

FAQs: Kenya Medical Camp Volunteering 2025

How do I apply? Volunteers should apply via [this link](#) by 11.59pm on 20 March.

If you have access issues to the link above, please apply [here](#).

When will winners be notified? Winners will be notified by 4 April 2025.

Who is eligible to enter? This competition is open to all Bupa employees from BGIUK and Bupa Group.

How are winners selected? A panel of leaders (representing all business lines) will shortlist/select winners based on their application. If there is not a standout application, a winner will be selected at random from the shortlisted applications.

Do I need to be clinically trained to volunteer? What will I be doing?

You don't need any clinical experience to volunteer – just a can-do attitude and willingness to get stuck in.

Volunteering duties will be assigned onsite at the camp. These may include assisting registration and triage, ushering & crowd control, assisting at specialty clinics and the pharmacy, giving out food pack donations, volunteer management, transport logistics, overall camp operations & flow, coordinating clean up etc.

If you are clinically trained, unfortunately you will not be insured to perform any medical procedures, however you *may* be invited to support/shadow the Kenyan doctors or help triage patients. We will ensure Lifecare is aware of any skills you have prior to your arrival.

Is it all expenses paid?

Economy flights, accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and transfers are all included while in Kenya, as you're representing Bupa and the Bupa Foundation.

Volunteers will be liable to arrange and cover:

- Any extra meals/drinks outside the full board package (at own cost)
- Domestic airport transfers (e.g. from your home to nearest international airport)
- Electronic Travel Authorities (ETAs – equivalent to visas) (c.\$30 per person – can be expensed to Bupa Foundation)
- Travel vaccinations (these can be expensed up to £100 per volunteer to Bupa Foundation).

If covering any of this would be an issue, upon winning please let your Bupa Foundation contact know and so we can discuss financial support.

Travel dates and itinerary:

- **Saturday 31 May: Travel.** Travel to Nairobi. Airport transfer to your hotel (single occupancy) followed by dinner with fellow volunteers (depending on arrival time).

- **Sunday 1 June: Transfer to the Mara.** Depart Nairobi for the Masai Mara at 6.30am. Time permitting, volunteers will have the opportunity to go on a game drive in the late afternoon, followed by dinner at your accommodation.
- **Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 June: Volunteering days.** Volunteers will be transported to and from the medical camp (departing at 7am each morning, returning by 6.30pm). Breakfast and dinner will be available at your accommodation on both days, and lunch available for volunteers at the camp.
- **Wednesday 4 June – Thursday 5 June: Travel.** Volunteers will transfer back to Nairobi after breakfast. A packed lunch will be provided. Volunteers will be welcome to freshen up at the Lifecare Offices before their evening flight. Transfers to the airport for your nighttime flight will be arranged by Lifecare.

Flights: Economy return flights will be covered by The Bupa Foundation. However, domestic airport transfers (e.g. from your home to nearest international airport) will be arranged by the volunteer.

All flights will be carbon offset.

Accommodation: Accommodation whilst in Kenya is arranged and covered by Lifecare International and the Bupa Foundation. However, there are some important caveats that volunteers **must** be comfortable with before applying to take part:

- Nairobi accommodation on arrival (night one) is a single-occupancy room at a Bupa-approved hotel.
- Accommodation in the Masai Mara (nights two-four) is **triple-occupancy** tents which will be shared with fellow Bupa volunteers. Each tent will have three separate beds and one shared bathroom.
- The tents are comfortable – [see examples of the resort here \(note: we'll stay in the tents, rather than the 'cottages'\)](#).
- We will work with volunteers to allocate shared accommodation in the best way, however it is important to note that volunteer accommodation in the Mara is shared. Single occupancy will not be possible.

Travel vaccinations: All volunteers are required to seek personal advice and arrange any recommended travel vaccinations ASAP (by contacting their local travel clinic between 7-19 April). Any required vaccinations/malaria tablets can be expensed and charged to The Bupa Foundation up to the value of £100 per volunteer.

Passport and VISA requirements: All volunteers will have to arrange their own Electronic Travel Authorities (ETAs – equivalent to visas), which is approximately \$30 per person (expensed to Bupa Foundation). We can support you with this process.

Passports need to be valid for at least six months after arriving in Kenya and have at least two available blank pages.

Insurance: Bupa has travel and liability insurance which will cover employee volunteers.

Health and safety: Risk assessments have/will be completed for this experience.

Do I need to use my holiday / volunteering leave? You will not need to use your annual leave for this trip and will be paid as usual for any contracted working days you miss while volunteering. However, if you are entitled to paid volunteering days, these must be allocated to your time in Kenya.

Clothing: No specialist clothing is required. However, we recommend prioritising comfort and respecting the local culture. Please avoid revealing clothing and opt for cotton t-shirts, linen shirts and knee/full-length trousers/leggings, alongside layers to account for a drop in temperature in the evenings. Please bring comfortable, closed-toe shoes – as you may be on your feet for long periods of time depending on your volunteering role. Most volunteers will be provided with branded volunteer hi-vis vests/bibs or t-shirts on arrival at the camp.

Luggage: It is recommended you bring a medium soft-shell bag/holdall (rather than a hardshell suitcase) as there is limited room on the transfers for luggage.

Diversity and inclusion: We encourage applications from all employees, we will work with Lifecare to explore how to accommodate any special requirements.

Further questions? Please contact bupafoundation@bupa.com