



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 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 25km from JRO. You can pre-book a place at The Impala Shuttle (\$15, email impala@impalahotel.com) which will take you to Impala Hotel or Mt. Meru Hotel in Arusha. It is also possible to take a taxi (\$50 but you are free to negotiate) or you can arrange for someone to meet you. A tour company will be able to take you to Haydom by road, and may be prepared to meet you at the airport for an extra fee. Look further down for information about safari/ tour operators and accommodation on the way.

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) in the capital of Tanzania is also possible. From Dar you can take a flight with Fastjet or others to Kilimanjaro. 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 to Haydom

As previously explained, Haydom is situated 300km from Arusha. The Public Land Cruiser runs daily, early morning 7am from Arusha. Once a month, there can be opportunity to join the MAF flight to Haydom but seats are very limited and you can only carry a small amount of luggage. There is an option to charter a 5-passenger plane from FMS or MAF or for big groups



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options exist to charter a 13-seater plane from one of the commercial aviation companies in Tanzania.

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 300. Contact us with your travel details to ask for the price.

By Bus:

The Sunvic Bus drives from Haydom to Arusha every day, except Sundays. This is the cheapest option, but not the best. It leaves about 8am from the main bus terminal and the journey can take up to 12 hours if all goes well. During bad rains, the bus may terminate at Dongobesh (50km from Haydom) or even Mbulu (80km away). You are advised to check with the driver. Remember that the buses can be very crowded.

Public Land Cruiser:

The Public Land Cruiser is the transportation mostly used by the visitors to HLH. There are two ways to getting on to a public land cruiser to Haydom:

The Land Cruiser leaves Arusha every morning at 7am from the public Land Cruiser stand which is one street south-west of the bus station. When you go back from Haydom to Arusha it leaves from Haydom at 5.30am. The costs are costs 15.000 Tsh for one way. For extra space you might want to reserve two seats, like the front double seat (seats 1+2) or if you are with a group a whole couch (seat 3, 4, 5 and 6). So usually the front seat is shared by 2 people and the couch by 4 people. 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) but you can also find the

Land Cruiser by yourself. Tickets for the Land Cruiser can be bought from the man who sits in the right corner of the veranda of the bar/ café opposite the former Joshmal Hotel at Wapare Street. (This is best done at least the day before.) The former Joshmal Hotel is a striking and visible 6-floor brown building with blue glass and can easily be seen from streets nearby. If you walk down the “main street” called Sukoni street, you can turn with the “Samsung” and “Benson & Company” sign. The Land Cruiser will park two blocks south from the former Joshmal Hotel at Wapare Street and leaves from there. For reservations call at least one day in advance +255 755 749 386 or +255 777 749 386 or +255 788 660 162.

Tour / safari vehicle:

If you are in a group and want more control over your travelling it may be a good option to rent a tour vehicle, instead of taking the public transport. The costs are generally between USD 300 to USD 400. Also, the safari company may agree to collect you from the airport, and even do a safari with you on the way (for a price of course!). The drive from Arusha will take at least 5 hours. When renting a tour vehicle it may also be possible to get picked up in Nairobi and drive to Arusha, and then Haydom, from there. You can contact us to help you with advice or contact one of the mentioned safari companies below.

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



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usually possible. Also, the option exists to charter a 5-passenger Cessna 206 plane from FMS or MAF (see below).

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

FMS charter cost around US\$ 900 for a one-way Arusha or Kilimanjaro to Haydom or back.

E-mail: fms@fms.or.tz and please copy post@haydom.co.tz

or for MAG e-mail: tz-ops@maf.org and please copy post@haydom.co.tz

Note also the following comments from the director of FMS:

“Please be aware that our aircraft has six seats. It carries a pilot and up to five adult passengers. Luggage space is limited. If possible, please avoid carrying large suitcases, as they may not fit into the cargo area. Several small soft bags are better than one large hard one. The total combined weight of passengers and luggage may not exceed 350 kilos. If you and your luggage will exceed this amount, you must inform us before the day of the flight. We can, if necessary, carry up to 535 kilos. However, this entails offloading fuel and reducing range.”

Accommodation on the way

In most cases you will probably have to stay one night in Arusha as the international flights to Kilimanjaro airport usually arrive in the evening and the travel from Dar or Nairobi is quite long. There is one hotel, Kia Lodge, at Kilimanjaro airport, a few km from the terminal, which can easily be reached by taxi. We have an arrangement with them that volunteers from Haydom Lutheran Hospital get the resident rate. This is per person \$60 for Bed and Breakfast, \$80 also including dinner and \$95 also including lunch. For more information visit:

http://www.moivaro.com/pages/kia_lodge/lodge.htm

However, most travellers take a stop in Arusha where there are several good options for an overnight stay:

☐ **Mc-Ellys Hotel** is a good hotel which is very close to the Public Land Cruiser stand. Price for a single room around \$35 (2019) including a good breakfast. You can book them through booking.com

☐ **Scripture Mission, Sakina, Arusha.** The Norwegian Lutheran Mission has a guesthouse at their compound. The guesthouse is self-catering and is situated on the northern edge of Arusha. For more information about the guesthouse see: <http://scripture-mission-arusha.blogspot.com/search/label/Guesthouse> For details and bookings: [guesthouse\(a\)scripture-mission.com](mailto:guesthouse(a)scripture-mission.com)

☐ **The 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\$60 for a double room or US\$40 for a single room (prices for 2012, including breakfast).

Contact details: www.ilborusafarilodge.com Email: [ilboru-lodge\(a\)habari.co.tz](mailto:ilboru-lodge(a)habari.co.tz)

Phone:: +255 (0)754 270 357 or (0)784 270 357.

☐ **The Impala Hotel, Arusha.**

This is one of the more expensive hotels, but it is frequently used by Haydom visitors and can easily be reached by the Impala shuttle.

☐ **The Outpost Lodge, Arusha.**

For a good standard lower budget hotel the Outpost Lodge is a good option. It is situated in beautiful surroundings not very far from the city center. The price is \$48 for a single room, breakfast included. (2010) It is also possible to get a discount as a visitor to Haydom. Contact details: www.outpost-



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lodge.com Email: [outpost\(a\)bol.co.tz](mailto:outpost(a)bol.co.tz) or [info\(a\)outposttanzania.com](mailto:info(a)outposttanzania.com)
Phone: +255 (0)715 430 358.

📍 **Amani Hostel, Arusha.**

If you are on a budget and you want a cheap, but pleasant, overnight stay you can visit Amani Hostel. The price is 20 000 Tsh per night, including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Contact information: +255 (0)767 707 35 or +255 (0)752 166 718

📍 **Olduvai Inn, Arusha**

In the same price category as Amani Hostel (even cheaper), this hotel is located a little west from the Impala roundabout (this is at the junction Serengeti road and Old Moshi Road); it is clean, just the breakfast is maybe a little poor but if you like a nice breakfast, just cross the street to the Impala Hotel where you have a great breakfast buffet for TSH 10.000; we don't have a phone number but usually they have place for you.

Tour and safari companies

Contact Details for some recommended Tour and Safari companies:

- Benson Safaris, www.bensonsafaris.com, phone +255 788 841 723
- Wild Tracks, www.wild-tracks.com owned by a Norwegian, based in Arusha
- M. Tours Ltd, Travel Planner Tours & Safaris, jmtours@habari.co.tz
- Serengeti Select Safaris Ltd: sss@habari.co.tz

If you are traveling by road from Nairobi in Kenya, Flamingo Safari is a good Nairobi-situated company that will take you all the way to Haydom: Flamingo Safari: www.flamingosafari.com For booking: daniel@flamingosafari.com or phone +254 (0)736117648 / +254 (0)723461350

For more information about other good companies in Tanzania, visit: http://tanzaniatouristboard.com/directory/tour_operators

Have a safe journey to Haydom!

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