GOKILI Visiting Schools Programme
1. Tanzania is just a little bit more than twice the size of California and is the largest country in East Africa.

2. Over 120 languages are spoken in Tanzania with 120 different tribes.

3. The world’s earliest human skull was found in the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania.

4. Tanzania has the largest concentration of wildlife animals per square kilometre in the world, with more than 4 million wild animals and representatives of 430 species and subspecies.

5. Mount Kilimanjaro at 19,341 feet above sea level, is the largest mountain in Africa.

8. Tanzania is bordered by the Indian Ocean and eight countries; Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique.

9. 3 of the largest lakes on the continent are in Tanzania; Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika and Lake Nyasa.

10. Tanzania has 16 national parks with a combined area of 57,000 km².

"I really enjoyed the camp and the GOKILI facilities. The only two things I think I would like more of would have been one or two more days of work and more African food! Thank you very much it was fantastic. See you soon." Farifa
INTRODUCTION

GOKILI Visiting Schools Programmes is part of International School Moshi (ISM), the first International Baccalaureate school in Africa situated in north-eastern Tanzania at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro.

This is a truly superb location that offers easy access to world famous mountains, national parks and coastlines. We are able to offer exceptional opportunities for schools wishing to visit Africa to enhance their students’ learning and CAS or Duke of Edinburgh experiences. With many years’ experience in hosting visiting schools GOKILI is well placed to provide a memorable experience to students from across the world. Visiting schools have the chance to generate a self chosen programme that can include community service projects, safaris, trekking, climbing, coastal visits, field studies and cultural tours. A programme for a visiting school can be anything from 7 to 21 days and is suitable for age 14 and above.

Whether you are an International Baccalaureate school seeking an enriching CAS opportunity for your students, or a national or international school aiming to broaden your students’ perspectives on the world, GoKili will provide an experience that your students will value enormously.

QUICK FACTS - OUR MISSION

VISION

Enabling students to be active Global Citizens through a challenging CAS programme, that inspires the creation of sustainable futures for local Tanzanian children through contributing to Tanzanian state schools and the communities they operate in.

MISSION

Our mission is to provide a world-class CAS programme in a dynamic environment. We are committed to contributing towards developing balanced global citizens who are empowered to act responsibly in a complex world.

OUR AIMS

• To build classrooms in state schools to help reduce class sizes and improve the educational environment.
• To improve facilities in state schools in the Kilimanjaro Region with the aim of improving the quality of education for children.
• To provide a life changing experience for visiting school students.

TWO PROGRAMME PATHWAYS

VSP PATHWAY

GOKILI VSP is committed to offering authentic and dedicated community service projects to our visiting schools, and we provide many such projects each year. We are proud that we are able support many local schools, organisations and remote communities with the generous and willing assistance from your visiting students. There are a number of programme frameworks and itineraries to choose from for your trip and these can be organised at anytime suitable for your group during the year. Please see page 4 for more information.

CAS CAMP PATHWAY

Our CAS Camp takes place in the June/July holidays and is hosted on our 50-acre boarding campus with access to all the facilities a boarding school can offer. CAS Camp differs from VSP trips in that we host a number of schools at the same time with a maximum number of 100 students. CAS Camp therefore offers the opportunity for your students to meet other students from different parts of the world in order to participate as part of a large team with the common goal of community and service.
CAS Camp normally runs each year from mid June for approximately 8 days. Please email vsp.gokili@ed.ismoshi.com to confirm the dates for this year’s life changing student experience.

What the CAS camp offers I think is really good. We actually help children and we see the appreciation and happiness in their eyes when we meet them. Also the experience we gain in the camp is something very important for us as individuals and future adults. We broaden our knowledge about different parts of the world; you see it, not only hear about it.” Kira Kisselwa

PROGRAMME

This 10-day African experience will include:

- Community Service
- Waterfalls
- Moshi town visit
- Orphanage visit
- Maasai boma visit,
- 3 day safari around the Northern Tanzanian parks
- Visit to a recycling Workshop
- Tree planting project
- Coffee farm tour
- Shopping trip
ITINERARY

Day 1
On arrival in Tanzania at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be met by our trip leaders and will be transferred to the campus in Moshi where you will spend your first night.

Day 2
MARANGU WATERFALLS, & TOWN TRIP.
Today will be a relaxing day. You can walk round and discover the beautiful grounds of our campus. We visit the town to change money and then we take you to visit the local Marangu waterfalls. Later we brief you on your CAS project, which starts early the next day.

Days 3 – 6
THE CAS PROJECT.
We work together to support local state schools in the Moshi area. This can include anything from building or painting to laying foundations depending on the needs of the schools involved. It will be hard work but interesting and rewarding. You’ll be glad to have a filling evening meal and a hot shower at the campus after your day of hard work on the project. You will enjoy a local culture night with barbeque on one of the evenings. In total your group will complete 3 days of hard labour, ½ a day of tree planting and, ½ a day visiting an orphanage.

Day 7
SAFARI – TARANGIRE/ LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK.
Our first day of safari and we are up by 6am and ready to leave by no later than 7 am. We journey from our base in Moshi to Lake Manyara National Park or Tarangire National Park where we view game and have lunch.

Day 8
NGORONGORO CRATER.
The Ngorongoro Crater is part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and borders the Serengeti. We go into the park in the morning and have our packed lunch in the crater. We visit a local Maasai Boma before returning to our camp in Karatu.

Day 9
ARUSHA.
We rise early and make our way back to Arusha. Here we visit the NGO Shanga, an organisation that facilitates the recycling of glass and aluminium. The workshop is run by people with disabilities. The Shanga team will take you on a coffee tour and you will enjoy a traditional African buffet lunch. Afterwards you will depart for a quick shop before returning to Moshi for a relaxing evening.

Day 10
Your final day in Tanzania is spent shopping in town in the morning, followed by lunch and time to pack ready to leave in the evening.

QUICK FACTS
- NORTHERN TANZANIA PARKS
  - Manyara is dominated by the long narrow lake Manyara which lies against the western wall of the Rift Valley.
  - The Tarangire national park is located in Manyara Region.
  - The name of the park originates from the Tarangire river that crosses through the park, being the only source of water for wild animals during dry seasons.
  - During the dry season thousands of animals migrate to the Tarangire National Park from Manyara National Park.
  - The Ngorongoro Crater is a large volcanic caldera of breathtaking beauty that supports a bewildering variety and density of wildlife throughout the year.
  - An alkaline lake in the floor of the crater also provides a habitat for colourful flamingo and a variety of other water birds.

QUICK FACTS
- LEARNING OUTCOMES
  - Experience working in a team and recognize the benefits of working collaboratively.
  - Students gain knowledge through managing themselves in a new situation.
  - Increased understanding of the challenges facing ordinary people in a developing country.
  - Students discover more about themselves and their relationship and responsibility to society.
  - Students participate in an activity involving service to the community outside their school & home environment.
  - The chance to make friendships with students from other schools.
  - Students gain valuable insights and reflections for their CAS portfolio, Duke of Edinburgh award or any other project they may be involved in at school.
VISITING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

An opportunity for International students to spend 10 days or more on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, participating in activities to support Community and Service or curriculum requirements. Also included is the opportunity for exploring some of the beautiful Tanzanian landscapes, wildlife and interacting with the many diverse cultures in the country.

VSP PROGRAMMES

Our programmes range from 7, 10 and 14-day African experiences with a focus on Community Service, together with an outstanding safari and cultural experience.

Itineraries are created for individual school needs and can include safari, mountain climbing, cultural visits and the Indian Ocean. Numbers are fixed to a maximum of 24 students and 6 chaperones per group for our school accommodation. Groups that are larger can be catered for in locally arranged accommodation.

Thank you for the opportunity to complete the CAS hours here. I really enjoyed the stay and the ability to help people improve their standard of living. Well done for offering us this opportunity.” Annabel Potil.

QUICK FACTS TIMING YOUR VISIT AND WHEN TO GO

GOKILI operates year round except for some school vacations. Please enquire at the time of booking.

Best time to go: June to October (All parks), June-July and January-February (Serengeti for the wildebeest migration & calving).

High Season: July to March (northern circuit parks; they get crowded), July to October (southern & western circuit parks, where many lodges close down).

Low Season: April & May (northern circuit parks still get quite a few visitors unlike the southern & western circuit parks, where many lodges close down).

Best Weather: June to October (Little to no rainfall)

Worst weather: March & April (Peak of wet season)
**Standard 7 Day Programme:**

**Morning Arrivals**

Day 1  Arrive, transfer to coffee plantation and NGO sleepover in Haven Nature
Day 2  Ngorongoro crater and Masai boma
Day 3  Lake Manyara or Tarangire National Park (depending on season)
Day 4  Tree planting and orphanage Moshi
Day 5  Community Service Project
Day 6  Community Service Project
Day 7  Last minute shopping and depart

**Evening Arrivals**

Day 1  Arrive
Day 2  Tree planting and Orphanage
Day 3  Community Service Project
Day 4  Community Service Project
Day 5  Lake Manyara or Tarangire National Park (depending on season)
Day 6  Ngorongoro crater and Masai boma
Day 7  Last minute shopping and depart

**Standard 10 Day Programme**

Day 1  Arrive, transfer to Moshi
Day 2  Rest, visit local waterfalls, Moshi town trip
Day 3  Community Service Project
Day 4  Community Service Project
Day 5  Community Service Project
Day 6  Community Service Project
Day 7  Lake Manyara or Tarangire National Park (depending on season)
Day 8  Ngorongoro Crater
Day 9  Coffee plantation, NGO & Craft Market visit Arusha
Day 10  Last minute shopping and depart

**Standard 14 Day Programme**

Day 1  Arrival anytime
Day 2  Tree planting & orphanage visit
Day 3  Community Service Project
Day 4  Community Service Project
Day 5  Community Service Project
Day 6  Community Service Project
Day 7  Waterfalls trip
Day 8  Mt Meru / Pares Mountains hike
Day 9  Mt Meru / Pares Mountains hike
Day 10  Mt Meru / Lake Chala Experience
Day 11  Lake Manyara or Tarangire National Park (depending on season)
Day 12  Ngorongoro crater & Masai boma visit
Day 13  Coffee Plantation, NGO & Craft Market visit Arusha
Day 14  Last minute shopping & depart

*Please note Safari includes* – Full board per person, park fees, accommodation (Camping), transport, driver, fuel and ISM OP staff, Maasai Boma, Irawq cultural tour, Lake Manyara/Tarangire NP and Ngorongoro Crater

We are constantly striving to add value and additional activities to our programmes and available options. Dependent on the season and weather not all options will be available all year round, therefore additional and or substitute activities may be provided, following consultation with the school.
EXTRA OPTIONS TO THE STANDARD PROGRAMMES

QUICK FACTS - PROGRAMME ADDITIONS

- Mount Meru is a dormant stratovolcano that rises above Arusha town.
- Kilimanjaro is the tallest mountain in Africa and the tallest free standing mountain in the world.
- Oldonyo Lengai is Tanzania’s only active volcano.
- The Usambara mountains were formed nearly 2 million years ago and are clad in virgin tropical rainforest.
- The Pare Mountains are a mountain range in north-eastern Tanzania not far from Moshi.
- Lake Eyasi is the home of the Hadzabe tribe who are some of the last hunter gatherers living on the continent.
- Pangani beach house is owned by the school and is a great location for educational exploration of the east African coastline and Swahili coastal culture.
- The Serengeti ecosystem is one of the 7 wonders of the world and has the largest concentration of wild animals in the world.

The list below is not finite and we can cater to your individual needs but please be aware our focus is on community service and educational activities.

Please note all options must be selected at time the of booking as late option choices may not be available.

MOSHI ADD ON ACTIVITIES

LAKE CHALA
The world’s deepest crater lake on the Tanzania-Kenya border within a wildlife sanctuary (Full day)

TPC
Tour of local sugar cane plantation and processing factory (Half day, free, 3 months notice required for arrangements)

MOUNTAINS

MOUNT MERU
- Mount Meru First hut 2500 metres (2 days 1 night)
- Mount Meru Little Meru 3850 metres (3 days 2 nights)
- Mount Meru Summit 4950 metres (4 days 3 nights)

KILIMANJARO
- Kilimanjaro 1st Hut 2500 metres (2 days 1 night)
- Kilimanjaro summit 5895 metres camping in huts (6 days 5 nights)

OLDONYO LENGAI
Climb an Active volcano (camping at Lake Natron, 2 days add on to Safari)

USAMBARA MOUNTAINS
Can include wild camping, hiking & cultural visits (camping)

BEACH

PANGANI SCHOOL HOUSE
Explore & learn about the coast (serviced camping min 4 days 3 nights)

SAFARI

LAKE EYASI
Visit the Hadzabe hunter gatherers (1 night)

SERENGETI
Visit the world’s most famous ecosystem (min 3 days 2 nights)

QUICK FACTS - LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students understand participation in action to create societal change.
- Students can track their progress with an evaluation at the end of the trip.
- Students identify their own strengths and develop areas for growth.
- The experience demonstrates that challenges have been undertaken, developing new skills in the process.
- Students learn how to initiate and plan a CAS experience.
- Students learn about commitment to and perseverance in CAS experiences.
- Students learn new skills and recognize the benefits of working collaboratively.
- Students engage with issues of global significance
- Students learn to recognize and consider the ethics of choices and actions.
**HOW TO BOOK YOUR TRIP**

**STEP 1 – Dates and Numbers and chosen programme:**
The first step in bringing a group to GOKILI is for you to let us know your preferred programme (CAS Camp or VSP), your provisional dates and approximate group size including staff. Once we have agreed on available dates, you will need to fill in the registration form and return it to us along with the payment to confirm the dates for VSP or secure your place on the CAS Camp.

**STEP 2 – Every VSP programme is unique and created according to the needs of each visiting school. CAS Camp follows the structured itinerary detailed on page 2 & 3:**
Whilst we offer a number of structured frameworks for VSP the final programme for a visiting school is written once we have commenced communicating with you. We consider your trip focus, student’s age, ability and numbers and then produce a draft programme for you to consider.

**STEP 3 – Pre-trip Communication:**
Prior to your trip we continue to liaise with you on all aspects of trip preparation:
- Final itinerary content
- Programme timing
- Staff and student details form
- Specific dietary and medical details
- Accommodation plan
- Activities included

**STEP 4 – Costs and payment:**
The cost covers everything in your trip from when you arrive at Kilimanjaro airport, and includes all accommodation, food, entry fees, use of facilities, transfers and transport for the duration of your stay until departure. It does not include international airfares, or spending money for souvenirs and snacks.

When we have agreed on the itinerary and cost we will send an invoice. We require full payment to reach us 90 days before your planned arrival date.

The community service project donation of $200 which each student has raised should also reach us at this time.

**AND FINALLY………**
To begin the process, please contact us at:
Email: vsp.gokili@ed.ismoshi.com

The earlier you can book your dates the better as many of our schools book a year in advance and return annually.

Let us give you and your students an experience you will never forget!
GENERAL INFORMATION

TRANSPORT INFORMATION
Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) is 45km from the school and is served by KLM (daily), Ethiopian Airlines (several times a week), and Precision Air (from Nairobi, Kampala, Dar etc.). Moshi is 232km from Nairobi and 542km from Dar es Salaam on tarmac roads. Good shuttle buses can be booked from both, but direct flights to Kilimanjaro airport are strongly recommended if possible. If arriving into Nairobi on a Kenya Airways or other flight it is usually possible to connect to Kilimanjaro International Airport.

The school will provide a meet and greet service at Kilimanjaro International Airport and can provide further details, on application, with regard to shuttle buses from either Dar or Nairobi.

Entry visas are required for most nationalities and may be available at the border, but are better obtained in advance. Please contact your travel agents for further details. We recommend you apply for tourist visas as guests of GOKILI Visiting School Programme International School Moshi. Please check with Gokili for the confirmed date for CAS Camp.

If travel plans necessitate arriving or leaving outside this period we can help schools plan their additional accommodation upon request but please be aware there will be an extra cost for this and we can’t guarantee accommodation availability.

HEALTH
It is important to guard against malaria. The most commonly taken prophylactics is a combination of Chloroquine (once a week) and Paludrine (daily), but visitors should seek their own advice on appropriate drugs before travelling. Long trousers and insect repellent are recommended for evenings.

Protection against sunburn will also be important. Visitors are advised to bring sun hats, sun screen and water bottles.

It is important to ensure you are hydrated as Moshi can be very hot and most won’t be used to the strength of the sun, which is stronger at altitude.

A school nurse will be available on the campus 24hrs a day. There is a private doctor (General Practitioner) nearby who serves the school, and a teaching hospital nearby.

Water on campus comes from our own bore-hole and is chlorinated for drinking purposes.

All visitors should ensure they have appropriate medical/travel insurance including evacuation.

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH PLEASE ASK FOR OUR RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT.

CULTURE, CLIMATE AND DRESS
Moshi is close to the equator and at an altitude of 950m. June is usually a relatively cool time of year, occasionally overcast, with temperatures ranging from approximately 28°C during the day to 10°C at night. Clothing should be chosen with this in mind.

Moshi is a small, quite traditional African town of mixed Muslim/Christian population and although people are used to influxes of tourists preparing to climb the mountain, dress needs to be modest to avoid offence. Off campus, shorts would be inappropriate, and tee shirts should cover shoulders and midriff. A kanga, kikoi or light wrap is useful for walking from the swimming pool, and as a protection from dust when travelling in open vehicles. Public displays of affection will also give offence.

For the CAS project, which involves physical work, students would be advised to bring a shirt with a collar (to prevent sunburn), long light trousers with old trainers or walking boots.

Moshi is a quiet town with a very friendly population but it is in a poor country and petty theft is common, in market areas especially. The school campus itself has a team of watchmen to provide a relaxed, self-contained and secure environment. Facilities will be provided for the safekeeping of passports, tickets etc.

SECURITY FOR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS
The average monthly wage in Tanzania is approx $70 per month and sometimes less than this. We strongly advise that all participants leave any valuables at home like jewellery, laptops, I-pods and expensive smart phones. If any of your group bring anything of value we would advise they deposit these in our safe as soon as they arrive. Remember for part of your trip you will be staying in tents and out in villages where we cannot guarantee that items such as these won’t go missing.

While MP3 players, phones, mini laptops etc. are good for the initial long journey, and any long travel we ask that these are not brought for your trip, since we hope that students will participate fully in the new experience and take the opportunity to get to know each other without lots of technology.

Another reason we ask you to leave such items at home is that we cannot accept responsibility for the loss of an item like this. Tanzania is a very poor country with huge importation taxes. So anything technological is highly prized and with the average person earning as little at $70 per month the temptation can be too much.

THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY
Schools have their own rules regarding mobile phones, however we ask that students do not make or receive calls or texts during activity times.

Ideally we would ask that there is no texting or calling from the minute the students arrive at our campus. The campus has a telephone line you can pay to use or alternatively our group leaders can send messages to loved ones back home to confirm arrival and safety.

We now have a strict rule of no phones allowed at the CAS projects or on visits to local villages or orphanages. Phones can be left in your room or deposited in the head of boarding’s office for safety.

Wi-Fi facilities will only be available for staff, we require students not to use their phones but encourage usage of the IT centre.

During your visit our VSP leaders will take general photographs of schools participating in activities. These will be used appropriately at our discretion in newsletters, information documents & social media sites.

ON CAMPUS FACILITIES
ACCOMMODATION
Participants will share rooms in student houses on campus. Each house, containing bathrooms, kitchen and common room facilities. Staff will be given single rooms in the houses.

MEALS
All meals and snacks will be provided in the dining hall or, where students are off campus for these times, packed meals will be provided.

MONEY
The school will offer money changing facilities for £ sterling or US$ on arrival, but thereafter participants will need to use such facilities available in town. ATM machines that accept Visa cards or MasterCard are available in town.

COMMUNICATION
The computer centre will be open for certain periods so that participants can access email accounts and the internet. There is a letterbox on campus from which mail will be collected daily and taken to the town post office.

SPORTS
A variety of sport facilities and organised activities will be provided. These facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, volleyball, indoor and outdoor soccer, indoor and outdoor basketball, badminton, weights room, table tennis, pool, darts etc.
BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

We would appreciate each school ensuring that every member of the group visiting Tanzania reads the behaviour expectations and this brochure in full. We then ask that every participant is asked to sign the student contract below confirming their understanding of the rules and expectations. We do not wish to make the experience for participants any more restrictive than necessary and we fully recognise that many may be unfamiliar with the ethos of a boarding school, or attend schools that have more liberal approaches. However we need to be mindful of the fact that many CAS camp and VSP participants come from a variety of different cultural and religious backgrounds. It is essential that all participating are therefore also mindful of this. We also wish to ensure we maintain good relations with our local community, other visiting schools and show respect for their values. For this, and other more pragmatic reasons, we do need to insist on certain rules of conduct throughout the CAS camp and VSP Programmes.

STAFF AND STUDENT BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS CONTRACT

It is advised where possible that accompanying staff, are teaching staff and we require a ratio of not more than 7:1 of students to staff. If an accompanying staff member is not a teacher they must be capable of managing a student group in an overseas situation. Accompanying staff will be responsible for supervising the students they accompany at all times.

MANAGING GROUPS

We expect each group to have been briefed prior to the trip on the behaviour expectations outlined below. All students are expected to behave in a way that will not offend other students, staff or local people they may encounter from Tanzania.

PHONES AND TECHNOLOGY

We require each group to bring only 2 or 3 phones maximum along on the trip in order to send texts home to families to confirm safety. The GOKILI programmes are aimed at providing a life changing experience and we do not want to see students or staff texting or calling friends during the programme.

CURFEW

All students are expected to be in their dormitories by 09:30pm with lights out at 10.00pm.

NB This does not apply if on the first day their arrival is after 7pm.

CAMPUS RULES

- The campus is a non-smoking campus and smoking is therefore not permitted anywhere within the school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to consume alcohol during the period of their stay with us.
- For reasons of security, and out of consideration for other participants, students will be asked to observe a curfew each evening.
- It is an expectation that students conduct themselves in an appropriate manner when they are in the dormitories and ensure that noise levels are kept to a minimum.
- For reasons of security, students should only leave the school grounds in groups of at least three, and must inform their supervising teacher of their plans before leaving. Under no circumstances are students allowed to leave the campus at dusk or night on foot.

NB: Accompanying staff are required to supervise the students and ensure their compliance with these rules and expectations.

NAME: ________________________________

SCHOOL: ______________________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________

DATE: _________________________________

SCHOOL STAMP: ______________________

DISCLAIMER

The proposed itinerary created by the GOKILI VSP Office is indicative only; price is subject to information already provided by the client. Any change in this may result in a price variation. Any final itinerary shall be formalized through a confirmation letter with an invoice from GOKILI VSP (GOKILI will provide you the documentation). GOKILI itself does not provide ground-handling services and does not accept any liability for losses, damage, accident, injury, delay or inconvenience caused by third party ground handling services. GOKILI will not be held responsible for any loss, theft or damage of property brought / bought by visiting students or staff. GOKILI can accept no liability for financial costs incurred for medical attention received while in Tanzania. GOKILI reserves the right to make changes to this disclaimer. Any changes to this disclaimer will be posted.
WELCOME! KARIBU!
we look forward to welcoming you to Tanzania and to Kilimanjaro.

PLACES WHERE VISITING SCHOOLS HAVE COME FROM:

Bangkok Thailand
Brussels Belgium
Bahrain
Taunton UK
Sidcot UK
Dhahran Saudi Arabia
Azerbaijan
Dubai UAE

Cairo Egypt
Hiba Pakistan
Sandefjord Norway
Zurich Switzerland
Munich Germany
Hong Kong
Sydney Australia
Abu Dhabi UAE

Saudi Arabia
Muscat Oman
Amman Jordan
Khartoum Sudan
Nairobi Kenya
Paris France
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