

FAQ KENYA 2019 TRIP

1. When is the trip?

February 14 to 24, 2019. This is the eleventh annual trip led by Dr. John Stanko, who has been going to Kenya since 1997.

2. Where is the destination?

Kenya, East Africa. The team travels to many parts of that country. The itinerary may be through Europe or on the new non-stop flight out of New York City.

3. Who will go?

Students from the Geneva College's CUBM program, and church members from Allegheny Center Alliance Church, Rapha Ministries, and other local congregations. Usually there are 12-15 people on the team, but there is no limit to the number who can go. This year, there has been a lot of interest because the trip is shorter, so the number could reach 25-30, which is not a problem

4. What are the activities?

The group will visit a local church, orphanage, community library center, church schools and ministry partners in and around Nairobi. Then those going will have the option of visiting our ministry partner in Bomet or going on a two-day safari to the world famous Masai Mara.

5. What is the cost?

\$2,830, and that includes almost everything—airfare, hotel, local safari parks, breakfasts, ground transportation, four dinners, and gratuities. The optional safari is an additional \$695 and that includes all six meals over the two days, lodging, game drives, transport to and from the Mara, and park entrance fees (meal drinks not included).

6. When does the money need to be paid?

A non-refundable deposit needs to be paid by October 31, 2019. The reason it is non-refundable is that this money will be used to secure your seat on the plane. Deposits paid after this date may be subject to an additional surcharge depending on the cost of the plane fare. Then all other fees need to be paid by January 21, 2019. There are no refunds on the non-airfare portion of the expense after February 10.

You must have a current passport that does not expire before August 2019. Your airline ticket cannot be purchased until you have your passport and submit a copy of the picture page to Dr. John.

7. Where can I get more information?

Go to YouTube and search “John Stanko” and you will find 100 short videos that give a glimpse into the team’s activities in Kenya. Or go to John Stanko’s blog at www.johnstanko.us/kenya/ to read more about his ongoing work and presence in Kenya.

8. Can I raise money for the trip?

Yes. This is a missions trip, for we are going to encourage and minister to our Kenya partners, so you can raise money to cover the cost of the trip. People can send their tax-deductible support for your expenses to Dr. John’s nonprofit ministry, PurposeQuest International, PO Box 8882, Pittsburgh, PA 15221-0882. All checks, made to PurposeQuest, Int’l., must be clearly marked that the funds are to be credited to your account. You may wish to collect the checks in bulk and send them to the PurposeQuest address yourself. You may also use a credit card to pay for your trip expenses.

9. Is there an information meeting?

There is only one information meeting on Saturday, September 22 at Allegheny Center Alliance Church in room 120 of Union Place at 801 Union Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Dr. John will be there from 9:30 to noon and you may stop by at any time and stay for as long as you need to ask questions and meet others who will be going on the trip.

There will be regular videos sent to you from Dr. John that describe what you can anticipate on the trip and what you need to bring, how you should dress, etc.

You may write johnstanko@gmail.com with any questions or call his office at 412.646.2780.