

Frequently Asked Questions Global Kilimanjaro Bowl

1. How far is the flight?

From the US it takes about 7-9 hours to Amsterdam, then after a couple hour layover, the flight to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) takes about 8 hours. Flights depart USA in late afternoon/evening, arrive Amsterdam early morning, and arrive JRO in early evening.

2. What is the time difference?

Tanzania is 7 hours ahead of US Central time.

3. What does the tour involve?

There are many elements included in the tour, and as a highlight you can select to either take an amazing wildlife photo safari, or summit Mount Kilimanjaro. Both of these involve the final 6 days of the tour. Of course, you will enjoy being part of the Kili Bowl game between Drake and CONADEIP Mexico. Most importantly, you will share time with precious orphans of Moshi, play and read with them, and offer to help with projects.

4. What kind of hotels and food will be found?

You will be very impressed with the hotels and lodges across Tanzania, as they are each unique, extremely comfortable, finely decorated, and with incredible service. All are open-air designed, many fashioned in traditional style of rounded bungalows with natural roofs. Food is healthy, fresh and filling with local fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood, breads, potatoes and desserts. And the local coffee and tea is world famous, as are the freshly squeezed fruit juices.

5. What are the people like?

You will be amazed. While there is great poverty in many areas, the people seem very happy, are extremely friendly, and retain many of their traditions such as native colorful dress. Tourism is the primary economic driver of the nation, and especially the northern area we will be visiting, with numerous small tour operators who work very hard to help client travelers enjoy the nation of which they are very proud.

6. How safe is it there?

First, there is very little crime in Tanzania as a whole, and especially in the small city of Moshi, and along the routes we will travel. We will be using quality 21-seat coaster buses from the best suppliers and with experienced drivers. While it is odd to be driving on the wrong side of the road (due to British history years ago), and no stop signs or traffic lights, it all works. Finally, our group's security will be overseen by the cousin of our local tour operator president, who is head of the National Intelligence for the Tanzanian military.

7. What is weather like in late May?

Most of the trip will be at elevations of 4,000-7,000 feet, and our trip comes at the end of the rainy season/start of the dry season. Since Tanzania is south of the equator, this will be autumn there, with season high temperatures in the high 70's, and lows in the 60's. There is a chance of rain, moreso during our stay in Moshi, but it could also be sunny and beautiful throughout.

8. What is the game stadium like?

It is a traditional European-style stadium with covered cement bleachers on the home side only, running the entire length of the stadium, keeping fans out of the sun or rain. It is not fancy, but will be properly decorated and prepared for a game of this nature. The field is grass, with a running track around it. Since the field is a soccer field normally, it will be lined to the smaller size of the American football field. There will also be a public address system with announcing being done in both English, the official language, as well as Swahili, the traditional language of Tanzania.

9. What is the money currency?

The Tanzanian shilling is used, currently with an exchange rate of 1500: \$1. ATM machines can be found in most areas, and is the best way to exchange money.

10. Who will be handling things in Tanzania?

Anthony Travel is coordinating the flights and interfacing with our Tanzanian ground tour operator, Kilele Savane, Ltd., whose president, Frank Mella, has guided Drake University Athletic Director Sandy Clubb, and her father, to the top of Kilimanjaro. Each travel group will have local guides on hand throughout the journey, as well as an Anthony Travel tour coordinator.

Global Football President, Patrick Steenberge, traveled to Tanzania in October and visited every area, hotel, park and stadium venue. He personally met at length with Frank Mella, going over every element of the tour. Having produced football games in 18 different countries since 1996, he is eager to showcase Tanzania!