

Sierra Leone Travel Information February 10 - 18, 2012

Booking Your Flight

This trip is LAND ONLY to allow you the option of airlines and best fares as well as the opportunity for pre/post trips on an independent basis. Domestic and International air transportation are not included. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their transportation to and from the following destinations:

Arrival Date: February 10, 2012

Arrival Location: Freetown area (Lungi International Airport – FNA)

Departure Date: February 18, 2012

Departure Location: Freetown area (Lungi International Airport – FNA)

Supplemental Travel Insurance

Heifer strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance as trips may be canceled or changed at any time. Various companies offer insurance that is available for trip cancellation, medical needs, luggage, etc. To purchase travel insurance, contact your insurance agent or travel agency. A reference list is below, though should not be seen as recommendations for any one specific agency.

www.travelguard.com

www.travelsafe.com

www.accessamerica.com

www.csatravelprotection.com

www.travelinsure.com

www.insuremytrip.com (this site compares various options)

Registering with U.S. Embassy/Consulate

Heifer Study Tour participants are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate. Registration is important as it will keep you updated on local travel security and allows the State Department to assist U.S. citizens during an emergency. U.S. citizens can register at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> or directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate.

Travel information can be found at the U.S. State Department and Embassy websites:

Sierra Leone - http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1016.html

Sierra Leone Embassy - <http://embassyofsierraleone.net/>

Sierra Leone Visa Website - <http://sierra-leone.visahq.com/>



Health and Vaccination Information

To ensure proper health preparations prior to your tour, meet with your health care provider. Information and medical/inoculation recommendations for travelers can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website - www.cdc.gov/travel. Be aware that some countries require documented proof of a current yellow fever vaccination upon entering the country.

Required Travel Documents

If your passport will expire within 6 months from the date of entry, you will need to renew your passport prior to leaving the country. If you have less than two blank pages left in your passport, you will need to apply for more pages. Country specific requirements are listed below.

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- A U.S. Passport is required to enter Sierra Leone.
- A Tourist Visa is required to enter Sierra Leone and should be obtained before the trip, as entry visas are not available upon arrival.
- Visitors to Sierra Leone are required to show International Certificates of Vaccination (yellow card) upon arrival at the airport with a record of vaccination against yellow fever.
- Sierra Leone now offers online visa processing at <http://sierra-leone.visahq.com/>. A Visa Application can also be downloaded from this website.

Options for Obtaining Your Tourist Visa

1. Send your visa applications and passport directly to the Sierra Leone Embassy or through the online service at <http://sierra-leone.visahq.com/>.
2. Use a Visa Service (typically charges \$50 plus appropriate country visa charges). Heifer staff use the following service:

DMS Visa International
Dastagir Samee
2651 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 201
Washington, DC 20008
(202) 745-3815
(dsamee@dmsvisainternational.com)

ALWAYS SEND YOUR PASSPORT BY A CARRIER WITH A TRACKING SYSTEM.

Travel Address for Tourist Visa

Heifer International Sierra Leone
98B Off Wilkinson Road
Freetown
Sierra Leone
Phone: (+232-22) 234587
Website: www.heifersierraleone.org

