



Haydom Lutheran Hospital

ELCT Mbulu Diocese

TRAVELLING TO HAYDOM

Haydom is located in the rural district called Mbulu, about 300km from Arusha, which is the nearest large city. There are several ways of getting to Haydom, and the following gives some suggestions. These days the opportunity of travelling to Haydom by air has become rare but the road has improved making the journey by car more feasible year-round. In any case, you will most likely have to pass through Arusha.

Travelling to Tanzania and Arusha

When you are travelling to Tanzania and Arusha you several options:

By plane to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in Tanzania:

This is the nearest airport to Haydom, and is served by KLM, Turkish Airlines, Emirates and Ethiopian Airlines. Flights generally arrive in the evening, so a night stay in Arusha is needed before starting on the drive to Haydom. Arusha is situated 45km from JRO, more than 1 hr drive.

How to get from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Arusha:

You can pre-book a place at **Impala Shuttle**, \$15, book in advance by their website www.impalashuttles.com or email arusha@impalashuttles.com or call +255 743 666 663. They take you to the taxistand next to the former Impala Hotel in Arusha. They can also arrange transport from Nairobi to Arusha for \$25. It is also possible to take a taxi (\$50 but you are free to negotiate).

You can also make use of the package deal that some hostels/hotels in Arusha are offering.

If you want a hostel, you can contact **Nyumbani Hostel**, they offer pickup from Kilimanjaro Airport and stay in their hostel. See below for their prices.

If you want a hotel instead of a hostel, you might want to choose for **McEllys** hotel. This middle-class hotel is in the center of Arusha. Their price for the full package (pickup airport/overnight in hotel incl. breakfast/bring to Public Landcruiser the next morning – no dinner included) is US\$80 for one person or US\$ 90 for two persons. You can contact them direct at Whatsapp +255 754 507811 or email info@mcellyshotel.com. Mention “Haydom package” with your booking to get this price. Don’t forget to ask them to reserve 2 seats per person (preferably seats 1+2) for the Public Landcruiser Arusha-Haydom.

Website: www.mcellyshotel.com

If you like a nice cosy hotel in Arusha, located at the South-East side of Arusha, choose for **Korona House**. They offer pickup from KIA, stay in the hotel, have breakfast and bring to the Public Landcruiser station, for US\$ 100 for one person or US\$ 120 for two persons in a double room. These prices don’t include dinner, which is a la carte and will take around US\$15-US\$25.

If you want this package for this price we have to make the booking for you, contact expats@haydom.co.tz.

Phone: +255 687666808 +255 784286058 +255 784511920 Website: www.koronahouse.com



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By plane to Nairobi, Kenya, and continue to Tanzania from there:

An alternative is to fly into Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Nairobi (NBO) Kenya, and to travel on to Tanzania by air or road. If you pre-book a place on a shuttle bus from the airport (e.g. the Impala shuttle), and arrive on an early morning flight, it may be possible to make the 5-hour trip to Arusha without spending the night in Nairobi.

You will, however, most likely have to spend the night in Arusha before continuing to Haydom. It is also possible to rent a tour vehicle that will take you from the airport and all the way to Haydom, and even help arrange for the overnight stay in Arusha. Look at the bottom of the site for contact details for some tour companies. (Note that a transit visa may be required to pass through Kenya. Check with your travel agent).

By plane to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania:

Flying into Dar es Salaam International Airport (DSM) is also possible. From Dar you can take a flight with one of the local airlines to Kilimanjaro or, even easier, to the small airport in Arusha. You can also go by road to Arusha, but Dar is 650km from Arusha (at least an 8 hour drive), and you will therefore incur additional expenses and at least an extra day of travel time on your journey.

If you are thinking of a holiday on the coast or to Zanzibar before (or after) visiting Haydom, flying to Dar (or Zanzibar) may also be a good option. For travel by coach from Dar es Salaam you can use e.g. Dar Express or Kilimanjaro Express. Before you go for a cheaper flight to Nairobi or Dar, consider whether the extra travel and accommodation costs getting to Arusha, and the extra time it takes make this worthwhile.

Travelling from Arusha to Haydom

As previously explained, Haydom is situated 255 km from Arusha. The Public Land Cruiser runs daily, early morning 7am from Arusha and takes around 5 hours.

Travelling by road:

By a Hospital car: the Hospital can pick you up from Kilimanjaro Airport or Arusha. This is not cheap, it might cost around USD 350. Contact us with your travel details to ask for the price.



Public Land Cruiser:

The Public Land Cruiser is the transportation mostly used by the visitors to HLH.

The Land Cruiser leaves Arusha every morning at 7am from the public Land Cruiser stand which is at the Machame Road, next to the Machame hotel. When you go back from Haydom to Arusha it leaves from Haydom between 5.00am and 5.30am. You need to book 2 seats per person, as one seat will be too small for you even if you are skinny. The costs are TZS 34.000 for the 2 seats one way. Try to get seats 1+2 than you have the front seat. It is a 5-6 hour drive, and there are no official stops on the way, but if you e.g. need to use the restroom, you can just ask for it to stop.

You can take a taxi from your hotel to the Landcruiser stand (TSH 5.000-10.000). Tickets for the Land Cruiser can be bought from the man who sits at the location of the Landcruiser Station at Machama Road



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(this is best done at least the day before.) For reservations call +255 787 403 316 Mr. Rama, or +255 788 660 162 at least one day in advance.

Combine the journey to Haydom with a safari in Tarangire National Park

If you are in a group it might be nice and efficient to combine the journey to Haydom with a safari in Tarangire National Park. This park is situated along the road from Arusha to Haydom and is one of the nicest, maybe the nicest park of Tanzania. Haydom can offer you to pick you up from the airport, bring you to a hotel in Arusha and have a safari the next day. Then sleep in a luxury lodge near or in the National Park and then continue to Haydom. The program depends on the time you arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport but we can make a proposal for you and your group for the whole trip. The hospital has two well equipped safari cars. The costs depend on the number of days, the level of the hotel and lodge and the number of persons in your group. Send an email to expats@haydom.co.tz and ask for our Safari brochure with the different packages. Of course we can also arrange the same for your return trip from Haydom to the airport.

Travelling by air:

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and Flying Medical Service (FMS):

MAF flies to Haydom monthly to do a week of outreach clinics in our remotest areas, so there is usually an inbound flight on Monday once per month, and an outbound flight back to the domestic airport in Arusha on Friday the same week. This is a small 5-passenger aircraft so there is not always room and there is no room for large luggage. If you have less than 25kg and it is in small, soft bags it's usually possible. Also, the option exists to charter a 5-passenger Cessna 206 plane from MAF (see below).

You can contact the MAF via their website maf-tanzania.org.

For MAF e-mail: tza.ops@mafint.org and please copy post@haydom.co.tz or call their Arusha office +255 754784451.



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Accommodation in Arusha

1. Nyumbani Hostel, Arusha

This is a nice hostel at the North-West side of Arusha. See also the first page for the contact details. They charge USD 30 for a single room or USD 50 for a double room, incl. breakfast. Dinner costs US\$ 6. For pickup from Kilimanjaro Airport the price is US\$ 60 per car, taking you in the morning to the Public Landcruiser stand takes US\$ 7.

2. McEllys, Arusha

This is a mid-class hotel in the center of Arusha. See also the first page for the contact details. They charge US\$ 30 for a single room or US\$ 40 for a double room. Don't forget to mention that you are a Haydom traveller to get this fee.

3. Korona House, Arusha

This is a nice hotel at the South side of Arusha, close to the new Bypass road that is convenient on the way from the airport to Haydom. Price is around US\$ 45 for a single room and US\$ 65 for a double room. When you book through us you get a discount. Contact us on expats@haydom.co.tz. See also the first page for the package deal.

4. Ilboru Lodge, Arusha.

A very nice lodge at the North of Arusha; the only disadvantage is the bad road for the least 300 meter, but the accommodation, swimming pool and food are excellent; the manager is Dutch. When you book your room do it directly to the lodge and mention that you are Haydom volunteers; then you get the special Haydom price of US\$70 for a double room or US\$35 for a single room (prices for 2022, including breakfast).

Contact details: www.ilborusafarilodge.com Email: bookings@ilborusafarilodge.com

Phone: +255 754 270 357 or +255 786 441 441.

Hospital contact details during your journey to Haydom

If you need any assistance during your journey to Haydom you can contact:

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Have a safe journey to Haydom!

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