

Flight & airport arrival information: FSD Jinja

A note on purchasing flights:

Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements to and from the program site. Participants are also solely responsible for any airfare or other travel fees, charges, expenses or penalties, that might result from any cancellation of or change in the Participant's program, whether the Participant cancels the program or it is cancelled or altered by FSD. With this in mind, it would be prudent to consider purchasing flight insurance when buying your ticket abroad.

Important: All participants need to arrive at the specified airport by the designated time IF they wish to be picked up from the airport and escorted to the orientation site. The FSD program fee only covers travel costs for those being picked up at the group arrival time. Those arriving separately, outside of the scheduled pick up time, will be responsible for their own cost of travel to the orientation destination as well as any other costs incurred along the way. You will be contacted by FSD following your interview to tell you the details of the group pick up from Entebbe International Airport (EBB). Please make keep this information in mind when booking your flight.

Departure: Please keep in mind that your program will end on a Saturday - please plan accordingly.

Is international airfare and travel to the program site included in the program fee?

The FSD Program fee does not include the cost of international airfare nor in-country airfare to the program site. Participants are responsible for booking their own international flights to the host country as well as any necessary in-country flights to the program site. Exceptions are made when in-country flights can only be purchased locally.

The Program fee does cover transportation to and from the airport for participants who arrive on the scheduled group pickup time (see below). The program fee also covers any other group transportation required for group activities (with other FSD interns and staff).

Will I be picked up at the airport?

On the start date of the program, a **group pickup time** at the airport will be arranged for participants. It is very important to purchase a flight, which will arrive in time to meet the group for pickup.

FSD arranges a group pickup for the entire group's convenience and safety as well as for financial reasons. When the entire group arrives at the same time, we can efficiently collect you and your luggage and travel directly to the orientation site. In addition, it is costly and inefficient to make multiple trips to the airport or wait for someone's late arrival, particularly in locations such as Uganda and Kenya where the program site is hours away from the airport and travel is only possible during daylight hours.

How will I find FSD when I arrive at the airport for the group pickup?



The representative from FSD will be waiting for you at the greeting area of the airport upon your arrival. They will have a sign with the letters “FSD” on it. Photos of your Program Coordinator and Director may be viewed on the FSD website on each country’s page. They will escort you to your lodgings (either a hostel or your host family) for orientation.

I am traveling before the program starts and will not be on the group flight; how should I meet up with the group?

If you cannot make the group pickup time and location, you should plan on meeting up with the group at the Orientation Hostel/Site at the designated time. More information will be sent to you from your Site Team 2 weeks before the start of your program. This is not advised for the Uganda Program.

Can I arrive early or leave later than the program dates?

Yes. FSD encourages you to plan on traveling in your host country and region before or after your internship – there is so much to see and it is unlikely that you will be able to take full advantage of what your host country has to offer during the program. If you decide to travel before the program starts, please be sure to communicate with the Program Coordinator regarding your arrival plans and how to meet up with FSD. Please note that FSD secures insurance coverage for you for the exact dates of your program. Contact us if you would like to extend your coverage to include your travel before or after the program.

What are some important points to remember when booking my ticket?

- Arrive on the program start date in time to meet the group pickup.
- Make sure to book both the international ticket as well as any necessary domestic connecting flight to arrive at your program destination. Please see the specific flight guidelines for your host country for more information.
- Be informed about any rules and regulations regarding your ticket. Ask lots of questions and read the fine print before you purchase to understand if refunds or changes are allowed, the costs of doing so, time limits, etc.

Do I have to purchase a round trip ticket?

When possible, FSD recommends that you purchase a round trip ticket. This is due to the fact that sometimes countries require proof of onward travel upon arrival and/or return flights may fill up or be much more expensive to purchase separately.

What is FSD’s stance towards international stopovers?

Avoid international stopovers when possible. Stopovers increase the probability of a delayed arrival and pose an added risk to your safety.

How do I submit my travel itinerary to FSD?

Please submit your itinerary no less than 30 days before your program start date to your in-country Program Coordinator using the FSD Flight Submission form. You can find their email in the “Site Team Contact Information” sheet sent to you.

What if my flight is cancelled or delayed?

If you will not arrive at the date and time that you have sent us, due to delay, cancellation, or illness, please take the following steps: **Email AND call your Program Director and/or Program Coordinator** to let them know that you will not arrive at the scheduled date and time, and supply them with the updated date and time of your arrival. Your Program Director and Program Coordinator's telephone numbers and email addresses are listed on the "Site Team Contact Information" sheet.

If you cannot contact your Program Director or Program Coordinator, call the US Emergency Cell Phone and we will assist you in relaying your updated arrival information to your FSD Site Team. An FSD representative will greet you at the airport when you do arrive.

How will I get back to the airport for departure?

You will most likely travel independently to the airport for your departure. It is FSD's aim to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully navigate local logistics on your own by the end of the program. FSD will provide you with a stipend to cover the cost of public transportation to the airport.