



Teachers “Make a Difference” Expedition: Fact Sheet

Where: Jinja, Uganda, East Africa

When: 23 July – 06 August 2011

Who: Qualified Teachers with at least one year’s experience.

Cost: £795

What will I do? You will have a “hands on experience” assisting teachers with their classes, stretching your skilled innovative teaching methods to the limit as you take the reigns in the classroom or work intensively with children in small groups. This might be with gifted children to accelerate their learning or to go through class work at a slower rate with greater repetition to enhance learning. You will be part of a dedicated team of experienced teachers eager to learn from each other in order to give the children of Uganda a better future. We work closely with the teachers and schools to establish and enhance lesson plans which promote active participation and understanding. You will experience a totally different way of teaching where classes of 60 plus is the norm. Children are taught by rote, squashed into rows of desks, with little or no equipment and a school day that can stretch from 7.00am to 5.00pm. Year groups that include children who, for a variety of heartbreaking reasons, are years behind in their schooling results in young people in primary school who are in their teens. Add to this discipline that at times can only be described as Dickensian and you find yourself a world away from the easy comfort of every UK classroom norm. However, the African children’s passion for learning coupled with a desperate desire to be in school, plus their warmth and joy will reward you with satisfaction beyond belief as you make a lasting difference to the lives of these wonderful children.

Who will benefit? The children and teachers in the schools will benefit from the input of new ideas in all areas of education from curriculum content and delivery to planning and assessment. Teachers from the UK will get a real taste of this captivating culture by working right at the heart of the community as well as learning a wealth of new skills. You will excite your children on return to the UK by opening their eyes to another world and broadening their horizons.

Why should I go? Act4Africa members have challenged themselves to change 5 million lives in 5 years. You can be part of this move to improve health, wellbeing and education for some of the world's poorest communities. By using the gift of your time you can change young lives forever. When school is over for the day you can step out into a world waiting to be explored. In the evenings you will meet with other teachers to build lasting friendships around the dinner table whilst absorbing the beauty of an African sunset.

Where will I stay? In secure hotel accommodation which is "executive standard" in an en suite twin bedded room. There will be hot and cold running water and electricity most of the time! All rooms have fans, mosquito nets and netted windows along with internet access. The hotel has a swimming pool situated to give stunning views over the mighty River Nile where you can either cool down in the pool, or simply relax with colleagues at the end of a satisfying day.

What is included in the cost?

Pre departure Orientation briefing.
Bed, breakfast and evening meals.
Up to 2 litres of drinking water a day
Airport pick ups and transfers on arrival and departure.
All expedition logistics including risk assessment and community liaison.
24 hour logistical support from Act4Africa in country staff and UK HQ.
Assistance and support during your project from Act4Africa staff.

100% of any profit from this trip goes directly to supporting the charitable work of Act4Africa.

What is excluded? [but we can help you with]

International flights [approx £595 - £700]
Visa [approx \$50 US]
Travel Insurance [approx £45]
Vaccinations.
Anti malarial drugs.
Any accommodation and food prior to expedition start date or post finish date.
Any wines and spirits, email, internet and telephone calls.
Any food, accommodation and travel if you choose to leave the expedition team eg. at the weekends.
Any optional meals away from the team.
Lunches.[approx £2-£4 a day] School lunches will be cheaper!!
Travel to and from school. [60p to £2 a day depending whether you take a bicycle taxi, motor bike taxi or a regular taxi]
Any optional activities on days off such as swimming, guided safaris, white water rafting, bungee jumping or other activities.

Personal spending money for items such as curios and gifts.

Why go with Act4Africa? Act4Africa has 10 years extensive experience of taking volunteers from the ages of 18 to 70 years to Africa for periods from 3 weeks to 12 months. Over this time we have developed strong and lasting relationships with the indigenous people in the areas where we work. Act4Africa local staff are always on hand to deal with any problems or emergencies as provide help with understanding local customs and traditions.