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STUDENTS' ADVENTURE with RA SAFARIS

The Company:

RA Safaris is a Fully Licensed, reliable Tanzania Safari Tour Operator organizing safaris and tours to explore the nature of Tanzania. RA Safaris is run by a qualified team of African safari tour professionals with over 20 years of combined experience in the travel industry. The vehicles and equipment used are of high quality. Our professional and experienced staff is always up to discuss and arrange proper itineraries.

The focus of our Tanzania Safari tours is on **QUALITY SERVICE** and **SAFETY!** Combine this focus with the beautiful scenery and wildlife of Tanzania, RA Safaris is an ideal African safari company to arrange your life time adventure safari.

While we specialize in wildlife safaris in all the National Parks and Game Reserves of Tanzania we have been organizing school trips for over five years. This is a unique product at RA Safaris and it enables create partnerships between local primary schools and high schools from abroad. The experience is that it has been a very successful program and beneficial to both schools participating. This pamphlet provides some insights about the program.

EXPERIENCE WITH STUDENTS

RA Safaris has an experience of over five years in handling students'/school trips in Tanzania. This experience has built high degree of confidence in handling young people and making sure they learn while at the same time enjoying their trips.



This program makes it possible for foreign students to experience the life in the other part of the world while local students experience the same through planned learning activities . Foreign students have also an opportunity to do wildlife safari and trekking in Tanzania during the program.....RA Safaris will organize everything.

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Activities

The Students' Adventure program is set in a way that both sides benefits in some way of which previous participants have proved. Students who participated in this program have always acknowledged that their experience was a new light to their lives and will cherish whatever they learned. RA Safaris have been working with for instance Caterham School of UK which brings High School students every year in a group of around 20 students. Along with the students, there are about 4 teachers or more. Teachers accompanying students for this program have been very appreciated by hosting schools since local teachers have a lot to learn from them. Activities usually involve learning and sharing between the local and foreign students while accompanying foreign teachers share with local teachers to promote education and understanding. Other activities would be nature walk, visits to households and sports.

Teaching

During the program, in most cases foreign students will be able to teach local students in many ways bearing in mind that foreign students have better schooling environments. There will be an opportunity to share different topics pertaining different subjects but then even foreign students will be able to learn a lot from local students. For the past years, foreign schools have been supporting the local schools they visit by providing some learning materials which they then use them while sharing what they can with them. One of the most important aspects local students can benefit from this sharing is learning English but also the presence of foreign students/teachers it self, mean a lot to locals. We experience difficulties in letting local students depart in evening as no one wants to depart.



".....We taught two lessons a day lasting an hour and twenty minutes. We divided into four groups and we taught them English, Art, Music and Sport. I will never forget the time after our first lesson when everyone came out and sat round the table, no one could stop smiling....."



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Teachers assist local teachers with teaching skills

Students' Adventure program provides an opportunity for local teachers to learn from foreign teachers especially on teaching skills. For the past years, local teachers involved to this program have always praised it for the knowledge they acquire during the sessions. Its also a motivation to them and helps a lot in developing proper teaching attitudes.

".....We have been learning a lot from Caterham school teachers of which the increasing performance of our school remain a bare prove....."

"The trip consisted of a visit to a school, a safari, a hike up Mount Meru and an excursion to Zanzibar. Each and every minute was treasured by us all. The week in the school was probably the most overwhelming experience I have ever and will ever experience in my life. Each day was unique, even though we were teaching and playing with the children every day...."

"....How do you sum up in 500 words the most amazing school trip I have ever been involved with?....."



".....After an hour in the coach, the made up road gave way to a dirt track, and everyone realized how cut off this school really was. It gave us a sense of how much our partnership must help, as it was clear that resources would be hard to obtain, let alone transport to a place like this....."

".....I don't think I can put into words how we felt at that moment, everyone was crying because they were so overwhelmed and as we got off the bus it really hit us how much the children really appreciated us being there. Our group were led to school desks and we were addressed by the headmistress and the deputy head with speeches about how their exam results had improved, making them the third best school in the district....."

".....We taught between two and four lessons each day and taught them Math, English, Science, Art, Music and Geography. Lessons included painting with straws, a volcanic eruption using coke and mints, playing bongo drums and the guitar as well as other enjoyable games....."

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Trekking in village

The program allows for trekking in surrounding village(s) of which foreign students can learn a lot ranging from local culture and different socio-economic activities. RA Safaris believes that learning a new culture brings something new in life and a better understanding of the world. Foreign students have therefore an opportunity to develop their understanding of different cultures of the world and probably some may develop their academic interests in that and become specialists in future. Local students also gets a chance to learn on different cultural aspects from foreign students so the relationship becomes beneficiary to both.

".....Our afternoon trips were also filled with great entertainment and memories. On the first day we thought we were going on a walk to a Masai village with just the team, until we heard the sound of hundreds of tiny feet and suddenly there were children everywhere, fighting to be the one that got to hold your hand. The look on their faces and the giggles when they were trying to figure out why you have to wipe the sweat off your hand was so endearing. (They didn't understand that we were not used to the heat)....."



".....A trip to a local Masai village was one of the major highlights of the trip as it was literally like something out of a documentary. We were right down in the heart of traditional African life, surrounded by huts and a village of people....."



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Sports and matches

The program would involve a range of sports and competitions. Netball and football are arranged between the foreign students and local students and this has been very rewarding to local students but also foreign students. There are sports arranged every evening.

".....The traditional sports matches played were also a new experience. We all thought that we would be playing them in front of just the school. As we walked out we realized that not only was the whole school there and the teachers, but many of the locals and also the local army who had just finished their term of duty had come out to watch. So instead of playing the games in front of a few people, we were now performing in front of hundreds....."



".....After our welcome lunch the kids surrounded us, playing with our hair, clothes, bracelets anything they could get hold of- before most of us ended up playing football with them and being covered in red dust....."



".....On the last day, the mood of everyone in the team was slightly subdued. We all couldn't believe that a week had gone by so quickly and we really didn't want to leave. However, we were determined to spend as much time with the kids as possible, so we sang, we danced and we played games until we were told that we really had to let them go home....."



".....On reflection, I think I can speak on behalf of everyone and say it was the best three weeks of our lives. New friendships were made, old friendships rekindled and so much fun was had by absolutely everyone....."

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Mount Meru Trek

For the past years we have been including Mount Meru Trek as part of the program which has been received a lot of positive comments from the participants. During the trek everybody wants to make it to the peak of the mountain, which is Tanzania's second highest peak 4566m after Kilimanjaro (5,895m). Climbing up and down on the same route with spectacular diversified view of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro highlands, Arusha town becomes so fascinating. Trekking Mount Meru takes a minimum of three days (we usually take a 4 days trek which offers time for acclimatization) and the accommodation is in Huts .



.....After the school we travelled back to Arusha and began preparing for the next part of the trip, the more challenging part. Our challenge was to climb Mount Meru (4,566m)....."

".....We reached Socialist Peak just after sunrise and the view was incredible. After many congratulations and pictures we began our descent, everyone feeling the overwhelming sense of achievement at the challenge we had just completed. We made our way down to Saddle Hut and were all looking forward to a nice hot chocolate and a lie down....."

"....The scenery of the jungle canopy as we descended was just like something out of 'The Jungle Book' with lush foliage and trees covered in moss surrounded by the misty clouds. Towards the bottom of the mountain we walked through areas with giraffe a stones throw away which was really surreal....."



".....Most of us then ascended Little Meru, which offered spectacular views of Kilimanjaro in the distance and of the summit that we were to face later in the night....."

".....Nevertheless, nearly seven long, cold, hours later we arrived first at Socialist Peak (4566m) and the view was simply breathtaking. The sun was beginning to rise and Kilimanjaro was in the distance, poking up from above the clouds which looked like a field of cotton wool beneath us. The feeling of despair dissipated instantly as we got to the top and were greeted by this phenomenal spectacle....."

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Wildlife Safari

Along with staying at local schools and learning local culture, the program may involve a visit to some of the Tanzania National Parks. Tanzania is regarded as one of the best destination in terms of wildlife concentration and species. During the visit, there will be options to visit different wildlife parks as preferred.



".....Everyone was exhausted but on a high from everything we had just accomplished and looking forward to the two days of relaxation we had ahead of us. The new campsite and the safari was a welcome change after the emotional rollercoaster we had experienced over the last two weeks. We visited Lake Manyara National Park on the first day and were lucky enough to see baboons, elephants, giraffes, zebra, hippo and even a lion (albeit only from a huge distance through binoculars). On our second day we visited Ngorongoro Crater. The view as we descended down the road was breathtaking. Here we saw more of the usual animals, as well as four more lions that were a lot closer this time....."

".....We visited Lake Manyara National Park on our first day, seeing an array of wildlife including many baby elephants and their mums, wallowing hippos, thousands of monkeys, literally, and the open savannahs of zebra, wildebeest and giraffe. Our second day took us to the Ngorongoro Crater, which was a sight to behold. It is absolutely enormous and the view we had from the road up above it was incredible. We drove around and saw the wildebeest and zebra, but we also saw lions, as well as a rhino, so we felt extremely fortunate...."

".....The safari was mind blowing; we saw every animal you could think of, from lions that were a meter away to flamingos. Every animal was beautiful in their own way. Next, we embarked on the mountain expedition, the part of the trip which no one was particularly looking forward to. However, we all judged too soon. It was a fantastic experience and a real sense of achievement was earned from it. There were some difficult points on the journey but, as a team we got through it. The final part of the trip, which was the excursion to Zanzibar, was brilliant. It was a time to reminisce about the trip, to bond even more closely and to confirm our new 'family' status! I would encourage anyone to go on this trip. Words cannot describe what an amazing experience I had. You find out who you are and earn yourselves friends for life....."



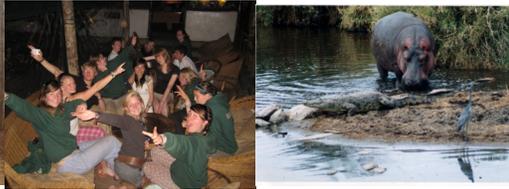
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Combined Advantages of the program

- Broadens the understanding of the world to both local and foreign students.
- The experience shows upscale performance for local schools participated into this program
- Both students/pupils are able to learn from each other. Local students learn a lot since foreign students come from better learning environment so helps in learning skills.
- Foreign students learn a lot from local students, local culture and traditions and RA Safaris believes that this understanding becomes so meaningful to one's life. It simply provides a good opportunity for cross-cultural understanding.
- Local teachers are able to learn a lot from foreign teachers in terms of teaching techniques by using different teaching aids.
- The partnership with local schools would involve support in terms of teaching materials and students consumables etc, which are very useful since the selected schools are always those in remote areas and unprivileged in many ways....this completely depends on the foreign school plans.
- RA Safaris will help to identify schools for connection.
- RA Safaris experience in handling students assures great experience and safety.
- RA Safaris will set the camp (where necessary) and provide every service required to the group ranging from meals, accommodation, transportation, and guiding.



"This has been one of the best experiences of my life, and I can't believe how much I have learnt over these three weeks. I have been through so many emotions and made so many new friends, the trip has flown and I don't want to go home. I am so glad I could come to Tanzania, it has been a life changing experience."

".....Seeing some of the children crying really drove home how much our partnership means to them and how loving and caring they really are. We sang a tear filled 'lean on me' and as we finished we walked into the middle of them, hugging....."

".....Looking back, I think that everyone would agree that our time spend in Tanzania was literally a life changing experience. We were able to experience things that people can only dream about, and make connections with people who are caring, loving and unbelievably selfless....."

RA Safaris will be pleased to provide some contacts for teachers and students who have been on this program in case one needs to learn from their experiences.

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Date: 31 May 2011

Dear Head of School,

Re: STUDENTS' ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Planning a socially conscious international experience for students and staff?

We would like to introduce you to the RA Safaris™ *Students' Adventure Program*.

RA Safaris™ is a locally owned and operated Tanzanian tour company. The Students' Adventure Program has been developed over the past four (5) years initially with Caterham British School. This program has grown and today RA Safaris boasts its extensive experience in handling school programs apart from others. The main objective of the School Program is to exchange educational ideas between your staff and local staff, to let your students share with local students which have proved to be beneficial to both parties. The program also builds cultural awareness between Tanzanian students and your students – all while having fun! The program includes:

- Volunteer teaching opportunities for your students
- Opportunity for your staff to present teaching techniques to Tanzanian teachers
- Integrated sports clinic
- Interactive sessions to exchange ideas and improve educational programs in Tanzania
- Opportunity for students and staff to experience local Tanzanian culture

The Program has and can be combined with Wildlife Safari, Mountain Climb and Beach Relaxation. Check out our web site for more information – www.rasafaris.com.

RA Safaris™ was founded in 2004 and is a trustworthy, reliable tour operator that will organize a safe, fun adventure for your school. Zephaniah and Egidius (Gideon), the founders and owners, have over 15 years of experience in arranging and guiding tours. In addition to tour management, Zephaniah has a Master Degree in Development Studies from the University of Dar es Salaam (now doing a PhD in Enterprise management with focus on Tourism) and works also as a Lecturer with the Open University of Tanzania, Arusha Regional Centre. For recommendations from participants of the RA Safaris School Program and other trips, go to <http://www.rasafaris.com/testimonials.html>

If you are interested in creating the experience of a life time for your students and staff, we invite you to view the details about the RA Safaris Students' Adventure Program at <http://www.rasafaris.com/custom-students-adventure.html>

Karibu Tanzania! Welcome to Tanzania!

With Kind regards,

Egidius F. Kabitulila, **Director**

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