

## Kenya Travel Guide



Amboseli National Park , Kenya

Kenya is situated in the Eastern Africa and it is surrounded by Ethiopia in the north, Somalia in the northeast, Tanzania in the south, Uganda in the west and Sudan in the northwest and Indian Ocean running along the southeast border of this country. Discover the numerous attractions of Kenya, which is the country with a sizzling variety of landscapes and cultures. Kenya offers the perfect retreat for the weary travelers with its plethora of magnificent natural wonders like the Rift Valley, Lake Victoria, Lake Naivasha, and Mt. Kenya– the second highest peak in Africa. There is no doubt that January and February are the two months in which the weather is perfect for the travelers to get around in the various parts of this beautiful country. The tourists usually fly down at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport of Nairobi, which is the center of East African air transport and it enjoys excellent transport links with most of the major cities of Europe and USA.

The perfect place to begin your sightseeing trip in Kenya is the capital city of Nairobi. However, Mombasa, Nakuru, Lamu, Nyeri, Nanyuki, Kisumu, Kericho, Naivasha, Mount Kenya N.P., Lake Naivasha, and Malindi are premier sightseeing destinations in Kenya and without a visit to these places your visit to Kenya remains incomplete. So if you are planning your next trip, then don't hesitate to make Kenya your next dream destination for a fabulous vacation with your near and dear ones.

### **Getting In**

The different ways of getting to Kenya are listed below:

#### **Plane**

The Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the Moi International Airport, and the Eldoret International Airport are the three major airports of Kenya. The national airlines of Kenya, Kenyan Airways, operate from locations in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Some of the other airlines with flights to Kenya include Air India, British Airways, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airways, Egypt Air, and South African Airways.

#### **Boat**

You may also choose to travel to Kenya by boat from Tanzania. The cruise would reach Kisumu from Mwanza in Tanzania.

#### **Bus and Car**

Kenya is well connected with its neighboring countries by road. It is also possible to reach Kenya from countries like Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, and Somalia by car or bus. The Akamba Bus service plies buses to Kenya. This bus service operates from Arusha in Tanzania to Nairobi, Kenya. It also operates from Kampala in Uganda to the capital city of Kenya. You can hire a car or drive one yourself. In either case, be careful while getting to Kenya by car, from the neighboring countries.

#### **Train**

No trains are available for reaching Kenya from its neighboring countries. The railway network in Kenya offers only intra-country traveling. The trains run almost to the entire length and breadth of the country.

You must keep in mind the formalities required for getting to Kenya by air, land or sea, namely visa and passport requirements.

## **Transport**

The different modes of transportation in Kenya are listed below:

### **Planes**

Planes are the fastest means of transportation in Kenya. Nairobi boasts of four airports, namely, the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the Wilson Airport, the Eastleigh military airport, and the Kisumu airport. The Wilson airport is one of the busiest airports of Africa. The Moi International Airport, located in Mombasa, is another important airport of Kenya.

### **Bus**

Traveling by bus can be comfortable only if you choose your bus wisely. Bus journeys during the night are avoidable. The Citi Hoppa is one of the recommendable bus services which plies through the most important places in Kenya.

### **Matatu**

You also have the option of matatu, which is a minibus having seating arrangements for about 14 passengers. These buses usually run for short or medium distances. One point of concern for the tourists, who select this mode of transportation in Kenya, is the way the buses are driven. Earlier, the matatu carried more passengers than the number of seats available. Due to strict government action, that practice has been stopped. Now passengers are not supposed to travel in these buses without wearing seat belts.

### **Train**

The Lunatic Express starts from Mombasa and ends its journey at Kampala, Uganda. In between it covers Nairobi.

### **Cars**

Cars in Kenya can be hired on a rental basis. Jeeps or large cars would make the trip highly convenient. Central car hire offers quite comfortable cars on hire.

### **Leisure**

The country is ideal for outdoor activities. You could try out activities like hiking, climbing, horse riding, cycling, golfing, etc. You could also try out water sports like scuba diving, fishing, rafting, snorkeling, etc. Bird watching is also a nice way of spending your time in Kenya, which boasts of over a thousand species of birds.

You may also indulge in shopping. Local items act as good memorabilia for your trip and include items like artifacts, clothes, carvings, and jewelry. You can bargain as much as you like in Kenya.

In fact, bargaining in the shops is a very common occurrence in the country. So, do not hesitate to bargain.

Visit the nightclubs, casinos, or movie theaters in Nairobi are also some entertaining options available for the visitors. Hollywood films as well as Hindi films are shown in the theaters. You could also visit the numerous dance clubs located in Mombasa and in Nairobi. Some of the hotels in Kenya offer live entertainment for the guests including tribal dances.

You could also visit some of the major tourist destinations and attractions located in Kenya. Some of them are listed below:

The Masai Mara National Reserve

Mt. Kenya

Tsavo East National Park

Amboseli National Park

Tsavo West National park

Lamu

Mombasa

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