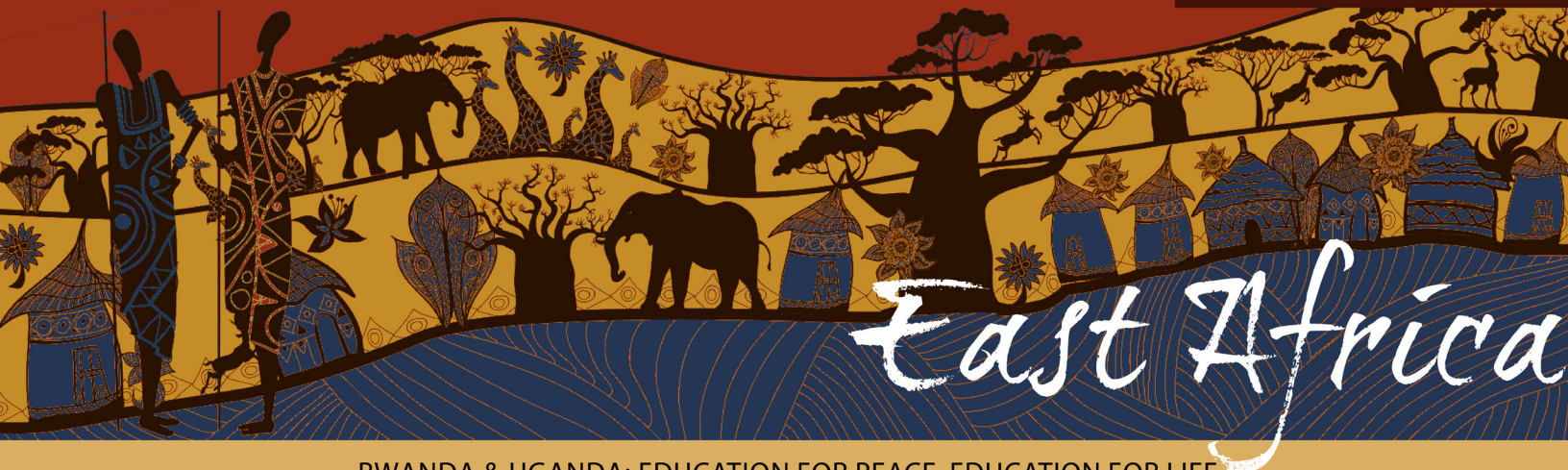


GLOBAL EDUCATION ALLIES

Connecting educators and students through partnership programs that develop global awareness and foster innovative learning environments.

2020
Educator Excursion



RWANDA & UGANDA: EDUCATION FOR PEACE, EDUCATION FOR LIFE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO EASTERN AFRICA: RWANDA

In the summer of 2020, GEA is taking educators and other interested individuals to Eastern Africa. Participants on these excursions will have the opportunity to participate in unique educational experiences involving our East-African partners.

The main program in Rwanda will include school visits, workshops on the themes of the program led by experts and panel discussions hosted at local schools and community centers. Through these visits, participants will get to know educators from several countries for future engagement in collaborative and international projects.

In addition to the main program, participants can choose to participate in a safari to a wildlife reserve in Uganda where participants will be accommodated in a traditional safari camp and at a Rhino Sanctuary. After the safari experience, participants will have the opportunity to engage in an intensive mini-immersion experience in Uganda visiting local schools and community organizations where the projects will emphasize individual interests and skills.



PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

Rwanda: from Chaos to Calm, Conflict Transformation and Peace in Education

18-27 June 2020

- Receive conflict transformation training from an international conflict expert alongside Rwandan educators. After being trained in conflict resolution methods, participate in a teacher workshop where educator teams from around the world will translate the concepts into modules that can be taught to children and youth in K-12 and adult education settings.
- Visit local schools to investigate the narrative of conflict and study the measures taken to return this country to calm.
- Participate in a host family dinner experience in the home of a Rwandan educator.
- Learn about the history, culture and environment of Rwanda, including a visit and briefing at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre and Nyamata Church.

**Price: \$1595 + \$300 in fundraising
(8 nights, basic-moderate accommodations)**

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Uganda Safari

27 June - 1 July 2020

- Enjoy one of the most highly regarded wildlife parks in Uganda: Murchison Falls.
- Ride in (or atop) a typical safari Jeep through the beautiful African savanna during dusk and dawn game drives.
- Visit a Rhino Sanctuary and have the option to go on an exclusive “Behind the Scenes” tour at the Entebbe Zoo.
- Optional extra night available for those interested in visiting Chimp Island the morning of July 2nd.
- Includes all transportation, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- All activities included, such as National Park entrance fees, game drives, water safari, hike at the falls, and Rhino fees. (Entebbe activities, such as Zoo and Chimp Island not included)

Price (as an add-on to the Rwanda Program): \$1095 (includes all of the above, 4 nights of moderate-comfort lodging, and airfare from Rwanda to Uganda)

Uganda Immersion Experience

1 July - 6 July 2020

- Learn about Uganda’s efforts to boost self-employment skills in the youth and a new focus on skill-based education.
- Visit local K-12 public and private schools and community centers and gain insight into the Ugandan education system.
- Hear from individuals who have pioneered emotional health efforts in their communities to make a difference and their ability to get volunteers involved.
- Explore music and dance in the classroom and its connection to community.
- Learn about the history, culture and environment of Uganda, including a visit to the source of the Nile river.

Price: \$995 + \$200 in fundraising (5 nights, moderate-comfort accommodations)

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

All educators, administrators, student teachers, and other interested individuals may apply. All participants have the option of bringing 1-2 guests, depending on availability of spaces.

Participants will need to demonstrate good health, flexibility and endurance to show ability to succeed and adapt to certain difficult conditions which will be inevitable in Africa.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Included in the price are all shared accommodations (usually double, and up to quad in rare cases), at least 2 meals a day, entrance and most activity fees, tour guides and GEA staffing, and travel inside of Africa. The Uganda safari and immersion will be a more upgraded alternative to the more moderate (yet still clean and safe) Rwanda program. Airfare from Rwanda to Uganda included in packages 2 and 4 (see below).

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Flights to Africa, single or upgraded accommodations, some optional activities, up to one meal per day, travel insurance, visas, souvenirs and other personal expenses such as immunizations. GEA will provide advice and recommendations and assistance to keep additional costs as low as possible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 February 2020 (priority deadline is 25 November 2019). GEA programs generally fill up by the priority deadline so applicants are always encouraged to apply as early as possible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be due upon acceptance.

PACKAGE PRICING

Option 1: Rwanda Only (June 18-27, 8 nights): \$1595 + \$300 fundraising

Option 2: Rwanda & Uganda Safari (June 18 - July 1, 12 nights): \$2695 + \$300 fundraising - includes flight from Rwanda to Uganda

Option 3: Uganda Only (June 27 - July 6, 9 nights): \$1995 + \$200 fundraising

Option 4: Entire Experience (17 nights): \$3495 + \$400 fundraising - includes flight from Rwanda to Uganda

APPLY HERE: <https://forms.gle/TnUxwbwjRdDKpLCG6>

PROGRAM STAFF

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