



The Kodeni
School Project



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Trip Information

This document seeks to provide you with all the information you will need to prepare for your trip.

We are so pleased that you have made the decision to become part of this year's Koden School Project team. Your Burkina Faso experience starts today and lasts a lifetime. We encourage you to see this as an opportunity to grow as a person, spiritually, socially, intellectually through your experiences in serving the children of Koden alongside the Church at Laffiabougou.

The Koden School Project trip has 2 elements, both of which are a requirement for all participants:

- **The build project:** help in the construction of an additional 3 classroom block and boundary fence at the Koden School to equip the school to educate its growing pupil role in the Sabaribougou community. The build is designed to allow unskilled people to be able to make a real and important contribution to the construction.
- **A lasting commitment:** In addition to building the classroom block; participants of this trip are being asked to be part of the Koden school for life by organising the sponsorship of 5 pupils at £6 per month each (a total of £30.00 per month), covering the cost of their education. This lasting commitment will ensure that children of no means will receive a superb education free at the point of need and be lifted permanently out of poverty. Without this sponsorship, the school would fail in its mission of changing the future for the some of the neediest children on earth.

Alongside building the classroom block, the expedition aims to provide you with a true immersion in Burkina Faso. Sampling authentic cuisine, serving and becoming part of the community in its struggle to improve and falling in love with country and its amazing people.

We encourage you to see this year as an opportunity to be impacted and challenged by experiencing a people and culture that is very different to yours:

- that we will have the privilege to serve
- that we will come to love
- that we have much to learn from
- that we get to walk alongside and mutually grow in faith

Trip Programme

Please note this is a tentative schedule and will be finalised prior to trip departing

Day 1	Fly to Ouaga
Day 2	Travel to Bobo
Day 3	Project day 1
Day 4	Church Day
Day 5	Project day 2
Day 6	Project day 3
Day 7	Project day 4
Day 8	Project day 5
Day 9	Project day 6
Day 10	Travel to Bobo, fly home
Day 11	Arrive home

Daily Meetings

Each day the team will meet together to reflect on the day, debrief together and look ahead to the next day as well as have a time of worship and focusing on God.



Travel & On Location

Accommodation

We will be staying in basic accommodation – mattresses on floors, each with a mosquito net. The accommodation is a mix of dormitories and rooms in a large home, (male and female separated), with a dining and meeting space for the group to hang out together.

Please bring your own bedding, see kit list. It is very warm in Burkina Faso so pack appropriately.

Food & Drink

You will have the opportunity to try real Burkina Faso food! Meals are served in the main group area. The food is of a good standard and is plentiful. Hot food is served at both breakfast and dinner, with a packable lunch being provided for eating at the work site. Safe drinking water will be provided as well through the use of the Sawyer water filters – supplied by Amor Europe's PURE branch.

Travel & Medical Insurance

Amor Europe will provide group insurance which is included in the cost of your trip. If you would like a copy of the insurance policy, please ask the trip leader.

Travel Documentation

All participants must have a minimum of 6 months left on their passport at the time of travel with 2 blank pages for entry stamps.

All participants must have a visa for entering Burkina Faso. Each participant is responsible for applying and securing their visa. This can be done through: [Burkina Faso Visa](#)

Emergency Phone Numbers

We will provide you with a phone number that your emergency contact will be able to use

should they need to contact you while you are in Burkina Faso before departure.

Medical Emergencies

We will have a medical kit for basic medical problems on the worksite at all times, with someone trained in Health & safety on each site. All medical treatment will be performed by Burkinabé medics/doctors. For any serious cases we will use the emergency hospital, which is in the nearby city of Bobo

Health Advice

All participants are required to have their yellow fever vaccination certificate to allow them to travel into Burkina Faso.

Amor Europe are not qualified to advise you on vaccinations. You should seek professional advice from your own doctor or travel clinic. Please ensure you do this early, as some vaccinations need to be taken well in advance of your trip. More information can be found at: [Burkina Faso Vaccine Recommendations](#)

Security

We constantly check with well-connected and informed local contacts, whose grasp of the risk level to foreigners in their part of the country is excellent. We do insist that absolute social media silence is maintained from departure until we return to the UK.

Worksite

Information about project and location and community building in

The days can be very hot, so work starts at dawn each day and finishes when it is too hot to work – usually around 2PM each day.

We will be shifting huge quantities of hand-made bricks. These are heavy and can crumble so we insist on steel toe-caps!

We will be involved in the foundation stage of the build, which means much digging, mixing of concrete, and barrowing of 'red sand' - a

curious sand that turns rock hard when compressed. Even if you have never been involved in construction before; so long as you come prepared to work hard, you will be a really valuable asset to the team. The local expert builders will tackle technically difficult tasks, we provide the manpower that both accelerates the build progress and draws in score of locals, thrilled to work alongside us in the trenches.

Personal Cash

You may need a small amount of money for snacks and souvenirs.

The amount is completely at your discretion, although we suggest you should not bring more than £50. Please bring Euros or West African Francs (CFA). British pounds will only be used in the airport so do not bring these for spending overseas!

Each person is expected to bring all of these items. It is important that these items do not take up more space than the airline will allow. We therefore strongly recommend that you pack a limited amount of clothing since this is a work situation and you will not need more than two sets of work clothes. Please follow the kit list for your own protection, safety and comfort.

Your kit checklist...		
Item to bring	I have it!	I've packed it!
For night and sleeping...		
Nightwear & indoor shoes/sandals		
Sheet sleeping bag (it is hot – a single duvet cover would work)		
Pillow & case		
Head torch with spare batteries		
For wash and hygiene...		
toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo)		
Wash kit - towel and flannel, toothbrush/paste moist toilet tissue		
— antibacterial hand gel,		
For worksite...		
work clothes TWO SETS: trousers, tops, socks (nothing sleeveless, no shorts allowed, full length trousers only) don't forget underwear...		
work shoes steel toe-caps. Make sure you have worn them in		
work gloves		
sun hat — ensure it covers neck and ears		
sunblock, sun screen (high SPF, 30 or preferably 50)		
Mosquito/insect repellent – we suggest Boots Repel Maximum		
drinking bottle (large 1.5 litre minimum) — for water on the worksite, labelled clearly with your name		
For personal comfort...		
chill clothes — shorts and dresses are ok, bring one warm top for evenings, long sleeves suggested to avoid mossies'		
non-work shoes (these must be comfortable: sandals and trainers)		
lip balm		
Diarrhoea treatment, Rehydration sachets, paracetamol		
More essentials...		
Energy bars/dextrose		
money pouch		
smart/casual outfit for culture day and church		

DO NOT BRING: alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, electric or electronic gadgets (hair straighteners, hair dryers, gaming devices, tablets, etc.). Phones can be charged but all personal devices are carried at your own risk and we do not recommend you take expensive electrical devices with you.

Money Matters

Questions about Trip Fees

What does the trip fee (£1,550) cover?

Your fees cover all the following...

- **Travel Costs**

Flights to and from Burkina Faso, plus onward travel

Travel between accommodation and worksite.

It does NOT cover your travel costs to get you/your group to and from the airport in the UK.

- **Travel & Medical Insurance** - If you would like a copy of the insurance policy please ask your group leader.
- **Food & Accommodation** — while on location.
- **Materials & Tools** — required for the building project.

Where do I send the money raised?

We will send you an invoice for your balance (the total cost, minus your deposit) once you have signed up. When sending money please use your surname and Kodeni (*example FowlieKodeni*) as your reference and Amor Europe bank details given on the invoice. Money must only be sent by you.

By when should my money be paid?

We have set the following deadline for sending in your money:

End of April 2025	£150	<i>Deposit (nonrefundable)</i>
End of June 2025	£500	
End of August 2025	£850	
End of October 2025	£1,200	
End of December 2025	£1,550	<i>Payments complete</i>

Please do not save it all up and send it at the last moment. The flights, insurance and various other costs have to be paid in advance so we need to have the funds sent into us as soon as they are raised.

Gift Aid

If a UK taxpayer is able to donate, then please ask them to tick the Gift Aid box on the **Sponsor Form** or **Donation Slip**. The Gift Aid that Amor Europe receives on these donations will be used to manage the risks on exchange rate fluctuations. For this reason, Gift Aid cannot be added to the fundraising target.

Please note that donations given towards your target by tax paying persons including you, up to a total of £750 can be Gift Aided. Donations by your church funds, another charity or from any other organisation cannot qualify for Gift Aid.

Please note that it is illegal for the money to be raised in small amounts and then ask a taxpayer to receive them and to make a donation for that amount using Gift Aid.

What happens if I raise more than my target amount?

Many participants will raise funds over their target. Any surplus funds will be used as follows:

Firstly, to cover any other participants who did not reach the target funds; then

Secondly, money will go towards the full cost of constructing and running the school. The amount needed is much higher than that raised by trip participants and we will raise the remaining funds together as a team.

What happens if I am unable to take part after all?

You will be asked to cover any expenses incurred on your behalf, up to the target amount, unless the withdrawal is for reasons covered by the Travel Insurance.

Fundraising — Getting Started

It may seem ages until the trip, but we encourage you to get started as soon as you can. Remember you cannot just ask people for money without doing something in return. Keep people close to you updated on how you are doing, and do not feel that you are doing this alone. Get some help from friends, family, and supporters, and put on events and activities to raise the money.

You will be provided with **Donation Slips**, **Sponsor Forms**, and **Info Flyers** which can be used to help you raise funds. If you wish to use these in large quantities they can be downloaded from our website: www.amoreurope.org/build

About Donation Slips

Before giving these slips out, ensure you fill in your own name, and information about to whom to pay cheques. You can use these slips to place on seats before you talk about your forthcoming trip in a church service, or for people to take home and to return to you with a donation at a later date. Ask all donors to seal their gift in the envelope along with the slip, ensuring that their name, address, and donation amount is recorded if they intend to Gift Aid the money (and if so, please ensure they have ticked the Gift Aid box).

About Sponsor Forms

The **Sponsor Form** can also be used to record donations, and will save you using lots of slips and envelopes. They could be used for events such as a sponsored swim, or cycle ride.

About Info Flyers

The **Info Flyers** can be used to tell people about your trip, and what the money they give will go towards.

Some fundraising hints

The fundraising challenge is as much a part of the experience trip as the trip itself. Start it sooner rather than later to ensure you have reached your fundraising target at least two weeks before the trip starts. Remember:

- always be polite and thank people as soon as they have donated any money.
- keep track of all slips and sponsor forms.
- ensure you get any adults who pay tax in the UK to Gift Aid the money they give.
- show people the flyers and tell people they can also go to the website « amoreurope.org » for more information; Ensure you know about the trip in sufficient detail to answer general questions.