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Tanzania: Climate Change and Sustainability, Zanzibar to Mount Kilimanjaro

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GENERAL FLIGHT INFORMATION

This document is designed to assist you in making your travel arrangements. An essential part of your preparation for studying abroad includes obtaining the proper travel documentation for your international stay. Please read this document carefully to determine if you need to act *immediately* in preparation for travel.

You are responsible for booking your own travel to and from the program location. In addition, it is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions for your airline ticket(s), to reconfirm your flight reservations in advance of the day of travel, and to be aware of airline and TSA regulations for baggage size and contents. SIT is not responsible for additional charges you may incur as a result of airline schedule changes or other travel-related reasons. As you book your flights, we encourage you to purchase tickets on airlines with flexible cancellation and postponement policies.

Individual countries may have specific entry requirements related to COVID-19 (e.g., providing proof of vaccine, providing a negative COVID-19 test prior to travel or testing and/or quarantining upon arrival, etc.). SIT will provide updated COVID-19 related information prior to your travel. . Please read the program's Health Guidelines for recommendations related to preventing the contraction and spread of COVID-19.

Once you have finalized your travel arrangements, please log into your application portal, and enter your itinerary information and any notes about your arrival in the *Travel Information* section of your application. This will ensure that SIT staff knows when to expect you. Please submit your travel itinerary no later than 30 days prior to your program's start date. Failure to do this may mean that we will be unable to arrange a pick-up time for you if your flight arrives before 8.30 pm and you may therefore need to wait a long time at the airport before your scheduled evening pick-up.

NOTE: If you are unable to find suitable travel arrangements which will allow you to arrive at the specified date and time, please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible – BEFORE you make any reservations.

Key Travel is the preferred travel provider for SIT Study Abroad. In many cases Key Travel is able to offer humanitarian and student airfares for travel on SIT Study Abroad programs and may also offer more flexibility in holding airfare reservations, making changes to bookings at affordable or sometimes no cost, and access to reasonable cancellation policies.

If you would like access to Key Travel's Student Booking Portal, [click here](#). SIT does not require you to book with Key Travel, but we encourage you to fill out the form to research flight options.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You are expected to meet your group at the following date and location:

Program Arrival Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2023
Arrival Airport: Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ)

Group Meeting Location: At the exit of the International Arrivals section our staff member will greet you with SIT placard.

Group Will Be Met By: SIT Study Abroad Staff. **Notes:** You are advised to only leave the airport area with an SIT staff member, or someone designated by the Academic Director should there be a change in your itinerary.

Should you be in Zanzibar already or if you intend to arrive at the program by other means, please plan on being at Garden Lodge (near Stone Town in Zanzibar) before 12 noon on the day the program begins. Any taxi driver in Zanzibar can transport you to Garden Lodge for a cost of approximately 10 USD. Again, be sure to call us (the program coordinator on the number listed below) when you arrive.

Arrival prior to the start of the program is NOT possible. No SIT Study Abroad staff will be able to assist you with any matter should you arrive before the program's commencement due to personal travel or for any other reason.

Please note that medical insurance, provided to you through SIT Study Abroad for the duration of your program, is not in effect either before the program start date or after the program end date.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

You are expected to plan your departure for the following date, time, and location:

Program Departure Date: Monday, July 17th, 2023
Departure Airport: Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ)

Earliest Departure Time: Anytime on the scheduled departure date. The program will consolidate transportation of students to the airport, mainly for the nighttime flight. If you choose to fly at another time, you may be responsible for your own transportation.

It is possible to remain in-country after the program ends. If you choose to remain in the country after the end of the program, plan to have a visa long enough to enable you to do so and arrange this with your travel agent before you come on the program. Please note that the program is no longer responsible for you after the end of the scheduled program.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

To participate in this program, you will need a signed **passport that is valid for at least six months after the end of the program.**

- If necessary, apply for a new passport or renewal immediately.
- **US Citizens:** consult US State Department information at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html for passport processing times and application procedures.
- **Non-US Citizens:** contact your embassy or consulate.

You may need to expedite your passport application in order to meet visa application deadlines. Please check with your admissions counselor at studyabroad@sit.edu or (888) 272-7881 to discuss whether you should expedite your application.

VISA INFORMATION

A visa is an official endorsement from a foreign government permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region for a specified period of time. A visa may be glued or stamped directly into an applicant's passport or be on a separate paper or insert.

Students with US passports:

For this program, students with US passports will need a business visa which **you can get upon arrival at the airport in Zanzibar (Abeid Amani Karume International Airport).** **To do this you will need \$250 US dollars, cash – no credit card payments are accepted.** You will also need a WHO Yellow Fever Card to enter the country, and will be required to present it on arrival at the airport.

If you would prefer, you can try to get your business visa on-line prior to your departure from the US -

<https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>

Further information about visa application processes will be sent by e-mail from you admissions counselor in mid-June for fall and mid-November for spring. **DO NOT** apply for any visas until you receive this information.

Students with non-US passports:

Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. If the foreign consulate permits non-US passport holders to apply for the required visa from within the United States, applicants are encouraged to contact Travia Visa Services. As an experienced visa agent working closely with a number of SIT programs, Travia may be able to assist you in your visa application process. A service discount is available by entering "SIT" as the corporate code in your Travia online application. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

GENERAL VISA AND PASSPORT NOTES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- You are responsible for complying with all visa procedures and deadlines.
- Keep in mind that procedures and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the embassy or consulate with jurisdiction over your application. Students should double-check visa procedures prior to sending materials to ensure accuracy.
- Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the applicable consulate or embassy; SIT assumes no responsibility for the issuance or denial of any visa.
- Please make a copy of the first two pages of your passport (one of which has your photo), and give these photocopies to your academic director once you arrive.
- You also need to bring your yellow WHO vaccination card or a copy of your immunization record; please see the [Safety, Security, and Health](#) pre-departure document for more details.
- Students are responsible for their own passports. The program may hold passports in a secure place in the office for students. **Throughout the term, students should keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person at all times, and are strongly advised to keep 2-3 additional copies of the first page of your passport and permit.**
- If you are planning to travel to other countries before or after the program or your transit route involves connections in other countries, check with the embassies of those countries before you leave the US regarding visas, documents, and/or immunizations required. Please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible to discuss the feasibility of your plans.



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the US office of SIT Study Abroad at 802-258-3212 or toll-free in the US at 888-272-7881 and ask to speak to your admissions counselor, who is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM (US East Coast time) to assist you.