

KENYA



**ACTS OF
WISDOM**



**VOLUNTEER &
EXPLORE KENYA**



HOW IT STARTED:

In 2013, our founder, Brad Otto, embarked on a mission with his home church to build water wells and address the water crisis in Ethiopia. During a visit to an open-air market, a brother and sister approached him with a simple request. As Brad didn't speak Amharic, he turned to the group's guide, Yohannes, to understand their plea. To his surprise, they were asking for a pen—just a pen so they could do their homework.

This humble request for a basic tool, rather than money or food, profoundly impacted Brad. It underscored the vital role of education in providing hope and a pathway out of poverty. Education is one of the top three factors that can help lift individuals out of poverty, yet 145 million children worldwide lack access to it. Even those who can attend school often face severe shortages in essential resources like water, books, stationery, adequate facilities, and teaching aids.

Since 2014, Acts of Wisdom has been dedicated to addressing these needs in schools across Ethiopia, Liberia, and Uganda. We all seek to make a difference, and we believe that focusing on education offers the most significant impact. By nurturing important social connections through education, we can create lasting positive change, fostering love, care, and a better world. Peace begins with education.



WHAT WE DO:

Acts of Wisdom's primary goal is to make the schools we serve some of the top schools in their areas. And we are doing that. From providing school books, and school supplies, expanding classrooms, building libraries, and ensuring the teachers have the proper materials to teach.

Acts of Wisdom has brought down dropout rates **from 35% to .9%**, and our schools are at the top when it comes to students' performance.

In our programs we make sure all of our students have not only their school supplies, but also nutritious meals.

For our girls who represent 60% of our student population we also offer them a place to stay while on their periods, a place where they feel safe, they have access to sanitary products, and can stay on a clean environment and most importantly are able to continue their education with no interruptions.



REQUIREMENTS

A passport that's valid for more than 6 months.

Valid travel VISA.

Yellow Fever Vaccination Card.

All travel recommended vaccines. Please see CDC website for the latest recommendations.

Open heart and flexibility to adapt while volunteering.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Your travel fees helps us cover the cost of daily transportation, airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner, park entrance fees, and tips to support our tour guides and translators.

Please note that Acts of wisdom is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The program fees for this trip do not generate direct financial contributions to the organization.

Aside from your normal packing essentials we recommend:

- Lightweight, breathable clothing: Preferably cotton or moisture-wicking fabric, Kenya has a tropical climate, so expect hot and humid weather.
- Rain gear: compact umbrella or lightweight rain jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals : For exploring cities and rural areas.
- Wide-brim hat or cap: For sun protection.
- Swimsuit: Liberia has beautiful beaches.
- Universal travel adapter: Kenya uses Type A, B, or C plugs with 120V/60Hz power.
- Reusable water bottle with filter.

Good to know:

- Kenya is relatively conservative, so avoid overly revealing attire, especially in rural areas.
- Kenya's official **language is Swahili and English widely used and spoken**, but you will have your tour guide with you at all times.
- Make copies of your travel documents (passport) and carry it with you, we recommend you leave your valuables in a safe place at the hotel.

WHAT TO PACK

DAY 1 - 2 TRAVELING TO KENYA

DEPARTING FRIDAY
MARCH 6TH

Depart Houston late afternoon/early evening to Nairobi.
We arrive in Nairobi late Saturday evening. Transfer to hotel.

DAY 3 - TRAVEL TO NAKURO

MORNING
(7.00)

TRAVEL
(10.00)

DINNER
(18:00)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart Hotel and Travel to Nakuru to checkin in at Airbnb and say hello to our guides and hosts for the trip.

Dinner at Airbnb

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13TH

DAY 4 - VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL

MORNING
(7.00 - 8.00)

VOLUNTEER
(8.00 - 16.00)

EVENING
(17.00 - 19.00)

Breakfast at the Airbnb.

Visit Solai Nyakinyua Elementary School. Welcome ceremony, visit with staff and students on accomplishments.

Drive back to the Airbnb for dinner.

DAY 5 - VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL

MORNING
(7.00 - 8.00)

VOLUNTEER
(8.00 - 16.00)

EVENING
(17.00 - 19.00)

Breakfast at the Airbnb.

Visit School and deliver supplies if needed, interact with students, and watch student program.

Drive back to the Airbnb for dinner.

MORNING
(7.00 - 8.00)

Breakfast at the Airbnb.

VOLUNTEER
(8.00 - 16.00)

Visit School and deliver supplies if needed, interact with students, and watch student program.

EVENING
(17.00 - 19.00)

Drive back to the Airbnb for dinner.

DAY 6 - SOLAI COFFEE FARM

MORNING

(7.00 - 12.00)

Breakfast at the hotel

EXPLORE

(12.00 - 17.00)

Visit Solai Coffee Farm and learn about the coffee process in Africa.

Acts of Wisdom partners with Solai Coffee to not only help farmers but reinvest in the school.

DAY 7 - SAFARI

MORNING

(7.00 - 12.00)

Breakfast at the hotel

EXPLORE

(12.00 - 17.00)

Safari in the morning and then late lunch at Lake Nakuru (Lunch is on your own this day)

DAY 8 - BACK AT THE SCHOOL

MORNING

(7.00 - 8.00)

Breakfast at the hotel.

VOLUNTEER

(8.00 - 12.00)

After breakfast we will drive to the school for our last day of volunteering with the kids. Lunch at the school.

EVENING

(12.00 - 19.00)

Last Minute shopping and drive back to the airport.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

1. Do I need a visa to travel to Kenya?

Yes, U.S. citizens are required to obtain a visa to enter Kenya. You'll need a **valid passport (with at least six months of validity beyond your travel dates)**, a completed visa application, a recent passport photo, and a copy of your travel itinerary. **Processing times vary, please note that you have to physically send your passport to your local embassy or consulate office.**

2. What vaccinations are required before traveling to Kenya?

The Yellow Fever vaccination is mandatory for all travelers entering Kenya, and you'll need to carry a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate as proof.

Other recommended vaccinations include: Hepatitis A and B, and you should also consider taking anti-malaria medication and bring mosquito repellent to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses.

3. How long is the flight from the U.S. to Kenya, and what is the best way to get there?

The total flight time from the U.S. to Kenya depends on your departure city and layovers. The journey typically takes 15–20 hours.

4. What currency is used in Kenya, and should I exchange money before arriving?

We will help you exchange money once we arrive in the country.

5. What are the key health and safety tips for traveling to Kenya?

Health: Drink only bottled or filtered water, and avoid ice or uncooked foods that may have been washed in unclean water.

Safety: Kenya is generally safe for travelers, but petty theft can occur. Keep your belongings secure, and with you at all times and avoid walking alone at night, especially in unfamiliar areas.



TRAVEL FEES \$2,950

Please note that the cost is calculated on double occupancy. Your Travel Fees helps us cover the cost of:

- Airfare based on prices departing from Houston, TX
- Tour guide, translators, and park entrance fees.
- Cost of local transportation and gratuity fees for our drivers.
- Hotel Accommodation with breakfast, and lunch at the school when volunteering.

What's not included:

- Souvenirs and dinners.

FROM OUR FOUNDER. BRAD OTTO

As the founder of Acts of Wisdom, I want to personally thank you for taking the time to learn more about our mission and the work we are doing across Africa. Your visit means more than words can express—not only to me but to the children, families, and communities we serve.

It is no small thing to give your time and energy to come all the way here, to walk alongside us, and to see firsthand the impact of the work we do. Meeting the children in our programs, hearing their laughter, and witnessing their determination to learn and grow is something I hope stays with you as it does with me every day.

I hope you leave with a heart full of joy, unforgettable memories, and a deeper connection to the power of education in transforming lives. From the vibrant classrooms to the eager smiles of our students, every corner of this journey tells the story of resilience, hope, and the belief that education can and does change everything.

As you return home, I ask you to help us share these stories. Spread the word about the incredible potential these children hold and the urgent need to support their dreams. Together, we can inspire more people to join us in building a brighter future through education.

From all of us at Acts of Wisdom, thank you for being part of this journey. Your presence here, your compassion, and your willingness to engage mean the world to us. We are truly grateful for your support and hope to welcome you back one day to witness how your encouragement and advocacy continue to shape lives.

With gratitude and blessings,

Brad Otto
Founder, Acts of Wisdom

THANK YOU!



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