

# Kenya first hand experience Itinerary

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**Have you ever dreamt of travelling to another country and connecting with people from different cultures? Do you want to wake up each morning knowing that by the end of each day, you will have – through your own efforts, helped a village bring education to its children?**

**A First Hand Experience provides an exciting opportunity for individuals to travel and work closely with people of another culture and to help make a positive change to their lives.**

Taking place in Marafa near Malindi on the Kenyan coast, this challenge entails building much-needed classrooms for a primary school. Currently mud-walled, uninhabitable and without toilets, this construction work will help create a conducive learning environment for the school children.

Helping to build a school alongside local people is a unique experience that opens your eyes to the plight of others who do not have the basic, simple amenities that most of us take for granted. It is both a physical and emotional experience and volunteers often come away knowing a great deal more about themselves than they did beforehand.

No experience is necessary to take part: just enthusiasm, motivation and the desire to help make a difference!

## **Day 1: International Departure**

Meet your team at London Heathrow airport and fly to Mombasa, via Nairobi.

## **Day 2: Travel to Malindi**

We transfer from Mombasa to Malindi, spending the afternoon relaxing at our hotel close to the beach. This evening, we receive a briefing on the work of ActionAid Kenya and what to expect over the next week, as well as getting to know our team.

## **Day 3: Start of building work**

Today we start work at the school in Marafa and meet the local villagers we will be working alongside to build the classrooms. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with your new environment. Over the next few days, there will be ample time for you to ask questions of the construction supervisor and to get to know the local community.

## **Days 4-6: Building work at Bura primary school**

Our working week continues, travelling each morning to our build site at Bura primary school.

We will be given full training and guidance for our tasks, which will include excavating ground, mixing sand and cement and laying bricks.

## **Day 7: End of build**

The final day of the build and an emotional farewell ceremony on-site in which we say goodbye to our new friends whom we have worked with throughout the week. This afternoon we have a debrief on the week's work and share our experiences. Tonight we will enjoy a special dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate our achievements and mark the end of our once in a lifetime experience.

## **Day 8: Transfer & Fly Home**

Today you transfer south to Mombasa to connect with our flight to Nairobi and fly back to London Heathrow.

## **Day 09: Arrive UK**

Arrive in London Heathrow with a new group of friends, wonderful memories, and the knowledge that your hard work will make a real difference to the community you have worked with.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. You can extend your stay at an additional cost. This is a complex itinerary and subject to change. All flights and expedition arrangements are being undertaken by Charity Challenge (ATOL 6546)

## **Money matters:**

Registration fee: £300 (can be paid in two monthly instalments)

Minimum sponsorship: £2,999

Your trip costs are £1,650 and will be taken from your registration fee and minimum sponsorship.

Trip costs cover: all flights and transfers (excluding air taxes, accommodation, specialist travel insurance, all meals and drinking water, first aid supplies and medical backup, an English-speaking team leader with full local backup and support team, and carbon offsetting of your flights.

In addition, you will need to budget for: airport taxes and any airline-imposed fuel surcharge (subject to change – to be confirmed 12 weeks prior to departure), any optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary, personal spending money, alcoholic and soft drinks, travel to/from UK airports, any vaccinations required (please see your GP for advice), tips for the support team.