

CHCA Intercession 2024

May 20-30, 2024

Course Name: Kenya: An African Adventure	
Instructor(s): Dr. Grantham, Mr. Salkil, Mr. Mangual	
Course Type: International	Service Hours: 15
Maximum enrollment: Performance trip based on audition or appointment - 24	Minimum enrollment: 14
Length of trip (if applicable): 13 days	12 nights
Cost: \$4,500.00	

Overview:

Students will explore the many wonders of Kenya. They will experience the vibrant culture through immersive, hands-on experiences. The group will interact with and perform for Kenyan and International schools, Missionaries, Churches, Masai groups, Orphanages. They will discover the history and successes of Kenya as well as the challenges they face today. Students will experience the beauty of the Masai Mara and its vast landscape of migrating animals as well as Mt. Kenya and Mt. Ololokwe. We will also learn from NGO's, international students, eco-tourism leaders as well as those working in the dire conditions of the Mathare slums and the St. Nicholas Orphanage for vulnerable children. This May Term will juxtapose music, adventure, and African cultural immersion.

Course Goals:

1. To present, promote, and emphasize culture, customs and national heritage of Kenya.
 2. To value, understand, and respect cultural differences and similarities through in-depth experience of Kenyan culture.
 3. To present musical concerts to various audiences.
 4. To develop and demonstrate effective communication skills and successfully interact with people of another culture.
 5. To learn about injustice and poverty through direct interaction, study, and reflection.
 6. To experience the natural beauty of Kenya and learn about current conservation programs, their successes, and challenges.
 7. To build relationships, gain international awareness and understanding, and collaborate on a mission project.
 8. Learn from and work with NGO's, Missionaries, Clergy, U.S. service men and women, Tribal groups, Kenyan and International students.
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Reading Component:

Prepared readings on Kenyan culture, history and present-day challenges. Prepare musical presentations.

Writing Component:

A Daily Journal will be required.

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Description: CHCA students will experience many different aspects of Kenya throughout their 13-day stay. Students can expect to do many of the following:

1. Experience a three-day Safari in the Masai Mara, Africa's most famous game preserve, taking multiple game drives and camping in the northern part of the Serengeti. They will see lions, giraffes, hippos, cheetahs, buffalos etc., and learn to throw a spear, shoot bow and arrows, and experience the Masai way of life.
2. Travel to the Rift Valley and hike through Hell's Gates National Park near Lake Naivasha. This beautiful gorge is where Disney artists sketched the movie *Lion King*.
3. Visit the Kenyan National Museum and Snake Exhibition in downtown Nairobi. Learn about the *Cradle of Humanity* through the Leake archeological findings, tribal customs, animals of Kenya, and see many of the world's most venomous vipers.
4. Tour the Kambitu Tea Plantation. Students will learn why Kenya is the 3rd largest tea producer in the world.
5. Spend two days at the Rift Valley Academy. Students will experience boarding school classes, music, chapel, sports, and dorm life with Missionary kids from all over the world.
6. Spend time at the Mathare Slums and St. Nicholas Orphanage. Here students will learn about extreme poverty and the impact of HIV/Aids as well as collaborating on a project.
7. Visit the famous Kitengela Hand-Blown Glass compound and experience how this environmentally conscious group of artists makes masterpieces out of recycled glass.
8. Travel to rural Isinya and learn about a grassroots Masai program that rescues young girls from forced marriages. While in Isinya, students will prepare and cook a Masai meal consisting of roasted goat, maize, and chapatti.
9. Experience Kenyan shopping through bartering at the Triangle Market.
10. Attend the Hekima Language and Cultural Center. Students will learn basic Swahili as well as cultural similarities and differences.
11. Perform and worship together at a rural Kenyan church.
12. Perform for Kenyan schools, the International School of Kenya, churches, U.S. military compound, RVA, and others.
13. Students will primarily stay at the gated Mennonite guest house in Nairobi. Most Kenyans are bi-lingual with English being their primary language.
14. Students will hike up a mountain and participate in other vigorous and adventure-related activities.

This course is well suited to:

Musicians who welcome adventure and are able to be physically active, those who value the natural world, those who are open to cultural exchange.

Cost:

\$ 4,500.00. This includes all lodging, transportation, safari, meals, airfare, luggage fees, and all activities.

Additional costs:

Students will need money for meals on travel day, snacks and souvenirs, a visa - \$75.00, yellow fever vaccination (required – around \$140.00). Parents should consult their family doctor about additional recommended vaccinations or medications.

Passport costs are not included in the price.

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Other Information: This May Term will be audition-based and preference given to 2023-24 musicians. However, if you are not a musician and are very interested in the trip, please contact Dr. Grantham/Mr. Salkil. Placement is still based on all general Intercession processes regarding seniority, lotteries, and late submissions.

Students will need a valid U. S. passport, please apply if needed or if passport will expire before November 30, 2024. Passport information will be requested when registering in UltraCamp.

Tour vendor does not offer trip cancellation insurance, families should consider private trip cancellation insurance on their own.

Trip may depart late on May 17 or early on May 18, 2024

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