

RMNI South Sudan Trip Checklist--2023

To facilitate the process of joining a trip, here is a checklist. Please feel free to ask any questions.

1. Complete the RMNI Application

<https://www.rmni.org/files/sudan/Short-termApplicationInterAct.pdf>

a. _____ Please name and save the Application and email it to jwsrmni@gmail.com

b. _____ Email also preferably a color copy of your passport photo page.

2. _____ Airline reservations: you may use your agent, or ours, or purchase tickets yourself. Ours is Leanne Leigers, who has 25+ years in the industry-- lleigers@fellowship.com 800-235-9384, X 121 Fellowship Travel. Mention Jim Sutherland's itinerary and she will try to get the same flights, as seats are available. The earlier you book, generally the lower the fare. If you choose to use her, please provide your favored departure airport, seat preference, and once you agree to a proposal from our agent, your frequent flyer number, as you may elect. Typically, our agent can obtain a humanitarian fare, allowing at least 1 free 50 lb. bag. RMNI is willing to advance payment for your ticket, provide the invoice, and you would immediately reimburse ticket costs to RMNI, POB 2537, Chattanooga, TN 37409-0537. Or you may pay our agent directly (but would not receive an income-tax deductible receipt), and then inform us that you have already paid. You may elect trip cancellation insurance, at extra cost, being careful to note allowed reasons for cancellation.

3. _____ S. Sudan visa: apply for this at <https://www.southsudanembassyusa.org/visa/>

This visa is good for only 3 months, and it is issued for three months WHEN RECEIVED by the S. Sudan Embassy. So, it is prudent to apply about ONE MONTH before departure. You must submit your passport.

Use capital letters on the application. Here is assistance to complete the visa:

Place of Application is "Washington, DC"

For item #1, it is a Single visa; for Purpose: Other: Ministry

#8, Place of Stay: [To Be Determined], JUBA

For "Funds Available" I typically put \$2,500 APPROXIMATELY

#9 info: Guarantor

Name: Rev. Nasir Pitia; Telephone # +211925848003

Address: Presbyterian Church of S. Sudan, Juba Parish

Date of Birth 01/01/1976; Male

Relationship to Applicant: Church partner

Profession/occupation: Pastor

Nationality and Immigration Status: South Sudanese

4. _____ Waiver of Liability Release Form: please sign and notarize and email a copy.

<https://www.rmni.org/files/sudan/SudanWaiverofLiability.pdf>

5. _____ Trip fee: send in \$1,200.00 to RMNI per person for in-country costs by a month before departure. RMNI does not earn a profit from this trip—if it did, it would go to the field ministry. Costs are high in S. Sudan, as almost everything must be trucked in from Kenya and Uganda, but we research

to find the best security and value in food and accommodations. If you stay more than 9 nights, there is an additional charge, depending upon the current room rate.

6. ____ Immunizations: Make sure that your immunizations are current. If coming from Chattanooga, make an appointment with the Hamilton County foreign immunization nurse, 423-209-8340. Essentially, you will need just about every immunization, or timely booster. Make sure that you have your yellow fever immunization card with your passport, since South Sudan requires it. There may be a shortage of yellow fever vaccine, so try to get this early. Also have measles immunization. Ask someone to ask you before departure to your airport if you have your passport and immunization card with you.

You will need to have a copy of your Covid 2-shot basic vaccination record, kept with your passport. You will, at this time, need a Covid PCR test taken in the USA prior to departure from the USA. It must be taken at least 72 hours prior to arrival in Juba. A second PCR test must be taken in Juba prior to departure for the USA. Juba airport officials require this, not the USA. These tests are at team member's own expense, and may cost around \$100-150 each.

7. ____ Gear: review the Quick Gear Checklist for S. Sudan <https://www.rmni.org/files/sudan/QuickGearChecklist--Sudan.pdf> This is a suggested list, so not everything is needed for a given trip. Recent stays in Juba hotels have not required a mosquito net.

8. ____ Baggage: If you have room, you may be asked to carry items for S. Sudan, to avoid the typical \$200-per-suitcase fee for excess baggage.

9. ____ Insurances: RMNI will cover trip and medical insurance during the trip dates, but not trip cancellation insurance. Team members will cover costs generated from Covid-related expenses, including costs not covered by insurance at medical facilities, extra hotel costs (room/board) due to an imposed quarantine from a positive Covid test, and costs incurred to rescheduling flights.

10. ____ Prayer: please invite your circle of supporters to pray for the trip. We ask team members to take a day to pray and fast for this trip, at a time of your choosing. Logistics are challenging, security is ultimately in God's hands, red tape is possible, we won't have much time to get over jet lag before starting. We will be working with several different languages and cultures. S. Sudan is decades behind most neighboring nations in development.

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