



Field Study and the MYP at ISM



Once a year each class at ISM heads out on a field study trip. These trips are an essential component of our MYP curriculum. They embody holistic learning, a fundamental principle of the MYP, reminding us that learning isn't just limited to the classroom. These trips enable our students to connect learning to the world around them and use their skills in a real-world context.



Each year the M1 students head to the Rift Valley Lakes: Lake Manyara and Lake Eyasi. Here they examine ecosystems (studied in both Humanities and Science), through the AOI of Environments. Students also engage in descriptive writing based on skills developed in the Language A English class. All studies center on the inter-relationship between people and their environments through interactions with the Datoga and Hadzabe.

The M2 students have just returned from their field study trip to the school's Kiraha House in Pangani. While there, they observed and sketched various coastal formations and reinforced their classroom learning regarding the African slave trade (both Humanities topics).

They also translated their learning and experiences into drama activities and prepared Power Point presentations on laptop computers to answer the M2 Guiding Question: Why Change?

In M3, the students travel to West Kilimanjaro, staying two nights at Simba Farms, enjoying the hospitality of the Bruinsma family. Here students apply their knowledge learned from the unit on the Geography of Food (Humanities), to examine food production on a working farm and delve more deeply into how what we eat changes the world.

M4 students will embark on a new trip to Kolo in an exciting Arts based field study trip. Here students examine the ancient rock paintings at Kolo, and compose dramatic pieces using the images as visual stimuli. Students also engage in sophisticated writing activities based on skills developed in Language A English.

More on what's in store for this year's M5s—the very first M5 group at ISM—to come later...



What's Puzzling You?

Have a burning MYP question you'd like the MYP Minute to answer? Let us know! Ask the MYP Coordinator; send your question to Jeff Holcomb on the Moshi Campus (jeffh@ismoshi.net) or Steve Brown on the Arusha Campus (steveb@ismac.ac.tz).

Coming up in The MYP Minute:

- *The Personal Project*
- *What is MYP Technology?*
- *How do I earn an MYP Certificate?*