

Roger's 31st African Adventure - The Mines

Our 31st African Adventure team was filled with 21 passionate explorers from every corner of the jewelry industry. We came together from all over the US and Mexico sharing a common desire to travel and experience the origin of gems. We shared our individual stories, journeys, and dreams as we forged a common bond with the beauty and people of Africa.

We navigated down 35 meters into Sume's Tanzanite mine and came up dirty, exhilarated, and so appreciative of the work Tanzanite miners do so we can enjoy one of the world's most loved gemstones!



Carlos Lasso climbing out

In Sume's mine!

Tanzanite miners

The memory of our dear friend Okeno is still so fresh and one of the sweetest memories of our trip was time with Okeno's widow, Esther, and her family. We visited Esther's new mine near Mukki and her new office in Voi where we spent some Kenyan Shillings on gem rough.



Esther hosting the team in her new office

Kofu Biangila with Esther and her brother Jose at Okeno's mine



The June 2017 team with Esther and miners at the new mine in Mukki

Every trip is different. This team of 21 became a family, leaving their mark on East Africa and us in so many ways.

Come join us on an African Adventure!

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