

Tanzania Study Abroad Trip Comments 2014



People often speak of Africa but few actually step on the soil of Mother Africa. I learned, felt, experienced things on this trip that you can't learn in a classroom or by staying in one corner of the world your entire life.

--Amy Ta, Marketing

I will look back on these two weeks that I have spent in Africa for the rest of my life knowing that this was the best adventurous, out of my comfort zone, decision that I have ever made. Not only was I able to experience a culture and people that taught me that there is happiness in simplicity and hard work, I was also fortunate enough to share this entire experience with fellow Cal Poly students, now new lifelong friends.

--Kirsten Grotz, Industrial Chemistry

Visiting Tanzania has been the best decision I have made in my life. Learning about the culture, connecting with the locals, enjoying their food, sharing memories with them and building friendships have been an astonishing experience that I would have not encountered if I had stayed in my comfort zone. The Motherland has given me the inspiration, strength, and confidence to do the impossible and has proved to be one the most warm-hearted places I have ever visited. I am extremely grateful for the experience and I highly recommend everyone to visit Africa at sometime in their lives.

--Romina Bardales, Food Science & Technology

I came into this trip expecting so much, but it's what I didn't expect that affected me the most. I feel extremely blessed to be able to go to Tanzania and spend 2 weeks in someone else's shoes. It has changed the way I see the world and has helped me find appreciation in places I never bothered to look.

--Max Cheung, Accounting

Tanzania is a magical place filled with friendly, warm and welcoming people. I was amazed by its beauty.

--Kay Sullivan, Liberal Studies

I think the best word to sum up my experience would be 'humanity'. This word is most appropriate because many of my greatest moments on this trip were direct results of the raw, human connections I made. These sixteen days were an incredible opportunity to

build relationships with the people of Tanzania and Zanzibar, along with the amazing group of individuals who accompanied me on this journey.

--Sara Uffer, Business Administration

Tanzania was the most amazing experience ever! I am so thankful that I was able to go on this trip because it showed me the natural beauty, pure happiness, and kindness of people that exists. I am so fortunate to have been able to experience Africa and build such great relationships in the time we were there!

--Celina Tabuena, Kinesiology

"A step into the wider world that I never expected to take. The people and places were far different than what I imagined."

--Joshua Ten Eyck, Mechanical Engineering

My trip to Africa was life changing. I have never been somewhere so rich in beautiful yet so poor. I have come back from this trip a forever changed person with much more appreciation to all the small things in life.

--Briella Ho, Kinesiology

The 2014 trip to Tanzania/Zanzibar was life altering, expanding my knowledge on various cultures, mentalities, and history. It taught me to live graciously and to embrace everyone and everything; to be tender and passionate towards all beings. Mother Africa has shown us great kindness and beauty - in all of its scenery, people, and culture - and will continue to be a part of my life and influence my outlooks in the most positive way.

--Carol Lin, Graphic Design

Many times when foreigners travel to Africa they do it to see the large game animals but they forget about the people that live there. Tanzania is a culturally rich nation and we were fortunate to be able to experience the local culture and see the beauty that exist there. From beautiful beaches, to the daily boat commute in Dar Es Salaam, to the ancient maze that is stone town in Zanzibar, to just hanging out, Tanzania is an experience worth having.

--Steven Murray, Plant Science

Going to Africa was definitely an experience of a lifetime. Coming from a privileged family and lifestyle, experiencing and understanding the way people lived there really humbled me and helped me appreciate every little thing I have. Despite the mosquito bites, I loved every bit of my time in Africa.

--William Wu, Food Marketing & Agribusiness Management

The Tanzania/Zanzibar Study Abroad trip was a life changing experience for me. I was able to experience another way of life, meet so many kindhearted people, and learn about a variety of issues. The land and the people will stay in my heart forever. I know I will return again.

--Jasmin De Luna, Food Marketing & Agribusiness Management