

Zambia, Service and Culture

June 17 –July 2 2017, 3 credits (Summer 2017)

The Country:

The Republic of Zambia is a landlocked country in Southern Africa; before Zambia got its name it was formally known as Northern Rhodesia. The name Zambia comes from the Zambezi River which flows along the border and is the fourth largest river in the world. There are some 70 ethnic groups (and 72 spoken languages) in Zambia, many of which still practice their own traditions.

The Service Project:

During your project, you will be based in Livingstone, Zambia near the beautiful Victoria Falls. Our partner in Zambia is **Kaya Responsible Travel**. Kaya specializes in providing meaningful travel experiences for both individuals and groups. Their mission is to promote sustainable social, environmental and economic development, empower communities and cultivate educated, compassionate global citizens through responsible travel. Students will work with local community partners doing a combination of work on a sports development and eco-brick building project. During the sports development project students help to promote health education and team building; during the eco-brick project students will make houses and buildings out of recycled plastic bottles.

Program Highlights:

- Two-week service project
- Safari game drive
- Victoria Falls excursion/ Dinner cruise on the Zambezi River
- All fees and permits for all locations in itinerary
- Cultural immersion events such as drumming lessons, dance lessons, Q & As with locals

The Course:

GLS-120 Education Experience Abroad: Provides a structured cross-cultural experience, including pre-departure cultural orientation, in-country immersion experience and culminating project.



*"I knew this experience would change me, I just didn't realize how much."
—Kirkwood service-learning student, 2015*

Estimated Program Fee: \$4,100

\$1,000 Global Advantage Scholarship available!

Includes:

Airfare
Housing in guesthouse
Most Meals
Health Insurance
Many Cultural
Excursions
In-Country Transit

Does not include:

Tuition – 3 summer credits
Passport Fee
Personal Expenses

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Tentative Program Itinerary:

Day 1: Sun - Arrive in Livingstone

Day 2: Mon - Orientation - We will also have some free time to explore the village and visit local shops or markets.

Day 3-6: Tues -Fri - Project Work - For the rest of this week we will spend our days working on our volunteer projects. We will travel together to the sites where we carry out our building work and return to our guest house at the end of each day. Our mornings will be spent focusing on developing sports programs and games with the local schools and helping to get the students involved. Our afternoons will be primarily focused on the eco-brick building project where we will assist locals to build houses. Some afternoons we will help at the local school to do a few pickup games with the children or run an arts or reading club for them. In the evenings we will have some time to relax and reflect on the day before enjoying a group dinner.

Day 7: Sat- Safari Game Drive, Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. The park is a UNESCO world heritage site.

Day 8: Sun – Free Day

Day 9-13: Mon-Fri – Continue Project Work

Day 14 Sat - Victoria Falls; the world's largest waterfall with the largest sheet of falling water at any time. Group dinner and sunset cruise on the Zambezi River before departure next day.



Info Session: Thursday, Nov. 3 – 11:15 am, Linn Hall 1152

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