

Tanzania: Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology

Flight, Passport & Visa Information Fall 2026

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 take immediate action 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.

Once you have finalized your travel arrangements, please log in to your application portal and enter your itinerary and any arrival notes in the *Travel Information* section of your application. This will ensure that SIT staff know when to expect you. Please submit your travel itinerary no later than 30 days prior to your program's start date. Please confirm that you are submitting your travel details in writing to your Admissions Counselor. Your space in the program is not guaranteed if you neglect to enter your travel details into the application portal.

As you book your flights, we encourage you to purchase tickets with airlines that offer flexible cancellation and postponement policies.



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AIRLINE INFORMATION

We have been advised that the following airlines usually serve the meeting location for this program: KLM, Ethiopian Airlines, Qatar Airways & Turkish Airlines.

You can, of course, travel with any airline of your choice; however, please note that regardless of your transportation carrier, you are expected to be at your meeting location at the required time.

If you are planning to travel to other countries before or after the program, or if your transit route involves connections in other countries, check with the embassies of those countries before you leave the US regarding any required visas, documents, and/or immunizations. Please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible to discuss the feasibility of your plans.

SIT recommends that students purchase a round-trip ticket to and from the host country. When you first arrive and pass through immigration and customs, officials may request that you show proof that you have confirmed plans to depart their country at a designated time in the future. In addition, booking a round-trip ticket will likely be more affordable than purchasing two separate one-way itineraries. Even if you later decide to change your return flight, the fees for making that change will often still be less than the cost of two separate tickets. If you believe you will want to travel independently after your SIT Study Abroad program concludes, we recommend estimating the extra time you will need and booking your flights accordingly.



PASSPORT INFORMATION

To participate in this program, you will need a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after the program ends.

- 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.

Students are responsible for their own passports. Please make copies of the first two pages of your passport (one of which contains your photo) and your visa (if applicable), and store them in a separate location from your passport. Throughout the term, students should always keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person.

You may need to expedite your passport application 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. A visa may be glued or stamped directly into an applicant's passport or be on separate paper or inserted.

You are responsible for complying with all visa procedures and deadlines. Please note 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. Visa issuance is at the sole discretion of the applicable consulate or embassy; SIT assumes no responsibility for the issuance or denial of any visa.

Students with US passports:

For this program, students with US passports will need a business visa. The visa application can be completed either online or upon arrival. We strongly suggest obtaining your visa upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport; the process is less tedious than the online application. To do this, you will need \$250 in US dollars in cash – no credit card payments are accepted. The program staff will arrange a residence permit after your arrival, which will extend your stay beyond the 90 days allowed by your tourist visa. Unless you are coming from a WHO Yellow Fever high-risk country, you won't be required to present a Yellow Fever card on arrival at the airport.

If you would prefer, you can try to get your business visa online prior to your departure from the US: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>

Further information about visa application processes, if applicable, will be sent by e-mail from your admissions counselor. 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 embassies or consulate in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will visit 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. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process, particularly in your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You are expected to meet your group on the following date, time, and location:

Program Arrival Date:	Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Arrival Airport:	Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
Group Meeting Time:	SIT local staff will be at the airport at 8.00 pm and will leave after the last student from the KLM flight exits (usually about 9:30 -10:00 pm), for those coming with other flight companies other than KLM and arriving at JRO earlier than 8:00 pm, the SIT team will also pick them up to the designated accommodation, given they arrival on the official program's start date.
Group Meeting Location:	At the exit of the International Arrivals section
Group Will Be Met By:	SIT Study Abroad Staff. 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.
Note:	Please note that there are two airports in Arusha – you need to meet at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), not the domestic airport on the other side of town, which requires an expensive taxi ride to JRO.

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.

Arrival prior to the start of the program **IS NOT** possible. SIT Study Abroad staff will be able to assist you with any matter should you arrive before the program's commencement date 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 in effect 14 days prior to your program start date and 14 days post your program end date, only outside of the United States.

A vaccination card or immunization record may be required for you to enter the program country. Please refer to the Safety, Security, and Health pre-departure document for information on checking vaccination requirements.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

Program Departure Date:	Monday, December 14, 2026
Departure Airport:	Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
Earliest Departure Time:	Anytime on the scheduled departure date. The program will consolidate transportation for students to the airport, mainly for the nighttime KLM flight. If you choose to fly at another time, you may be responsible for your own transportation.

When you arrive in Arusha, we will arrange for your Tanzanian Resident Permit. We try to extend this a week or two after the program end date, but we cannot guarantee that, due to changes in immigration rules and practices.

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.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For questions about your passport, flight, visa, and arrival information, please contact your admissions counselor, available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (US East Coast time) to help you. 888-272-7881 menu option 2.

For questions concerning insurance coverage and vaccination, please contact our Student Health, Safety, and Well-being department by writing to studentwellbeing@sit.edu