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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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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Climbing Kili

Adventure to the roof of Africa on this six-day trek to the continent's highest peak. Start with a short introduction to the unique culture of the region as you engage in a community service project, immerse in the tribal history of the Chagga people, and acclimate to prepare for your climb. Considered a non-technical climb, the route up Mount Kilimanjaro is highly challenging but can be conquered by anyone with good physical and mental fitness. You'll hike along scenic trails each day and spend your nights sleeping in tents under the stars. After several days of climbing, wake up before dawn for your final ascent to the summit where you'll stand above the clouds and look down on some of the finest views in Africa. The program comes to an end in Arusha where you'll explore the local markets and enjoy a farewell feast with your hiking companions.

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.

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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.



No-Stress Travel Guarantee!

With our No-Stress Travel Guarantee, you may cancel for any reason up until the day of travel, and escrow 100% of the program fees for up to two years from the cancellation date.

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 Kilimanjaro in the evening and transfer to your guesthouse in Moshi, the small but bustling staging town for Kili excursions. 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 the adventurous two weeks ahead.

Stretch Out!

Day 3

Work out that flight tiredness and immediately strike off on an adventurous hike in the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro! Drive to Marangu village, one of the main starting points for those attempting to summit the mighty mountain. Take a short hike to viewpoint and religious pilgrimage site, where the Moshi valley opens up on one side and if you are very lucky, the Kili summit dominates the other . . . though it is usually shrouded in mist. On the way down, stop by a historic Chagga tribal cave refuge, a place this innovative tribe built into the sandstone to hide from their enemies. Wrap the day with a local coffee-making demonstration before heading back for a good night's rest.

Mountain Conservation

Day 4

While it is known for being a world-famous climbing destination, Mt. Kilimanjaro is also a protected national park and an important ecological center for the region. Wake up early and head to a rural village on the slopes, where you will learn about the culture of the local community and partner with them on a development or reforestation initiative. Possible projects you might participate in include building fuel-efficient stoves, building trashcans, planting trees, or cleaning the litter scattered throughout the area. Participate in traditional cooking and harvesting, and end with a rousing song-and-dance routine!



You've participated in community projects, ecotourism, and chimp conservation – now add sustainable agriculture to the mix. You will spend the morning taking a tour of a local coffee plantation where you will be able to see all of the steps that result in the delicious drink you know and quite possibly love, and end the tour treat yourself a sampling session of fresh brews. In the afternoon, visit the pioneer institution of wildlife studies and ecotourism, Mweka. You may even be lucky enough to drop in on a lecture and listen to one of Mweka's notable professors, who are reputed beacons of knowledge in this growing field in east Africa.

Social Enterprise on the Plains

Day 6

Spend your last day before the mountain visiting a local social entrepreneur, who has started a community-based organization to provide high-quality, low-cost education in a sustainable way to communities in the shadow of Kilimanjaro. Learn how strong local leaders are reshaping their own futures, play a game of soccer with the students at their school, and remember that as you climb one mountain, others climb a different sort of mountain. Head back early to your guesthouse for a thorough briefing and gear check, and prepare for the adventure ahead!

• Your Climb Begins!

Day 7

Today, you embark on one of your biggest challenges ever. The trip to the summit moves through five unique climate zones, beginning with the rainforest portion of the trek. After breakfast, you will drive from Njoro Village to Machame gate – the starting point of your Kilimanjaro adventure. From the gate (1,640 meters elevation), the group will trek a distance of about eleven kilometers (estimated hike time: 5-6 hours) to the first base camp of Machame (2,850 meters). Each morning and evening, trip leaders and mountain guides will monitor your health and encourage you to hydrate and fuel up for the days to come. You will camp in tents along the way.

Machame to Shira

Day 8

Practice your Swahili hiking songs as you trek out of the rainforest and into the open, rolling moorlands. Covering eleven kilometers (estimated hike time: 4-6 hours), todays hike will traverse nearly a thousand vertical meters before arriving at Shira 2 Camp (3,810 meters).

After a big dinner to rehydrate and refuel, you will enjoy hot chocolate as you take part in group discussions, journaling and card games with your local guides. Heading back to your tents before bed, don't forget to take a moment and gaze up at the remarkable night's sky.

Shira to Barranco

In preparation for the remaining climb, your group will spend today acclimatizing to the elevation. Hike from Shira Plateau up to Lava Tower (4,630 meters), and past the Arrow Glacier (4,877 meters) before descending to Barranco Camp (3,976 meters). By following the "climb high, sleep low" wisdom, your body will thank you as you near the summit. Today's trek covers about ten kilometers and 6-8 hours.

Barranco to Karanga

Day 10

Today is a short day and will allow your body to continue to adjust to the altitude. Depart Barranco Camp for Karanga Camp (3,995 meters) over about 4-5 hours of trekking through alpine desert.

Karanga to Barafu

Day 11

On the penultimate day of your ascent, continue through alpine desert up to Barafu Camp (4,673 meters). At this point, you have completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. At Barafu you will rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day!

• To the Summit!

Day 12

Your summit approach starts at midnight. After a quick snack and a big group pep talk, you will chant their new Swahili songs as you proceed to the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers. Ascend through the most challenging portion of the trek toward Stella Point (5,685 meters) on the crater rim. This portion of the trek usually lasts six to seven hours and allows for a breathtaking view of the sunrise on arrival for the faster hikers.

Continuing from Stella Point, it's another one or two hours of hiking through the arctic zone before arriving at Uhuru Peak (5,895 meters) for your big group picture and well-deserved celebration on the Rooftop of Africa!

Afterwards, you will turn tail and get out of dodge! Retracing your steps back to Barafu, you will rest for a short lunch before continuing your descent to Mweka Camp (3,068 meters). From the summit, you have the next 12 kilometers (estimated hike-time: 4-6 hours) to reflect on the incredible feat you just accomplished.

Back to Moshi

Day 13

nouay is, as uney say, all downhill. Starting at Mweka, you will cover 10 kilometers (estimated hike time: 3-4 hours) on your way back to Mweka Gate.

After thanking your porters, receiving your certificates of accomplishment and taking one last group photo, you'll pile onto the bus and head back to Moshi for some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

This evening, you will be asked to reflect on your experience, the challenge you faced and what you have learned about your true potential.

Rest and Hot Springs

Day 14

Recover from your climb with a casual morning resting and exploring the markets of Moshi. In the afternoon, take a drive down gravel roads to the Moshi hot springs, locally popular but largely off the beaten path for tourists. Take a dip in the beautiful waters and enjoy a picnic lunch surrounded by sprawling fig trees. In the early evening transfer to a cozy guesthouse in the Arusha suburb of Usa River. End your day with a reflection on the adventure you have just completed, and a closing ceremony to remember.

Goodbye Africa

Day 15

After a full night's sleep, spend your final morning saying goodbye to your friends. 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?

We trust you've had an incredible time and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Kwaheri na safari njema! Goodbye and safe travels!