



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States
SUDAN Mission Experience Trip
June 9-June 21, 2014

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By the grace of God, kindness and blessings of the presence of **H.G. Bishop Youssef**, and the generous hospitality of **H.G. Bishop Sarabamon** and **H.G. Bishop Elia**, the SUS Diocese will have the opportunity of experiencing the mission and services in Sudan this summer, and will study the Holy Scripture and Commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews.

H.G. Bishop Sarabamon: Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Northern Sudan

H.G. Bishop Elia: Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Southern Sudan

COST: \$750

Includes: All group meals, accommodations, transportation, and site-seeing.

Excludes: Airfare, vaccinations, visas, donations, and personal expenses.

Total Cost MUST be paid at the time of registration.

40% Refund if registration is cancelled before March 1, 2014

Donations: Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Note: If unexpected expenses are incurred, the amount will be distributed amongst the group.

Mission Service Includes:

Medical/Dental

Pharmaceutical

Child Care

Counseling

Visitations

Spiritual

Attention Medical Personnel: Please check with the airlines regarding extra luggage or shipments to Africa. There are occasions when they will comply and grant you extra weight for missions and services to Africa.

Sudan Visa and Passport Requirements

To enter Sudan, a passport valid for at least six months is required by nationals listed below.

Visit visa: 60 days from the date of issue and valid for a stay of up to 60 days from the date of entry.

Passport, Return Ticket, & Visa Required:

Australian

British

Canadian

Other EU

USA

Visa Note:

The Sudanese authorities refuse entry and transit to holders of passports that contain visas for **Israel** (either valid or expired).

You must register with the Aliens Department within three days of arrival for a fee of around £35 (approximately \$55 USD).

Special permits are required for overland travel outside Khartoum. You can obtain these from the Aliens Department. If you travel outside Khartoum, you must register again with the local police within 24 hours.

Nationals not listed above are advised to contact the embassy to check visa requirements.

Types and Cost:

Visit visa (covers all types of visit): £55 (approximately \$75 USD – payable in local currency). A letter of introduction is required.

Application To:

Consular section at embassy.

Working Days:

Allow four to six weeks for visa processing.

Extension of Stay:

If you wish to extend your visit, you should contact the General Directorate of Passports, Immigration and Nationality, Ministry of Interior, Khartoum.

Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in the USA

2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA ☎Tel: (202) 338 8565.
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Travel Advice

US Department of State <http://travel.state.gov/travel>

Read more

<http://www.worldtravelguide.net/sudan/passport-visa>

Health Care and Vaccinations

	Special Precautions
Diphtheria	Yes
Hepatitis A	Yes
Malaria	Yes
Rabies	Sometimes
Tetanus	Yes
Typhoid	Yes
Yellow Fever	Yes

Medical treatment may be free at certain establishments but health insurance is essential and should include cover for emergency repatriation. Medical facilities are very limited, particularly outside Khartoum.

Food and Drink:

All water should be regarded as a potential health risk. Water used for drinking, brushing teeth or making ice should have first been boiled or otherwise sterilized. Milk is unpasteurized and should be boiled. Avoid dairy products which are likely to have been made from unboiled milk. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish, preferably served hot. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit peeled.

Other Risks:

Avoid swimming and paddling in fresh water; swimming pools which are well chlorinated and maintained are safe. Vaccinations against tuberculosis and hepatitis B are sometimes recommended.

Read more

<http://www.worldtravelguide.net/sudan/health>

Weather & Climate

Best Time to Visit:

Extremely hot (less so November to March). Sandstorms blow across the Sahara from April to September. In the extreme north, there is little rain but the central region has some rainfall from July to August. The southern region has much higher rainfall, the wet season lasting May to October. Summers are very hot throughout the country, whilst winters are cooler in the north.

Required Clothing:

Tropical clothes all year, warmer clothes for cool mornings and evenings (especially in the desert).

Geography

Sudan is bordered by **Egypt** to the north, the Red Sea to the northeast, **Ethiopia** and **Eritrea** to the east, **South Sudan** to the south, the **Central African Republic** and **Chad** to the west, and **Libya** to the northwest. There is a marked difference between the climate, culture and geography of northern and southern Sudan. The far north consists of the contiguous Libyan and Nubian deserts which extend as far south as the capital, Khartoum, and are barren except for small areas beside the Nile River and a few scattered oases.

This gives way to the central steppes which cover the country between 15°N and 10°N, a region of short, coarse grass and bushes, turning to open savannah towards the south, largely flat to the east but rising to two large plateau in the west and south, the Janub Darfur (3,088m/10,131ft) and Janub Kordofan (500m/1,640ft) respectively. Most of Sudan's agriculture occurs in these latitudes in a fertile pocket between the Blue and White Niles which meet at Khartoum. South of the steppes is a vast shallow basin traversed by the White Nile, and the border with South Sudan.

Read more

<http://www.worldtravelguide.net/sudan/weather-climate-geography>

Sudan Culture

Religion:

Muslim in the north; Christian and traditional animist beliefs in the south.

Social conventions:

In the north, Arab culture predominates, while the people in the more fertile south belong to many diverse tribes, each with their own lifestyle and beliefs. Because Sudan is largely Muslim and operates *Sharia*, women should not wear revealing clothing, although they are not expected to wear a veil or cover their heads. At official and social functions as well as in some restaurants, formal clothes are expected. The Sudanese have a great reputation for hospitality. A curfew operates in major cities from 0000-0400.

Photography: There are many restrictions on photography: a photography permit can be obtained from the External Information Office at the Ministry of Information in Khartoum.

Language in Sudan

Arabic is the official language. English and local dialects are widely spoken.

Read more

<http://www.worldtravelguide.net/sudan/history-language-culture>

