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Supporting the futureSense FOUNDATION

UGANDA SOCIAL IMPACT CHALLENGE

Your Passport to Global Citizenship!



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About Us

Greater Social Equality.
A More Sustainable Environment.
A More Secure World for Everyone.

Challenges Abroad is a social enterprise that provides impactful, customised overseas learning programs for students. Our mission is to develop the next generation of Global Citizens, who as future leaders will help shape a better future for everyone.

Through our programs, we ensure that students not only develop a global mindset but gain vital life and employability skills, enabling them to have a positive impact on the world through their future endeavours.

We are proud to be a Certified B Corporation!
It reinforces that together, we're delivering programs that are not only transformative for students, but also beneficial for communities and respectful of the planet.

The Challenges Abroad Difference

Student Impact
Developing the next generation of Global Citizens.

Community Impact
Delivering long-term development projects that support local communities.

Enviornmental Impact
We are working on becoming a carbon neutral organisation.



Short-Term Programs, Long-Term Impact.

Our Education & Community Challenges enable students to step out of their comfort zone whilst developing global perspectives, learning about new cultures and fostering meaningful connections with the local community.



Global Citizenship:

Broaden your perspectives, embrace cultural diversity, and ignite a lifelong drive to make a difference in the world.



Cultural Immersion:

Discover, connect & experience - dive into vibrant local cultures, learning through meaningful cross-cultural exchange.



Community Engagement:

Lead, inspire & create change - deliver hands-on projects, building skills and leaving a lasting impact on local communities.

Every Challenges Abroad program supports the goals and objectives of our international development charity, the FutureSense Foundation.

Participants on a Challenges Abroad program are therefore, not only directly impacting the community through their project, but are part of a sustainable community development initiative that will have a long lasting, positive impact.

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Uganda: Pearl of Africa

Jinja is one of Uganda's most captivating destinations, located in the country's east on the northern shores of Lake Victoria, where the River Nile begins its remarkable journey northwards.

The city offers a rich cultural experience through its vibrant markets, local craft shops, and welcoming communities. Visitors can discover the traditions of the Basoga people, enjoy authentic Ugandan cuisine, and explore historic landmarks that reflect Jinja's important role in Uganda's colonial and industrial heritage.



Day 1
Arrival

Touch down in Uganda! Before you've even collected your luggage, you'll be welcomed by the warmth and genuine hospitality of the Ugandan people. Beyond the airport lies a country of lush forests, rolling hills, shimmering lakes, mighty rivers, and extraordinary wildlife, setting the scene for the adventure ahead.

After meeting your group mentor at the airport, begin your journey east towards Jinja, travelling through vibrant towns and picturesque countryside. As evening falls, gather with your team for a welcome dinner and your first taste of authentic Ugandan cuisine.





Week 1

Days 2-3
Program & Cultural Orientation

The first couple of days are about building confidence, connection and excitement. You'll dive into Ugandan culture and language, get to know our Hub team supporting you throughout your challenge, learn more about the communities you'll be working alongside and how your program contributes to long-term development projects. This is where the real impact of your journey begins to take shape!

Days 4-7
Jinja

Spend four immersive days embedded in the local community, contributing your skills, knowledge and passions to our long-term education and community development initiatives. With dedicated time to plan as a team, we'll help to make sure you're ready to contribute in a meaningful way - learning just as much from the community as you share. This hands-on experience builds confidence, uncovers new strengths, and leaves a lasting, sustainable impact.

Beyond your workshops, soak up Jinja's vibrant traditions and landscapes - explore the vibrant streets and markets of Jinja and immerse yourself in local culture through traditional music, dance, and authentic cuisine.

Potential workshop topics:
Conversational English, STEM Education, Creative Arts, Sports Education, Environmental Awareness, Social & Emotional Well-Being and Life Skills







Week 2

Days 8-9
Your Free Weekend to Explore!

This is your time to make the most of everything Uganda has to offer:

👉 Sample local restaurants along the Nile
👉 Explore Jinja's vibrant markets
👉 Visit the Source of the Nile
👉 Experience a sunset boat cruise

There are endless ways to immerse yourself in Ugandan culture!

Whether you choose to relax by the Nile, or wander through Jinja's lively streets, your free weekend is the perfect opportunity to explore, connect and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Did you Know

For thousands of years, the Nile has sustained communities across Africa, providing water for farming, transport, trade and daily life - earning it the nickname "the lifeblood of Africa."



Days 10-15
Jinja

These five days follow a similar rhythm to the first - contributing to community development activities, leading educational workshops, and coming together as a team to reflect on the impact you're making. The difference? Stronger skills, growing confidence, and deeper connections. Somewhere between the first day and the last, you'll begin to recognise your own growth as a Global Citizen.

The final day offers time to reflect on the skills you've developed, the experiences you've shared, and the perspectives you've gained. Our team will drop you off at the airport for you journey home or onwards travels.



The Essentials

Accommodation & Meals

You'll be staying in dorm-style accommodation, sharing your room with up to 3 other participants. There are western showers and toilets, as well as communal spaces for relaxing. While the amenities are basic, the accommodation is safe, clean, and in a great location for exploring the surrounding area!

We provide 3 vegetarian meals per day Monday-Friday (weekends being your free time to explore local restaurants!).

In-Country Transport

Any required transport for project work and airport pick-up and drop-off. Our team can also help you organise transport so you can explore the area in your free time.

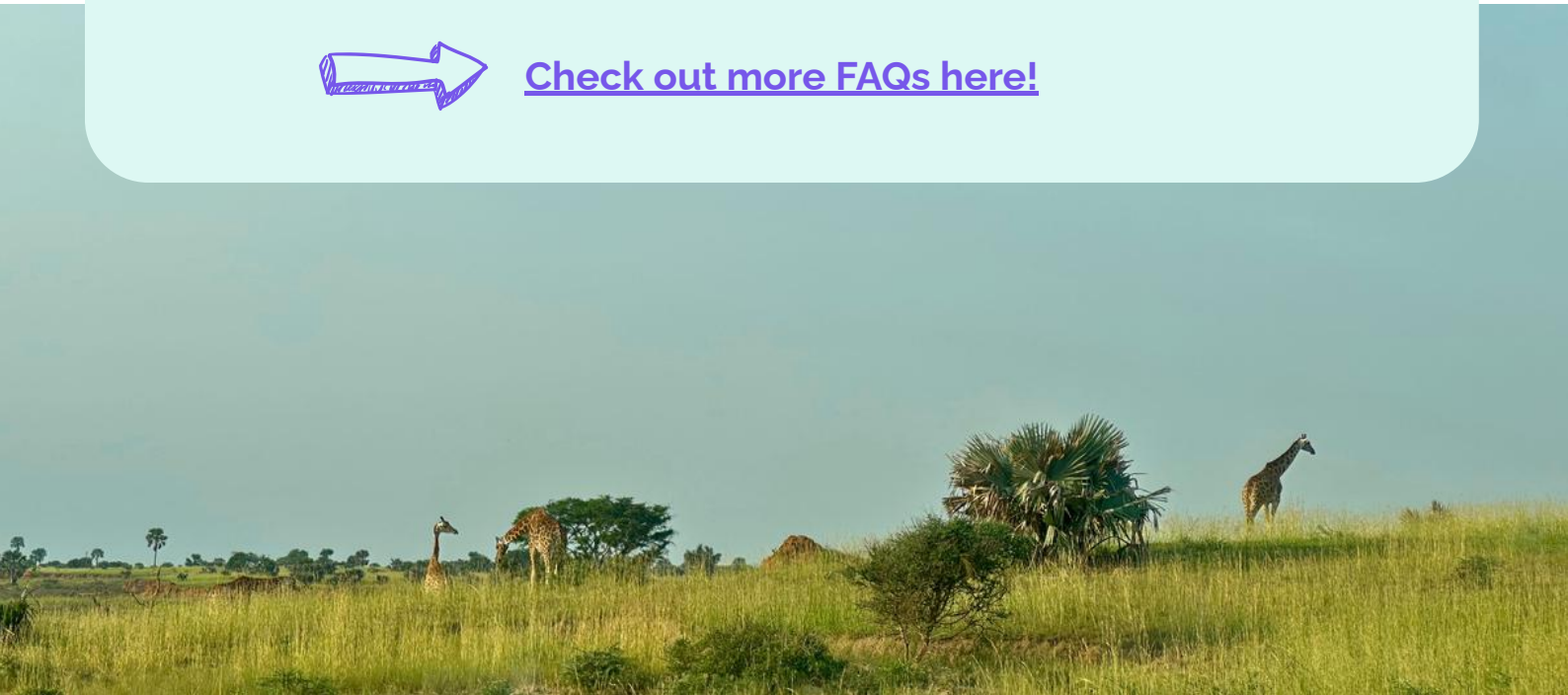
In-Country Support

As well as supporting you in your project work, our team will provide 24/7 support during your time overseas... they'll also have the best recommendations on how to spend your free time!

Pre-Departure Support

We will provide you with a Welcome Pack, Packing List and Program Brief to help you prepare for your travels. Our team are there every step of the way for extra support, and we'll organise a pre-departure meeting 4-weeks before you go to make sure everyone is on the same page and ready for the adventure.

Check out more FAQs here!



What's Next?

Sign up!

All you need to do is apply on our **website** and pay the **$250 booking deposit.** Once accepted, you can pay the remainder of your program fee in fortnightly, monthly or quarterly instalments leading up to your challenge. Your final payment is due eight weeks before departure.

If you have any questions or need any further support, please get in touch with our team:

hello@challengesabroad.com.au

We can also add you to a group chat on WhatsApp so that you can connect with others who are interested in joining the challenge or are even signed up and preparing to travel!

Dates:
Dates TBC through the website

Cost:
$2,950
(possible credit/funding options here)

Things to start considering:

- **International flights**
- **Travel insurance**
- **Visas**
- **Vaccinations**

Elevate your Experience

If you're keen to take on an extra challenge, becoming a **Challenge Leader** will help you develop your leadership and team management skills, as well as a whole heap of other qualities that will set you up for your career or future study. Find out more and apply **here.**

"The pre-departure support is unparalleled. There is a lot of room for challenging yourself and personal growth - definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity that shouldn't be passed up!"

Global Citizen, Natan'El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