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2012 UGANDA, KENYA ITINERARY  
(With Optional Tanzania Trip)  
NOTRE DAME'S FORD PROGRAM

The itinerary is subject to slight modification, as new opportunities arise.

**Friday, 1 June or Earlier – DEPART UNITED STATES FOR UGANDA**

In order to arrive in Uganda on Saturday, June 2, you must depart the United States the day before, Friday, June 1, 2012 OR earlier, carefully check your flight schedule.

Your arrival airport is Entebbe (EBB), Uganda.

If you wish to arrive earlier in Uganda, we can make hotel and sightseeing arrangements for you, just let us know.

**Saturday, 2 June– Kampala**

Arrival in Entebbe, Uganda – morning or evening, individual flights with airport pickup and hotel transfer – Each arriving guest met with Notre Dame sign at airport and driven to Kampala hotel. Drive from airport to hotel is approximately 45 minutes.

Kampala Hotel – Kampala Serena Hotel

<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenakampala/default-en.html>

Depending on arrival flight – Lunch and dinner on own, with suggestions

Optional side trips for guests arriving early – Sightseeing excursions including possible side trips to wildlife parks near Entebbe. Let us know if you are interested in any Saturday excursions and we will help arrange them for you.

Golfing opportunities are also available, with rental clubs. You do not need to bring your own clubs.

**All meals (B, L, D) and snacks and bottled water, while traveling, are included during your time in Africa, except for your arrival day.**

**Sunday, 3 June** – Kampala – Uganda’s capital nestled among seven hills.

A relaxed morning with breakfast at hotel

Catholic Mass and City tour – We will enjoy a local Mass and visit some of the Capital’s most important sights, including the Kasubi Tombs, burial place of Ugandan kings, Houses of Parliament, important churches, National Theatre African Crafts Village and other sights.

Welcome lunch in Kampala – Overview of program and introductions.

Evening – Ndere Cultural Center – dinner and show, 5:00 – 9:00 pm.

**Monday, 4 June** – spend day in Kampala for meetings

Morning – meeting at US Embassy to discuss relations and interests

Lunch – Le Chateau

Afternoon – meeting at Holy Cross House, learn about Uganda activities

Then, relax at hotel or optional shopping tour

Dinner – Khana Khazana Indian Restaurant

**Tuesday, 5 June** – Head to Nkozi, Uganda Martyrs University and Masaka

Breakfast at hotel

Drive to Nkozi – Uganda Martyrs University, two-hour drive

Lunch at UMU – intro/talk by Vice Chancellor

Afternoon – On way to Masaka, visit Nnindy community, learn about Ford Program partnership efforts

Dinner – Dinner buffet at hotel

Masaka Hotel – Golf Lane Hotel <http://www.golflanehotel.com/index.htm>

**Wednesday, 6 June** – Nkozi to Jinja with stop at UMU and equator

Breakfast at hotel

Morning – classes at UMU – Uganda Martyrs University, “Capacity Building” lectures

Possible talk by Steve Sillamin, ND Engineering, Darcy Award Winner

Stop at Equator for pictures and lunch

Lunch at Equation Café time for photos and souvenirs

Equator to Jinja – less than four-hour drive, snacks and drinks on bus, rest/toilet stop, drive through tea plantations and green forests

Jinja Hotel – Jinja Nile Resort

<http://www.madahotels.com/jinjanile/index.php>

Dinner – Black Lantern Restaurant

**Thursday, 7 June** – Jinja

Breakfast at hotel

Morning – visit Holy Cross Parish, learn about activities and meet ND students working in the area

Lunch – at Holy Cross Parish

Afternoon – source of Nile visit, boat ride on River Nile/Lake Victoria  
Sunset cruise with open bar and BBQ  
Dinner – light dinner at hotel  
Hotel –Jinja Nile Resort

**Friday, 8 June** – Jinja to Entebbe

Check out after breakfast  
Morning – head to Uganda Martyrs Shrine  
Lunch – box lunch provided by Jinja Nile resort  
Drive to our luxury Entebbe hotel to relax  
Hotel – Kampala Hotel – Kampala Serena Hotel  
<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenakampala/default-en.html>  
Dinner – Special closing night dinner for our last evening in Uganda

**Saturday, 9 June** - Depart Uganda for Nairobi, Kenya

Morning – breakfast at hotel and leave for airport  
Kenya Airways 10:00am departure

**KENYA PORTION OF TRIP**

Arrival in Kenya 11:10 am – met on arrival  
Lunch – Karen Blixen House, former home of Danish author, best known for her “Out of Africa” memoir  
Afternoon – visit Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA)  
Hotel – check in at Safari Park Hotel –  
<http://www.safaripark-hotel.com/>  
Dinner – Safari Park; Nyama Choma Ranch Menu (African buffet) and live band at 7:30 pm followed by “Safari Cats and Acrobatic Show”

**Sunday, 10 June** - Nairobi and Dandora

Morning – Mass in Holy Cross Parish (Dandora)  
Lunch/afternoon – Dandora with Holy Cross people visiting their ministries  
Dinner – at Safari Park Hotel  
Overnight – Safari Park, early bedtime to prepare for morning departure

**Monday, 11 June** – Nairobi and safari plus Mass on the Mara

Early breakfast at hotel -  
Morning – depart hotel at 7:00 for transfer to Wilson Airport for flight to Masai Mara (early departure due to due to traffic and construction)  
Flight – 10:00am  
Met on arrival at airstrip and transfer to award winning, Base Camp Masai Mara Ecolodge for check-in and lunch before afternoon game drives.  
[http://www.basecampexplorer.com/our\\_destinations/masai\\_mara/our\\_base\\_camps/125177/en](http://www.basecampexplorer.com/our_destinations/masai_mara/our_base_camps/125177/en)  
Dinner and overnight at Base Camp

**Tuesday, 12 June** – Game Park all day. Breakfast at Camp.

Spend entire day on game drives in vast Masai Mara Plain

Possibly see last bits of great migration, if we are lucky.

Picnic lunch and visit to local Masai village to see their way of life, meet villagers, join in dancing and opportunity to buy handicrafts, carvings, belts, jewelry, etc.

Dinner at Base Camp

Overnight – Ecolodge

**Wednesday, 13 June** – Game drives and return to Nairobi

Morning – early morning game drives and return to Camp for breakfast

Mid morning game drives, lunch and afternoon flight back to Nairobi.

Flight to Nairobi – departs at 4:00 pm

Met on arrival at Wilson airport and transferred to Panari Hotel to freshen up and for farewell dinner.

Transfer to Nairobi's Jomo Kenyata (NRO) Airport for flight home

Flight to Europe – Flight times may change, CHECK with your airline.

BA to London – 11:30 PM or KLM to Amsterdam – 11:15 PM

**End of trip for guests on main program**

**OPTIONAL add-on trip - Tanzania extension: Continue your safari and see Tanzania. We will have two short flights to get to the Serengeti and avoid much of the rough overland drive. Our Tanzanian adventure includes some incredible hotels, incorporating their unique locations into the inspiring landscape.**

**Wednesday, 13 June** –

Early morning game drives in Masai Mara returning back to the Camp for breakfast.

10:00 AM transferred to the airstrip for the 11:30 AM flight to Migori (30 minute flight) and transfer by road through the border for one hour to Tarime airstrip in Tanzania and fly almost one hour to Serengeti. Picked up from Seronera Airstrip at around 2:45 PM & continue with an afternoon game drive of Serengeti Park,

The immensity of Serengeti Park can best be expressed in its numbers. It is recorded that over a million animals live in this area, more than a third of them being wildebeest. This offers an enormous food supply for the lion, cheetah, and leopard, an animal usually difficult to find in other Reserves.

Dinner and Overnight: - Serengeti Serena (B, L, D).

<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenaserengeti/default-en.html>

**Thursday, 14 June –**

After breakfast, we have a full day of wildlife viewing in the Serengeti Park, the country's largest National Park with an area of 5,000sq. Miles. The Serengeti is world famous as the home of a million and a half wildebeest and zebra. There are a multitude of the other plain animals (more than 35 species) to see, as well as hippos wallowing, giraffes munching and black maned lions flicking their tails at flies or chasing the vultures away from the last few morsels of their prey. Enjoy our boxed lunches, while perhaps observing the animals dining.  
Dinner and Overnight: - Serengeti Serena (B, L, D).

**Friday, 15 June -**

After breakfast, our exciting safari continues to the Ngorongoro National Park. En-route, we visit Olduvai Gorge, a fifteen mile long canyon within the Serengeti Plain. Olduvai Gorge, made famous by Louis and Mary Leakey, is the source of abundant fossil material dating back more than a million years, including hominid remains of Zinjanthropes Boisei (literally "East African Man"). These remains are nearly two million years old, establishing an African origin for mankind.  
Lunch at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge.  
Afternoon, enjoy the view of the Crater from our Lodge.  
Dinner and Overnight - Ngorongoro Serena (B, L, D)  
<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenangorongoro/default-en.html>

**Saturday, 16 June –**

After breakfast, we drive down and into the Crater for a full day of game viewing. The first light of the day sends its golden shafts under the ethereal mist and fog hovering on the rim, to spill in puddles of gold on the Crater floor far below. The Crater is actually a huge caldera or collapsed volcano, 12 miles across, providing a Garden of Eden-like home for the thousands of animals that live there.  
Afternoon – We continue to Lake Manyara Park. This Park is bounded on the east by the shores of the lake and on the northwest by the Rift Valley. We will enjoy an outstanding vantage point.  
Dinner & Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge (B, L, D)  
<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenalakemanyara/default-en.html>

**Sunday, 17 June – Last day of trip – Fly home to US**

After breakfast, we return to Arusha for lunch and join an air-conditioned shuttle bus to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO), for the flight to Nairobi. (If flying home from Nairobi.)

**Additional charge of \$150, if you need this flight back to Nairobi.**

Flight from Arusha/Kilimanjaro to Nairobi – 2:00pm, 50 minute flight.  
Arrive in Nairobi at Wilson Airport (WIL). Met on arrival.  
Dinner at Panari Hotel, with opportunity to freshen up before dinner.

Transfer to Nairobi (NBO) Jomo Kenyatta Airport for flight home.  
Evening flight back home – British Airways or KLM

**OR**

Remain in Tanzania for dinner and catch your flight out of Kilimanjaro (JRO), in the evening. (If flying home from Tanzania.)  
Enjoy a group dinner and then your evening flight home.

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