EXPLORE YOUR SENSES!
EXCURSIONS THROUGH TANZANIAN
HISTORY, MODERN CULTURE,
AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF
SKIN BLEACHING

Maymester Study Abroad Program: May 9–27 2016

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THE PROGRAM

Come join us on a life-changing journey through East Africa! This Tanzanian trip promises to challenge your senses and enhance your perspective on life! The program abroad will feature exciting week-long stays in Dar es Salaam, Bagamoyo, Arusha, and Zanzibar with short day trips to surrounding areas. Students/travelers will have the opportunity to participate in experiential learning within a variety of community contexts including: (1) visits to historical sites, monuments, and museums (e.g., slave market, slave caravan, prison island, colonial buildings, Olduvai Gorge- “The Cradle of Mankind”); (2) visits to contemporary sites that illustrate the economic and cultural diversity of East Africa (e.g., Maasai village, schools, hospitals, villages, orphans, religious institutions, sites that sell and market skin bleaching creams and treat skin bleaching conditions); (3) discussions with Tanzanian experts on pre-history, slavery, colonization, and its linkages to modern day skin bleaching products and practices; (4) safaris in some of the most popular game drives in Africa (e.g. Eastern Serengeti Plains, Ngorogoro Crater, Lake Manyara, Rift Valley); (5) visits to some of the most pristine beaches in the world; and (6) after-hours enjoyment in local restaurants and entertainment venues. Experiential learning, lectures and discussion will focus on Tanzania’s transition from slavery to colonization to skin bleaching led by faculty from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS).

ACCOMMODATIONS

All accommodations will be guest houses or hotels in double or triple rooms. In Dar es Salaam we will stay in a guest house in the city center. In Zanzibar, we will stay in a guest house or a hotel in Stone Town and then in a beachfront hotel in Kendwa on the Indian Ocean. In Arusha we will stay first in a guest house in the city center and then at a safari lodge on the outskirts of Karatu town, about midway between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their global expedition experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 22, 2016

March
First mandatory pre-departure orientation. (Location & date: TBA)
May 9
Second mandatory pre-departure orientation. Location: TBA
May 10
Depart Atlanta
May 11
Arrive in Dar es Salaam and rest.
May 12
On-site safety orientation and day tour of city of Dar es Salaam; free time
May 13
Depart on ferry boat for Zanzibar
May 14-16
Zanzibar site visits and free time
May 17
Depart for Dar es Salaam on Ferry Boat
May 18
Excursion to Bagamoyo for site visits and return to Dar es Salaam
May 19
Culminating discussion in Dar es Salaam on East African Slave trade and free time
May 20-23
Depart on bus coach to Arusha for site visits to Tanzanian colonial post tour and 3-day lodge safari to Ngorogoro Crater, Lake Manyara and Masai Mara.
May 24-25
Discussion/cultural excursions in Dar es Salaam on colonialism, links to slave trade and modern-day culture; day trips; free time
May 26
Depart Tanzania
May 27
Arrive in Atlanta.

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ELIGIBILITY

This program/course is open to students over the age of 18 with a serious interest in prehistory, the Eastern African slave trade and colonial era; history and psychology of skin bleaching in Tanzania; and/or Tanzanian culture. Students must be in good standing with Georgia State University or their home institution at the time of the program to participate and receive credit. All participants MUST attend two mandatory one-day orientation sessions before the trip in order to travel. No exceptions will be made. All are encouraged to apply. The program involves quite a bit of moving around from city to city, shifting between accommodations and walking in hot temperatures, so students should plan accordingly. Program size is limited to 25 and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES

Participants who successfully complete the courses will receive three semester hours of credit through Georgia State University. Undergraduates should register for PSYC 3901 (Study Abroad in Psychology). Graduate students should register for PSYC 6650 (Special Topics in Psychology). Students from other schools should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits. Successful completion of the course is dependent upon attendance at all lectures, group sessions and scheduled activities, and satisfactory completion of all assignments.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu or https://www.globecoreinc.com/global-expeditions.html and begin an application.

Transient Students: Please see the Transient Student section under the Explore & Apply tab at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu

International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with participants upon receipt of application.

COSTS

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations. The program cost is tentatively set at $3,900, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Price Includes

- All ground transportation and entrance fees
- Housing & accommodations
- All breakfasts and some lunches and dinners
- Lectures and excursions
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Price Does NOT Include

- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Round-trip airfare and taxes
- Passport and travel visa
- Travel immunizations
- Additional meals & personal expenses (bring $500+)
- Optional excursions
- Excess baggage charges

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

January 22, 2016 - $1,000 deposit with application
February 18, 2016 - $1,400 payment
April 1, 2016 - $1,500 remaining balance
(All payments are non-refundable upon receipt.)

Program Deposit Payments: This program requires an initial deposit to reserve your spot on the trip and to secure your tours, accommodations and ground transportation. However, the balance should be cleared before the trip commences according to the payment schedule. Please pay for your program deposit by contacting Dr. Kelly M. Lewis. We accept all forms of payment including cash, check, and most major credit/debit cards.

Program Payments & Remaining Balance: Like the initial deposit, all program payments-along with the remaining balance-will be billed directly to you. Please follow the same steps above for Program Deposit Payments when making your program payments and remaining balance payments. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline. All program payments on the payment schedule (including the deposit) are non-refundable.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.