



Missions Trip Information

Watoto Child Care Ministries is the child sponsorship program of Watoto Church, a 19,000 member, cell based community church, which was birthed in the heart of Pastors Gary & Marilyn Skinner in 1992. The vision of Watoto Child Care Ministries is to disciple for Christ the next generation of Ugandan leaders with long term goals of providing family life and shelter, education, medical care and most importantly, spiritual guidance to 10,000 Ugandan children, left parentless as a result of war and disease.

Watoto Child Care Ministries welcomes you to **visit Uganda** and would greatly appreciate your help in **building a building that makes up the Watoto Village**. Each building team is expected to bring either **\$38,000AUD for a house or \$20,000 for a classroom, or other structure** (to build including the infrastructure (water, power, sewage, paths, roads and community development opportunities) around those buildings which include homes or classrooms, clinics, teachers houses, kitchens and hostels.

Listed below are a few helpful hints and guidelines to give you an idea of what a trip to Uganda would involve.

Arrival

You will arrive at Entebbe International Airport, Uganda and be met by a team from Watoto Child Care Ministries who will escort you to Watoto Church for a welcome and orientation. Pastor Gary and Marilyn Skinner, or their representative, will meet with you to share the vision of the ministry as well as lay out guidelines for your stay. Other information that they feel you must have during your stay in Uganda will be discussed, and any questions you may have will be answered at this time. You will then be driven to the guesthouse where you will be lodged during your stay.

How much will it cost?

Cost Per Person – approx \$4,500-5,500

- Airfare Options to Entebbe.
- Mission Travel have a number of exclusive Watoto Mission Fares- Specifically negotiated for Watoto teams and associated travel to Uganda.

In the past year Mission Travel Group has facilitated travel for over 600 individuals travelling to Uganda.

One of the conditions of having access to Special Airfares to Uganda is that we are not allowed to advertise these special levels.

Our special airfares rate are with the following airlines:

1. Emirates Airlines via Dubai
2. South African/ Qantas via JNB to Entebbe
3. Thai/ Cathay Pacific and Kenya Airways via Nairobi
4. Malaysia Airlines and Emirates via KUL and Dubai
5. Ethiopian Airways

Mission Travel has an online booking engine for flights to Entebbe or for personalized service contact Lisa Scerri lisa@missiontravel.com.au or call 1300 554 654.

- Budget \$100 per person for stopover in Dubai
- Budget \$600 per person for weekend Safari to Murchison Falls or Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Budget US\$60 per person, per day for room in Kampala and US\$100 per person for days in Gulu, 3 meals and transportation. (Funds should be process by the Watoto office 6 weeks prior to your arrival). **(based on US\$60.00/US\$100 per day)**.
- Budget \$70 per person for visa needed for entry into Uganda. The visa can be purchased at Entebbe airport in US\$ ONLY being US\$50.
- Travel insurance - dependent on age of traveller. Please contact us for a competitive quote.



- Personal spending money. Bring in US currency, \$50.00 & \$100.00 denominations printed between the year 2000-2005, are preferred by money exchangers. (The higher the denominations the better the exchange rate once in Uganda).
- Each applicant pays a **one off USD\$50 admin fee** to cover your team hosts in Uganda.

Breakfast and supper will be provided at the guesthouse. You will make your own lunches in the kitchen where bread, margarine, fruit, bottled water etc. will be provided for the duration of your stay. **Bring your own spreads for sandwiches and snacks to take to site each day.** Soft Drinks will be for sale at the site for .35 cents per bottle. One bottle of soft drink each will provided at the evening meal. Your accommodation will either be in a guesthouse like the Adonai Guesthouse or similar: www.adonaiquesthouse.com

Requirements

Each team member will be required to complete and sign the Watoto Child Care Short Term Missions Application Form and Volunteer Code of Conduct and return to the Team Leader.

More Info About Uganda go to: www.visituganda.com also www.newvision.co.ug and www.watoto.com

Luggage Allowances

You will be allowed 1 piece of luggage weighing 20kgs each and one carry on weighing 5kgs. It would be a great help to us if your team were able to bring some requested supplies for Watoto Child Care Ministries. Your team leader can request an extra 10kg per person direct from the airline . (Mission Travel can request this for you).

What to Expect on the Site

- A Ugandan building team of about 10 men who will work along with you
- A slab foundation already prepared
- 2500 bricks per home already prepared and on site
- Window frames will be manufactured for you on site
- Doors, door jams will be ready made, on site for you to install
- Timber for roofing, roofing nails and iron sheets will be on site for installation
- 7 KVA Generator, shovels, steel basins, wheelbarrows, hammers, nails, nylon string, plumb lines and levels
- Sand and cement for mixing mortar (This will be mixed manually by our Ugandan team for you)
- Water for cement is carried by some of the Ugandan team from a nearby well.

What to Bring

- Any personal tools you would like to use, i.e. your preferred hammer, trowels, level etc.
- Skill saws, hammer drills and spirit levels would be appreciated
- Personal items, which will be listed in greater detail in the Missions Journey Confirmation CD.
- You will NOT need a Mosquito net at your accommodation.
- You will need to bring your favorite lunch spreads and snacks for taking to the building site each day.

When to Plan my Tour

We can only accommodate so many teams in Uganda at one time. Dozens of church groups have journeyed to Uganda to help Watoto. Needless to say, it has been a life changing experience for all involved. Please consider visiting Watoto and helping us build God's Kingdom in the lives of Uganda's orphans!

Please feel free to contact Mark Bradshaw with any questions at australia@watoto.com or 0407 631 936.
Together for the Children of Africa,

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