

**SAAS OUTDOOR & TRAVEL**

# TANZANIA IMMERSION

**June 15-29, 2025**

**9 Current 9th-11th Grade Students**

**Cost: \$5907**

**TRIP LEADERS: Amanda McCarther, Jon Taylor, Ben Gillen**

Students will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live among the Maasai tribe of Tanzania. During their two weeks in Makuyuni Village, students will work alongside tribe members on a variety of projects, such as sustainable farming, women's empowerment, and school development. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to engage in weekend trips and cultural activities like going on safari, Maasai dancing, and traditional fire making, as well as forming meaningful connections with the locals. During this experience, students will also be participating in a Social Impact Project crafted by SAAS to shape their experience and actively engage in each of our Global Citizenship Principles.

**Prerequisites:** No prior international travel experience is required. However, students should know that our accommodations, though comfortable, will be rustic and there are often power outages. The criteria that we will be looking for are students who are invested in a true cultural exchange, developing a social impact service project, and deepening their curiosity about the world around them.

**Must be a proficient swimmer.**

**A current passport is required.**



## **Itinerary:**

### **June 14-15**

Travel to Tanzania from Seattle. IVHQ will pick us up at the airport and take us to our accommodations.

### **June 16**

Program orientation which covers an introduction to Tanzania, customs, language, rules and expectations, safety, and an introduction to our project and placement.

### **June 17-20**

First week of volunteering. Volunteering is usually 3-4 hours per day followed by free time to explore, reflect, and relax. Students will also be using this down time to work on their Social Impact Project.

### **June 21**

Kitoto Safari Tour

### **June 22**

Rest day

### **June 23-27**

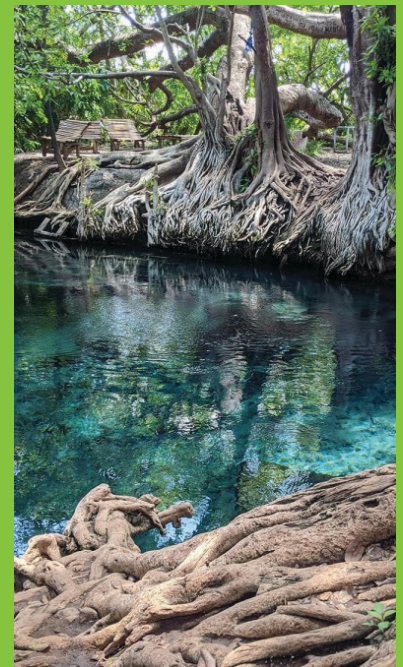
Second week of volunteering

### **June 28**

Chemka Hot Springs

### **June 29-30**

Travel from Tanzania to Seattle





**Trip Goals:** This trip aligns with each of the Global Citizenship Principles: to understand one's own perspective and the perspectives of others on global issues, to celebrate cultural diversity, and to foster connections and build relationships with people from other countries and cultures. To appreciate the ways in which the peoples and countries of the world are interconnected and interdependent, to develop a deeper understanding of global issue, and to advocate for more effective global equity and justice in the world community.

The Social Impact goal is for daily individual and group reflections in which students focus on the Maasai's stories, experiences, and needs that have been directly communicated in order to create a Community Development Analysis whose findings can be addressed by next year's student group. Students will then present their discoveries at an all Upper School meeting in the fall trimester. The goal is to create a recurring trip that fosters a deeper connection between Tanzania and SAAS.

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