to my credit card.				
Visa Validity: Your Tanzania visa will be valid for multiple entries with a 30 day stay.	Visa/MasterCard:				
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	Signature				

G3 Global Services, LLC acts on the behalf of the client, and takes no responsibility for the services rendered by Travel Agents, Consulates or Embassies in connection with granting of visas. G3 Global Services, LLC takes no responsibility for delays or loss of passports as may occur through above services, or by delivery services. Damage compensation is not available. 2/19

Letter of Consent

Date:

Visa Section Embassy of Tanzania, Washington, DC

Dear Consular Officer:

This letter is to express our consent for our child to go on a trip to Tanzania with Rustic Pathways. We request that you issue a visa to our child.

Our child's passport details are as follows:

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Pate of Entry to Tanzania	
Pate of Exit	

We will be responsible for any travel expenses incurred by our child while traveling in Tanzania. Air and land transportation and lodging have been pre-paid.

Rustic Pathways leads educational tours for high school students, and can be contacted at 15345 Chardon Windsor Road, Huntsburg, OH 44046; telephone 800-321-4353. Should you have any questions for us, we can be reached by telephone at ________.

Thank you for your assistance with our child's visa request.

Sincerely,

Mother

Father

This letter must be notarized.



THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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Rustic **Pathways**™



Culture and the Crater

Service buffs will enjoy this rustic, two-week intensive program. Spend most of your days completing service work in a village outside of the Ngorongoro Crater in northern Tanzania. Work on infrastructure improvements at the local primary school, and lead English lessons with the students. Spend a day with a nomadic tribe, the Hadzabe, learning about their unique lifestyle. Reward your hard work with an incredible safari through the crater, spotting as many of the 25,000 species as possible that inhabit the area.

Safety Alerts

Yellow Fever Vaccination Shortage Until Mid-2018

The Centers for Disease Control has announced a shortage in yellow fever vaccine within the U.S. through mid-2018. If interested in receiving this vaccine, please talk with your doctor and visit this website to find a travel clinic near you that has the vaccine. It is recommended that you always call the clinic before arriving onsite to verify their available supply.

In relation to Rustic Pathways' programming, this shortage only affects students traveling directly from Peru to a Latin American country (including Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba).

Visit the CDC website for detailed information on Yellow Fever or to learn more about specific regions the CDC has identified as an infected country.



Africa Here We Come!

Days 1 - 2

Your adventure in Africa begins as soon as you board the flight to Tanzania. All of Rustic Pathways' scheduled group flights to Tanzania depart from New York and are escorted by a flight leader. After boarding the flight in the evening, you'll have plenty of time to relax, get to know your fellow travelers, and sleep in preparation for your arrival to Africa. Team Tanzania will be ready and waiting to take you on the adventure of a lifetime when you arrive at the airport.

Welcome to Tanzania! You will arrive into Arusha in the evening and transfer to the Rustic Pathways guesthouse. This first night in Africa will offer the chance to get to know the other students on your program, your staff members, and your new host country. Your guides will give you a quick orientation that will introduce you to the local culture and prepare you for an exciting week of service.

Service with Heart

Day 3

Today you will drive up to our northern base located in the heart of the village you will be serving, located about an hour from the town of Karatu. Your first day will be one of familiarizing yourself with the village and the people that you will be working closely with for the next two weeks including respected village elders, teachers from the primary school, the headmaster, masons and of course many of the children. You will also be introduced to the students you will be spending time with on an education exchange project. During the next two weeks, you will have the chance to get involved in a number of different service projects while you are here, giving you a broad perspective on life in Tanzania.

After a long day, filled with a lot of information, you will return to your campsite in the village for a delicious hot meal and discussion around cups of tea.

Giving Back

Days 4 - 6

The next two weeks will offer you the chance to really dig in and get to know the community during your service projects. Each morning, you will be assigned to a specific project, and your team will work alongside and under the guidance of a Rustic Pathways staff member and various members of the local community. There will be plenty of time at the school, where you can get to know local students through activities designed to promote teamwork, citizenship, cultural competence, and communication. The heart of your time will be spent on infrastructure improvements, which will likely take the form of classroom renovations, teachers' housing to improve student-to-teach ratios, or water access projects. Whichever project you end up on, the work you do here will have a direct impact on the community.

After lunch you will return to the project and continue to work for a few hours. When the service work ends, your afternoons will be filled with fun activities that introduce you to the area. You may play a village team in a soccer match, hike to a neighboring village or learn a local handicraft. Roughly every other day you will have time to meet with your education exchange groups to continue to build non-cognitive skills. As you sit with the students, share stories about your families, daily schedules, classes, hopes and dreams, developing a strong friendship along the way!

Animal Tracking with the Hadzabe

Day 7

After an early morning breakfast, you will be joined by a guide who will lead us to a community-centered culture program to promote the culture and way of life of the famous Hadzabe, Tanzania's last remaining hunter-gatherer tribe. Today is a fascinating day of discovery! Once you arrive, you will head straight out on the hunt, possibly even bows in hand. Through observation, as the Hadzabe speak no English, you will learn about their unique culture; one of the few nomadic tribes left on the planet. You will learn how and where they make their fires, what type of animals live around Lake Eyasi, how their trained senses can track even the smallest of creatures and even visit a blacksmith who will show you how he makes the various arrowheads and tools of the tribe.

Sack to Work

Days 8 - 11

Back in the village, you will return to your various projects. By now you should be able to use a little Swahili and surprise the villagers and children with greetings and basic conversation. Now used to the area and projects, you will dig in twice as hard and focusing on service and cultural immersion as you learn to do things like making the local staple food, milking goats, or harvesting maize.

Ngorongoro Crater

Day 12

After all that hard service work, a trip to explore the wilds will be well earned. Ngorongoro is the largest unbroken caldera in the world. Inside the crater is a thriving ecosystem of lush forests, vast grasslands, a freshwater lake, and some 25,000 wild animals, including lions, zebras, elephants, and gazelles. It is also the traditional home of the Maasai, who live both within the crater and around its rim.

As you climb in a safari vehicle and begin the short drive to the mouth of the crater, prepare to catch a glimpse of some of Africa's most magical creatures. The famous Big Five game animals – lions, leopards, elephants, cape buffalo and rhinoceros – all make their home here. You may also catch a glimpse of the Maasai grazing and herding their cattle.

Last Days in the Village

Days 13 - 14

Once again, return to the community and your various projects. You have two more days to complete your work and spend time with the students that have hopefully now become your good friends.

On your last evening in the village, enjoy a closing ceremony with the students, teachers, and community leaders. Exchange contact information with newfound friends, say goodbye to the community that has been your home for two weeks, and hopefully plan your return one day!

Goodbye Africa

Return to Arusha early in the morning for a hot shower. Enjoy a Swahili meal in town for your last taste of local cuisine, and then hit the markets and barter prudently as you browse the stalls for popular souvenirs like paintings, Tanzania soccer jerseys, wood-carved masks, the Masai tribal blanket called the shuka, and more! Options abound. Compare your purchases with your friends as you prepare for your journey home in the evening.

Return Home

Day 16

Return home to the sights, sounds, and smells you grew up with, and the loved ones who will greet you at the airport as you say goodbye to your newfound friends. Take a moment to pause and reflect on what you and your group accomplished. What challenged you? How did you engage with the place and the people that you visited? And more importantly, how will you amplify their stories as you tell others about the growth-filled experience you've just had?