



PASSPORT

We highly encourage anyone who is considering a visit to Musana to **apply for your passport immediately**. To obtain a new passport or renew your passport, visit travel.state.org/passport for specific instructions, list of documentation required for the application and/or renewal process and estimated cost. We recommend budgeting \$150. **If you currently have a passport, be certain to check the expiration date and apply for renewal if needed.** Note that your passport expiration date must extend 6 months past your return travel date.

Sept. 2021 Update: PLAN AHEAD! Passport appointments are extremely limited, in some locations booking a month out. In addition, processing times are taking up to 5 months from the date of your appointment.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Visit the U.S. Center for Disease Control website for the most up-to-date information and details on required and recommended vaccinations.

- **Required Vaccinations:** (required for admittance back into the states)
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria
 - Yellow Fever
- **Recommended Vaccinations:**
 - Hepatitis A & B
 - Measles/Mumps/Rubella
 - Typhoid
 - Malaria (prescribed medication)
 - Travelers Diarrhea (prescribed medication)
- **Cost:** Vaccinations and medicines are not included in the cost of the trip. We recommend budgeting \$500-\$1,000.
- **Scheduling:** Contact your local travel clinic, Passport Health or a provider of your choice to make your appointment. Be prepared to provide your trip departure date because that will determine the best date for your appointment, generally medical offices will schedule 4 - 6 weeks out from your departure date to allow time for shots to take effect.



KEEP A COPY OF YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS. THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is required for all trip participants and interns. This cost is included in the overall cost of your trip and purchased by Musana on your behalf. Your trip leader(s) will provide details within team preparation meetings.

VISA

Before departure day, we require that all participants get Visas online through <https://visas.immigration.go.ug>. Visas cost \$50 per person and are covered within the overall cost of your trip. Holding a visa is a requirement for travel by the Ugandan government, however, visas are often checked by airlines before departing the U.S. During one of the training meetings, your team leader(s) will walk you through the application process.

FLIGHTS

Musana purchases all participants tickets, and travel times vary from 30-40 hours. Participants must provide a photo copy of their passport to provide to the travel agent. You will have the opportunity to photocopy your passport at the first training meeting.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Upon arriving at the Entebbe Airport, you and your team members will need to take turns exchanging your U.S. dollars for shillings. How much you exchange is up to you, but we recommend \$100-\$300 U.S. dollars for shopping during your trip.

- If you do not get enough shillings, you can use the ATM in Iganga and/or Jinja. Musana staff can direct you to ATM locations.
- If you do not spend all of your shillings, you can exchange them for U.S. dollars at the Entebbe Airport after you check in for your return flight. This can be done at the far end of the airport before you head to the gate.

