

 Real People



 Real Places

 Real Travel



 Conservation / Orphanages / Teaching / Social work / Journalism / Medicine

Who are we?

Inspire Kenya was formed in 2006. After several years of traveling to developing countries and spending time in Kenya on volunteer projects, Mathew and Catherine Muckle decided to set up Inspire.

The travel and tourism market is now changing more rapidly than ever before.



People in developed countries are more aware of the plight of the needy. They are aware that many of the holiday destinations in the world are in impoverished areas. To some travelers flying long haul with all its environmental dangers and sitting by a beach for two weeks under the sun is not enough to justify the trip. Many people now feel they want to contribute something positive on their travels, thus enabling them

to justify going and also being able to learn more about the country they are visiting. It's the more aware travelers that Inspire Kenya caters for.

Who Volunteers?

Almost all walks of life can and do volunteer. Traditionally volunteering has been the activity of students and young travelers.

Now with an ever increasingly socially aware public the market is now inviting, encouraging and taking people of all ages and backgrounds. From married couples on a 2 week annual break, to career breakers and retired couples. Groups of painters, builder's, nurses and doctors. The spectrum is as wide as it is deep.



Why Kenya?

Kenya's greatest asset is its diversity and friendliness of its natives. It has something for every kind of visitor. Coral reefs, white sand beaches, volcanic plains, snow capped mountains, vast plains, bustling cities and an incredible diversity of plant and animal life. View lush green mountains with tea and coffee plantations to herds of elephants feeding on the savannah.





Most of all the people no matter where you go will be accommodating to your needs and will always welcome you with a smile. Yet the fundamental reason for Inspire volunteers to visit is it's many under funded and undermanned organizations. This is where you can help.

How do we pick our placements?

It is our aim to reach out to the more rural and desperate places in Kenya. The smaller schools, clinics and children's homes that are often forgotten about by the authorities, charities and other volunteer organizations. Many times Inspire volunteers will be the first westerners the locals have ever got to know. This philosophy enables us to get help further out and provide our volunteers with a more personal, exclusive and rewarding experience. We literally do just drive out into the Kenyan bush seeking placements.

What should I expect?

On a typical volunteer break we first of all collect them from the airport. After that we take them to the host family's house to rest and unpack. Some volunteers often need a day or so to rest and get used to their new environment. During this time we are on hand to answer any questions and show them around. Inform where they can visit banks, internet access, shops and so on. We normally take volunteers out on the first night for food and a few drinks to help them feel settled. We then go onto the placement and introduce the volunteer to the staff and talk about the type of work that's required and that can be undertaken. It's all quite informal and relaxed.

We select host families carefully and ensure that volunteers have well prepared meals and that bottled water is always available. Staying with these families also gives volunteers all the local knowledge they need and their privacy is also respected. In most cases, living with a family has many more benefits than staying in a hostel or basic hotel. The family and staff of the placements will soon make friends with the volunteers and a social life will soon commence!



Volunteering is about helping those in a developing country. Those taking part must expect to see and hear about the hardships of the lives of the people they integrate with. Aids is a huge problem in Kenya as many of the orphans are testament to that. Many parents have often been forced to leave babies on the door steps of orphanages because of not being able to cope. Volunteers in children's homes and schools must be prepared to hear and see such things.



The volunteer projects in conservation areas also will come into contact with such hardships. Animals often have to be put down due to lack of funds to provide the right medications. The list is simply endless. Inspire volunteer placements are about sending people to just to make but a small contribution to the vast social and economic problems of Kenya.

Why pay to Volunteer?

The set up and arrangement of placing volunteers is not without cost. All of the people expect to be paid on the ground. At Inspire, we ensure all our costs benefit those placements specifically. For each volunteer we send the placement receives a cash donation for which we often request addresses a particular need. With our Safaris and other travel arrangements we use good, proven local people so the fees they earn go directly to them and subsequently their family. We also don't insist our placements sign a contract so only us can send volunteers. This is a practice operated by some of the major volunteer firms and we believe unethical.

Safari and other trips

At Inspire, we pride ourselves on flexibility. Most volunteers wish to either travel after their placement or at least take a weekend out to do a safari. A safari is a must for anyone visiting Kenya. Our own personal favorite is the Masai Mara. The landscape is simply breathtaking. The wildlife is more abundant here than in any other park or reserve. Within minutes of being in the reserve you can be amongst a pride of lions or watching a group of giraffe feeding from the trees. A trip here is a must. Like all of our bolt-ons we employ local people to provide the trips thus keeping the cost down and the money in Kenya. The vehicles we use are newer carbon efficient Nissans. We can also provide at a small extra cost our wildlife expert Patrick to give you as much information on wildlife, conservation and Kenya as you wish. He also has a great sense of humor and will ensure you get an unforgettable time. (Beware of his long bush tales over the campfire at night, if you value your sleep!)



👏 What would day to day tasks involve?

If you work in a school, the level of teaching all depends on what subjects you feel you can deliver effectively. You would use the coursework books first to plan lessons or you could just teach things you know are important, or a subject you have some expertise. Most schools can accommodate different styles providing your grasp of English is good as that's the first language in Kenya. In Orphanages you would help cook, clean, feed, play with and teach the orphans. A truly unforgettable and often life changing experience. As for conservation you could be repairing fences, tracking elephants or working at the office entering



research data. With medicine, you could be nursing properly if qualified or just assisting in first aid and general patient care. On all placements the work is both varied in type and amount and would require you to approach it with good spirit and be prepared to do the bad as much as the good.



👏 How do I book?

Simple! Just look at our website. Here we have the placements complete with actual pictures. See which one you think will suit you and send us a booking request form. Once we have answered your questions you can pay online and we can set it up for you. As you arrange and pay for your own flights we can be very flexible with start and finish dates providing the placement is not fully booked.

👏 Take a group to Kenya

If you are a group of people wishing to come to Kenya to do something we can help. Before you come we can suggest places that need help. We can send photos so you can plan your trip and what to bring. If it's coming for a week to refurbish a school or orphanage we can arrange it.

👏 Whats included in the cost?

We provide your meals, bottled water, transport, airport pick up and departure and the use of Inspire Agents. All you have to do is get your own flights, travel insurance, inoculations, visas and spending money.

👏 Step out of your comfort zone and get an unforgettable experience today!