

LEARNING TRIP 2019 FAQ's

Hope for Life is planning a learning trip to Kigali, Rwanda from November 9 - 19 2019. Read below for more details as you consider if you're interested in applying to join the team.

1. Who are you looking for? What are the qualifications for becoming a team member?

- Openness and the ability to enter new environments, situations, cultures, and communities
- Commitment to be flexible, work well with others, and be a team-player
- Attitude of humility and posture of observer and learner
- Willingness to fund the trip yourself and/or self-fundraise
- Agreement to attend required pre-trip and post-trip meetings



2. What will we be doing?

The primary goals of this trip are learning, fellowship, and encouragement to facilitate long-term engagement in poverty alleviation efforts around the globe, especially with Hope for Life. Our days will be spent learning about the beauty and complexities of ministry in Rwanda, and developing relationships with HFL staff and children.

While we may participate in some specific work projects at HFL, your presence and encouragement will be the greatest gift to Hope for Life's staff and children.



3. What will housing be like?

The team will stay at a hotel or guest house in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. Kigali is a rapidly developing city, known as one of the cleanest and safest cities in Africa. During the day, we will travel most days to Hope for Life which is located approximately 25 minutes outside of town.

Hope for Life's US Executive Director will stay at the same facility with the team and accompany you throughout your trip.

4. What is the cost?

We estimate the trip to cost approximately \$2,500 per person. A detailed breakdown of total costs will be made available to team members once the team is solidified.

The most expensive part of the trip will be the round trip international airfare, costing \$1,200 to \$1,800 per person.

A \$250 administrative fee is included in the trip estimate to help cover administrative planning and expenses.

Optional: If you'd like to stay longer to go on a Safari or visit the world famous gorillas, you are welcome to do so on your own. HFL is available to advise arrangements for your trip but will not attend with you.

Note: Payment for your trip will NOT be tax-deductible except for the \$250 administrative fee.



5. When is payment due?

Final payment for any trip expenses incurred on your behalf by Hope for Life are due within one month of returning home.

6. How will we prepare for the trip?

Pre-trip training is a vital part of ensuring a successful trip. All trip participants are required to attend 6-7 team training meetings starting in October. Meeting dates and times will be arranged once the team is fully assembled.

In addition, the team will meet twice after the trip to debrief and process their experiences together.

7. At its core, what is this trip really about?

Visiting Rwanda will allow you to see the impact your partnership has made while simultaneously gaining a deeper understanding of the beauty and challenges of Hope for Life's mission. Our hope is for you to hear how God may be calling you deeper into cross-cultural ministry, either with Hope for Life or in your own community.

Your presence will be a great encouragement for HFL's staff and beneficiaries and we know you will learn a great amount from them as well. We hope you consider joining us!

Next Steps

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Chao, HFL's Executive Director, at megan@hopeforlife.us

Ready to move forward? Please fill out the trip application by **August 5th** and send it to megan@hopeforlife.us or mail it to:

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