



Donor Travel has become an exciting and increasingly popular way for non-profits working internationally to highlight their achievements.

Well-designed donor travel to overseas project sites can:

- Further the education of donors and board members about their philanthropic investment.
- Deepen the relationship between donors, staff and an organization's mission
- Become a meaningful and recreational signature event.



"KickStart welcomes many visitors to Kenya but we had never sponsored our own donor safari. Could we do it? Would we lose money? Who will organize it? All of these questions kept us from trying. But Dominique and Elevate Destinations made it seem effortless. She listened to our desire for an experience that would help our donors truly connect to the spirit of Africa and gave us an itinerary that combined urban exploration, an up close look at our work with rural farmers, local culture and of course the amazing wildlife. And we did this far from the over-worn tourist path. Even the couple who had been to Africa 20 times got to see something new. This was huge success and has already resulted in increased giving from our donors. I can't wait to start planning the next one!"

*Ken Weimar
Director of Development
KickStart International*



How we do it:

- Donor and fundraising trips usually cost your organization nothing: we include everything in our all-inclusive price for travelers.
- We work closely with your organization to determine and optimize the goals of the trip.
- Our network of on-the-ground travel partners ensures itineraries perfectly suited to your group's interests.



"We are back from our trip and thrilled by the experience. You put together an incredible itinerary, and the whole group seemed to love it.....This was no mere tourist experience. It was a life-changing opportunity that touched my husband, myself and our teenaged children way beyond the beautiful vistas and fabulous wildlife; it touched our hearts. We left Africa wiser, humbler, and more enriched."

*Terry, Peter, Chapin, and Anna Gamble-Boyer
KickStart travelers*





Partnering with Elevate Destinations

Elevate Destinations provides complete travel organization services, relieving non-profit staff members of most of the work involved in planning the trip. Here is a guide to the process of planning a trip with us:

Step One

- Consult on trip mission and fundraising strategy
- Determine dates of travel
- Design itinerary

Step Two

- Handle all communication with travelers
- Collect payment by determined deadline
- Follow up with all travel organization

Step Three

- Go on trip and have an amazing time!

Most of the work managed by our non-profit clients is up front: deciding on the program piece of the trip and enrolling interested donors.

"Dominique and Elevate Destinations helped DRI create a successful donor trip to Kenya and Uganda. I would highly recommend them to anyone who may be traveling to Africa. She was so organized and extremely accommodating of all of our needs. Thank you for a great trip!"

*Lori Willis
Director of Major Gifts
Direct Relief International*

Testimonials

Elevate Destinations is well resourced around the world. Our extensive non-profit experience provides great value in working with your organization and donors. Travelers' comfort and security are our top priorities. For many donors, such travel is powerfully transformative.

"We have been to Africa many times and made this trip because we were interested in seeing what Kick Start was doing. This trip gave us the opportunity to do so and made both of us feel proud to be a part of what we saw there. It was a pleasure getting to know the other members of the Kick Start staff and to see their personal dedication to the work they are doing there. It is more than just a job to all of them.. Our travel companions were all equally pleasant and interested in what Kick Start was doing. We were a group with varied interests but fit well together. ... We are very glad that we made the trip and we thank you for the role you played in making it happen.

Pat and Bill Miller

"It was just a spectacular trip! Smooth, easy and fun."

Sally Barr

The trip to visit KickStart, the O Malo Lodge and Olonana was wonderful. The weather, the program people and the guides were great. We will continue our funding for KickStart and, hopefully, others will join and even raise their contributions.

Becky Morgan

"For the Kenyan people to have endured and survived what they have deserves our respect and investment in their future through an unwavering belief in what they can become.... I know of few Westerners who could energetically and attitudinally survive a day of what these people have dealt with for generations. We may have the intellectual knowledge and financial resources to assist them on their way out of poverty, but they have much to teach us about perseverance and attitude, about family and commitment.... I am humbled by their hope, touched by their smiles, inspired by their spirit, welcomed by their hospitality, centered by their connection to the earth, inspired by their dignity, awakened by their determination."

Lee Jampolsky

