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## **Kenya Educational**

*Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve - The Rift Valley - Samburu National Reserve  
13 Days / 12 Nights*

**\$3200pp**

Twin Share

01 October 2016 - 13 October 2016

## Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Arr.	Dep.	Nights	Basis
The Sarova Stanley	Nairobi	2 Oct	4 Oct	2	B&B
Tipilikwani Mara Camp	Masai Mara National Reserve	4 Oct	6 Oct	2	FB
Mara Ngenche Safari Camp	Masai Mara National Reserve	6 Oct	8 Oct	2	FB
Mbweha Camp	The Rift Valley	8 Oct	10 Oct	2	FB
Elephant Bedroom Camp	Samburu National Reserve	10 Oct	12 Oct	2	FB

### Key

RO: Room only. B&B: Bed and breakfast. D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast. FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch. FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily. FI: Fully inclusive.

## Transport

### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time
01 Oct	SA281	Perth International Airport [PER]	23:50	02 Oct OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	5:00
02 Oct	SA184	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	10:10	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	15:05
12 Oct	SA185	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	15:55	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	19:00
12 Oct	SA280	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	21:10	13 Oct Perth International Airport [PER]	12:20

## 01 Oct Perth- Johannesburg

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Today we'll meet up in Perth and head off on our South African airways flight to Johannesburg and on to Nairobi

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## 02 Oct Johannesburg- Nairobi (Sarova Stanley)

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It is 'touch down' at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Representatives of Twiga Tours, our hosts in Kenya eagerly await our arrival in traditional African style - wet towels and champagne. It is a tradition in Africa to present a gift as an expression of joy and happiness - what better gift than an authentic (branded) safari hat and other safari souvenirs! Thereafter we'll transfer to our city hotel for check in, the rest of the day is at leisure with optional activities.



Nairobi is Africa's 4th largest city and is a vibrant and exciting place and although it has developed a reputation which keeps tourist visits brief there are some fascinating attractions: its café culture, unbridled nightlife, the National Museum, the Karen Blixen Museum and most notably just 20 minutes from the city centre wild lions and buffalo roam in the world's only urban game reserve.

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### Overnight: The Sarova Stanley

Centrally located in the Central Business District, Kenya's first Luxury hotel -Sarova Stanley opened its doors in 1902. The moment you pass through the century old revolving doors, you enter another world, the heat and bustle of modern Nairobi left behind as you tune into the cool Victorian elegance. A spacious foyer, with its patterned marble floors, chesterfields, old clocks and ancient photographs all come together to transport you to another era. Sarova Stanley, which is one of the eight hotels owned by Sarova Group of hotels, Resort & Game Lodges, offers a wide range of accommodation and services with all rooms elegantly furnished with an ambience that remains as friendly and welcoming as it has always been since its humble beginnings in 1902.

Sarova Stanley has 217 guest rooms over eight floors in different categories including Heritage Suites, Executive Suites and Club Rooms. Dining facilities include the legendary Thorn Tree Café with its famous message board, has been said as long as you sit at the Thorn Tree long enough, everyone in Nairobi will eventually walk by! Set in the heart of Nairobi town, from its humble beginnings in 1902 as a make shift messaging board for tourists, soldiers and rail workers alike, the Legendary Thorn Tree café has stood the test of time, continuously serving up hearty dishes in surroundings touched by history.

Thai Chi Restaurant has been awarded as the most authentic Thai restaurant in East Africa. With its traditional Thai decor and delectable Thai specialties prepared by experienced chefs from Thailand, Thai Chi is best described as a small piece of Thailand in Nairobi which has been awarded as the most authentic Thai restaurant in East Africa.

The Exchange Bar which is the preferred networking venue for Nairobi's elite within the CBD. With a refined ambiance set in early 19th century décor, plush leather seats, and timeless ornate artifacts, all combining to create an elegant environment ideal for consuming any brew. Pool Deck Restaurant, tucked away on the 5th floor is an Oasis offering refuge against the hustle and bustle of town. The Pool Deck is characterized by its al fresco dining concept – allowing you to relax and dine in the comfort of the open air.

and 24 hour In-room Dining.

Business facilities include wireless internet, fully-equipped business centre, meeting rooms in varying capacities and secretarial services. The heated Swimming Pool on the 5th floor adjoins a fully equipped Health Club well equipped gym, steam, sauna and massage facilities.

Sarova Stanley's mini shopping arcade houses Gift Shops, Newspaper Stand, Bookshop, Boutique, Curio shop, Chemist, Optician, Locksmith, Art Gallery and Car Rental outlets.




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### Included

Transfer Airport to Sarova Stanley

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### Excluded

Dinner

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**03 Oct**

**Nairobi**

**(Sarova Stanley)**

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Today we'll have breakfast at the hotel and proceed on a FULL day of Nairobi excursions with Lunch at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden!

During the excursion, we will have an opportunity to visit; Daphne Sheldrick's animal orphanage, The Karen Blixen museum, Giraffe Centre and Kazuri beads.

Daphne Sheldricks orphanage is opened only one hour a day from 1100Hrs to 1200Hrs. It is located 8 Kilometres drive from the city centre and it is set in the Nairobi National Park. The orphanage gives us a rare opportunity to come close to baby elephant, the ages vary from a few months to 3 years. Each orphaned elephant is assigned its own keeper, who acts as a replacement mother and will stay with the elephant until it is re-introduced into the wild. The keeper as well gives a talk about the elephants, where they came from, how they are getting on, and how some of the previous orphans are progressing.

Later we'll drive to the Karen Blixen Museum which was the home of the Danish renowned writer – Karen Blixen, also known by her pen name as Isak Dinesen. The house was her residence between 1914 to 1931. Most of the

household items that Karen used are still intact in the house. Surrounding the house is some nicely, natured coffee garden that lady Karen grew. In the house we have a small library, offering some of Karen's writings among other collections. We end our tour with a visit to the Giraffe centre for a thrilling experience with the tallest mammals on earth. Here we have the Rothschild giraffe, one of three sub-species found in Kenya. We may be able to feed them with our hand, take some amazing photos and if we're lucky get a kiss!

Tonight's dinner is a special event with our host, The Manji Family who will entertain you over drinks and dinner at their family home. Thereafter return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

### **Included**

Breakfast at the Hotel

Lunch at Karen Blixen Coffee garden

Dinner with the Manji Family

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## **04 Oct      Nairobi- Masai Mara National Reserve      (Tipilikwani)**

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After breakfast we'll be picked up from the hotel by our Twiga Guide and then will depart to the Masai Mara National Reserve, offering wonderful scenery and plenty of game. We will be ushered in for check-in then lunch.

This afternoon is the moment we have been longing for – we depart on an exciting game viewing drive in the vast game reserve. The Rolling plains and grasslands, stretching far into the horizons as far as the eye can see is home to the black-manned lion, the savannah elephant, the Cape buffalo, wildebeests, the elusive leopard, cheetah, the spotted & striped hyena, the rhino, topi, burchelle's zebra, the Masai giraffe among many others. The Mara game reserve is one that can never disappoint. One is spoilt by the variety of bird and wildlife species in this game reserve..... For a long time, Mara Game Reserve has stamped her authority as having the greatest wildlife in Kenya.

We return back to the camp for dinner and overnight.



The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park. The image of acacia trees on an endless grass plain epitomises Africa for many, and then add a Maasai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need no further.

The annual wildebeest migration through the Serengeti and the Masai Mara is the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. But that is not where the game viewing ends; large prides of lions, elephants and giraffes in grasslands, gazelles and eland to mention but a few.

Aside from traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Mara plains has become almost essential and you can even do a horseback safari.

### Overnight: Tipilikwani Mara Camp

This uniquely situated luxury camp on the banks of the Talek River overlooks the mottled plains of the Maasai Mara, where vast herds of wildlife co-exist with the colourful Maasai people between June and October the Maasai Mara plays host to one of the most spectacular wildlife shows on earth the great annual migration of over a million wildebeest and zebra as they enter the Mara ecosystem from Serengeti in neighbouring Tanzania. Tipilikwani's tents enjoy river frontage and are decorated with warm, rich Maasai colours.

The family tents have a stand-alone bath tub in addition to showers. Excellent food, personalised service and traditional Kenyan hospitality further compliment the prime location.

Game drives offer the unforgettable opportunity to enjoy the diversity of animals and birds living permanently in the Maasai Mara, as well as many migratory species. Guests can also learn more about the Maasai people, proud pastoralists and warriors, many of whom still retain their traditional nomadic lifestyle.



### Included

All meals and transfers

Afternoon Game Drive in the Mara

**05 Oct**

**Masai Mara National Reserve**

**(Tipilikwani)**

Today we have a full day of adventure in the reserve in search of wildlife.

We will also visit a traditional Masai Manyatta where we will spend memorable moments with these wonderful people. We will be able to learn and participate in the day to day activities they engage in, listen to their stories, legends, songs and myths. These have faithfully been passed through generations. Despite influence from the modern culture, the Maasai have held to that which they have known and learned from their fore-fathers.

We return back to the camp for dinner and overnight.

### Included

All meals

Masai Mara Game drives

Masai Village visit

## 06 Oct Masai Mara National Reserve Tipilikwani- Ngenche Safari Camp

After breakfast , check out and proceed to Mara Ngenche Luxury Camp where we will stay for the next two days. Arrive at the lodge, check in- followed by lunch. Later in the afternoon proceed for a game drive in reserve.

Dinner and Overnight at our safari Lodge.

### Overnight: Mara Ngenche Safari Camp

In a spectacular location in the heart of the Masai Mara, lies this small, intimate, luxurious and elegant Camp.

Well hidden in the beautiful greenery of riverine forest, Ngenche Safari Camp offers Panoramic views over the confluence of the Mara and Talek Rivers Overlooking a hippo pool that is always busy with these beautiful Large animals with crocodiles always in close proximity.

The 10 Spacious well-appointed tents are en-suite and decorated with an amazing fusion of modern African decor with old world charm. Each tent is partially enclosed in it's own "Boma", has a large four poster king size bed or two queen size beds, offers wonderful view on the River and is equipped with a large bath tub and outside shower. Mara Ngenche is unfenced and is designed to allow the exciting movement of animals through the grounds while offering an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere for experiencing the full adventure of the African bush.

In addition each tent has its own private plunge pools.



### Included

All meals  
Afternoon Game Drive

## 07 Oct Masai Mara National Reserve (Ngenche)

Today we get to enjoy a variety of Game viewing. This morning be on the look-out for the Big Five that the Masai Mara is famous for. We return back to the camp for Lunch and later head out again for an afternoon game drive.

Dinner and overnight at the camp.

### Included

All meals  
Morning and Afternoon Game viewing

08 Oct

Masai Mara -The Rift Valley

(Mbweha)

After a hearty breakfast, depart for Lake Nakuru National Park, famous as the home to lesser and greater flamingos.

This park also provides sanctuary for the endangered Rothschild giraffe, black and white rhino and the elusive leopard. Over 50 other animal species freely roam the park including waterbucks, impalas, cape buffalo, warthogs among many others. The scenery is breath-taking; a haven, rejuvenating the soul with the largest Euphorbia forest in Africa, great observation points including the lion hill, the honeymoon ranges and the Bahati hills. Other places of interest include the baboon cliff, the Mau escarpment and the Eburu crater.

Arrive in time for lunch at our accommodation and then we have some leisure time.

This afternoon, 'TWEENDE! Let's go on an 'adventure in the dark' on the private Congreve Conservancy with a resident naturalist and game spotter in search of game that awaken as darkness falls. Legend has it that if you spot an Aardvark you may live to be '100years old' from that day – wow!

Enjoy dinner under the African sky whilst being entertained by the night sounds of a hyena laugh, the trampling of the buffalo or the roar of a lion nearby.



The Rift Valley is a massive geological feature which runs from the Middle East all the way down Africa to northern Botswana but where it really is amazing is a short drive north of Nairobi. The ground drops away below you and gaze upon this massive valley which is home to lakes, soda lakes and volcanic formations all of which are related to the origins of the valley itself.

### **Overnight: Mbweha Camp**

Tucked away in the spectacular Great Rift Valley on the private 6400 acre Congreve Conservancy, Mbweha Camp is nestled up against the southern border of Lake Nakuru National Park with beautiful views over the Eburru and Mau ranges. Congreve Conservancy is part of the greater conservancy area called Soysambu which has a large part of Elementaita within its borders. Rustic lava-stone cottages with thatched roofs are surrounded by euphorbia candelabra, yellow barked acacia and other indigenous trees.

Mbweha Camp is only a few hours from Nairobi, yet feels right away from it all with its relaxed atmosphere. Being situated outside a National Park allows many activities, including walking, mountain biking and night game drives. Guests can also enjoy day trips into Nakuru National Park with the option of a gourmet bush lunch with spectacular views of the Lake and the National Park.





### Lake Nakuru

The site of thousands of flamingos feeding on the Lake's shallows or taking off in unison is an iconic Kenyan one and this is where it happens. The soda Lake and its surrounds are home to more than 400 species of birds and the National park is a sanctuary for Rothschild Giraffe, Black and White Rhinos and plenty of other plains game.



### Included

All meals  
Nature Walk & Night Game Drive

**09 Oct**

**The Rift Valley**

**(Mbweha)**

After breakfast, we head out for a FULL DAY game drive with picnic lunches. We also have the opportunity to visit the shores of the lake.

Return to our camp for dinner and overnight.

### Included

All meals  
Full day Game Drive in Nakuru

**10 Oct**

**The Rift Valley - Samburu National Reserve (Elephant Bedroom)**

After breakfast, depart for the Samburu Game Reserve which provides unique opportunities for viewing the fascinating wildlife of the arid north. Arrive at our camp, enjoy lunch and some leisure time.

Later this afternoon we head out for a game drive in Samburu which provides some of the best and most colourful game viewing in the country, thereafter return for dinner and overnight.



Samburu is remote, hot and arid with rugged hills and undulating plains. And like most wildlife areas in such environments Samburu's life blood is the Ewaso Nyiro River, and its riverine forests, which forms its boundary with the Buffalo Springs National Park. This is one of the few areas in Kenya where you can spot southern and northern dwelling species together with highlights being reticulated giraffe, the long necked gerenuk, Somali ostrich and Grevy's Zebra. Samburu was one of the homes of Elsa the Lioness, star of the bestselling book and award winning movie Born Free.

### **Overnight: Elephant Bedroom Camp**

Set on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in Samburu National Reserve surrounded by doum palms and other beautiful indigenous trees and shrubs sits this small and exclusive camp of 12 luxury tents - all furnished in rustic African style while offering all the comforts expected of a luxury Camp (hot & cold running water, electricity and herbal products).

The lounge and dining area offer vibrant safari colours with original oil paintings, soft intimate lighting designed to relax guests returning from an exciting game drive. Huge herds of elephant, prides of lion or the solitary leopard amongst other game are regular visitors around the camp providing excellent game viewing in spectacular scenic background of rugged rolling hills.



### **Included**

All meals  
Afternoon Game Drive in Samburu

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## 11 Oct      Samburu National Reserve      (Elephant Bedroom Camp)

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Today is a full day in Samburu Game Reserve with morning and afternoon game drives. We're in search of game found only north of the equator such as long necked Gerenuk, Grevy Zebra, Beisa Oryx and the blue shanked Somali Ostrich.

The Ewaso Nyiro River dotted with doum palms, acacia and giant fig trees meanders through the reserve giving it an oasis setting and attracts a myriad of birds and wildlife.

Return to the Camp for dinner and overnight.

### Included

All meals

Morning & Afternoon Game Drives

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## 12 Oct      Samburu National Reserve –Nairobi –Johannesburg-Perth

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This morning we enjoy our last breakfast at the camp, unfortunately, all good things must come to an end as we depart to Kenya's colorful capital city. Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to Carnivore Restaurant for a farewell lunch then we'll be dropped off at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for our onward flight.

### Activities

Carnivore Restaurant

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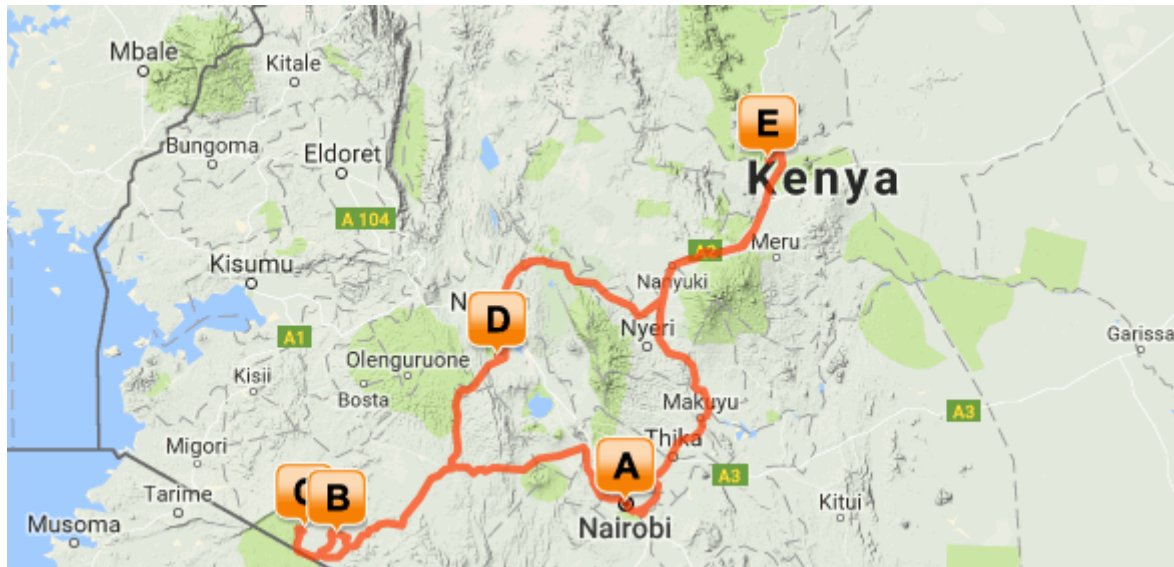
### Carnivore Restaurant

Situated 4 kilometres from the city centre of Nairobi, Kenya, the Carnivore is considered 'Africa's Greatest Eating Experience'. A variety of meats including a selection of exotic meat is roasted over charcoal and carved at your table. Delicious side dishes and an exceptional array of sauces complement this fixed price feast that also includes soup, a selection of desserts and Kenyan coffee. Set in attractive tropical gardens, the service and the décor are outstanding. The Carnivore is also home of the Simba Saloon, a delicious a la carte restaurant by day and Nairobi's most popular nightclub. The informal indoor/outdoor atmosphere, exceptional snacks and the pulsating rhythms of Africa combine to ensure an exciting ambience.



## 13 Oct Arrive Perth

This afternoon we'll arrive in Perth and go our separate ways



### Inclusions

- SAA flights ex Per
- Private meet and greet in Nairobi with our traditional Twiga welcome!
- Use of 2 x specially designed land cruisers whilst on Safari
- Services of a Professional English Speaking guide-driver
- Accommodation and meals as specified in the itinerary - BB in Nairobi & FB while on Safari
- All game drives, transfers and activities as specified in the itinerary
- Park Entry Fees for Samburu game reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park and Masai Mara Game Reserve.
- Flying Doctor Evacuation services

### Exclusions

- Visa Fees
- Personal Expenses such as Drinks, Laundry, Telephone
- Travel Insurance - we strongly recommend that comprehensive travel insurance be purchased for the duration of your journey
- Any expense not expressly specified above.

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## Travel Information



Resting in the magnificent Great Rift Valley and presided over by the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya is characterised by hauntingly beautiful natural landscapes of forested hills, patchwork farms, wooded savanna and vast forests brimming with an extraordinary abundance of wildlife. The nation's diverse range of traditional African cultures is influenced by over 70 unique ethnic groups from the Maasai, Samburu, Kikuyu, and Turkana tribes to the Arabs and Indians that settled on the coast. Add to this: an exquisite tropical coastline fringed with breathtaking golden sand beaches; gorgeous coral gardens providing excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities; and a slew of lively beach resorts, and it is easy to see why so many visitors flock here from around the world to experience a truly unique African adventure in one of the world's most pristine safari destinations.

### Banking and Currency

#### Currency

The currency in Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES; symbol KSh). 1 Kenyan Shilling = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of KSh1,000, 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the major banks, bureaux de change or authorised hotels. The banks at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Moi International Airport have 24-hour exchange services. The easiest currencies to exchange are US Dollars, Pounds Sterling and Euros.

There are no restrictions on the import or export of local or foreign currency. However, amounts exceeding US\$5,000 or equivalent must be declared.

#### Banking

Banking hours: Monday-Friday 09h00-16h00, Saturday 09h00-12h00. Banks in Mombasa and the coastal areas typically open and close half an hour earlier.

Credits Cards are widely accepted in all major hotels and more upmarket establishments, with the most recognized being Master Card and Visa. American Express and Diners Club cards are occasionally accepted. However, you will need some cash handy because smaller shops will only accept cash.

Almost every bank now has an ATM, and they are increasingly being installed at petrol stations in cities and large towns.

Travellers cheques are no longer accepted in Kenya.

### Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Nairobi has two airports for domestic and regional flights: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Wilson Airport ([www.kaa.go.ke](http://www.kaa.go.ke)). Kenya has over 150 domestic airports and airstrips and there are daily flights to the most popular destinations. In addition to the scheduled airlines, several private charter companies operate out of Wilson Airport.

Kenya Airways ([www.kenya-airways.com](http://www.kenya-airways.com)), Air Kenya ([www.airkenya.com](http://www.airkenya.com)), Fly 540 ([www.fly540.com](http://www.fly540.com)), Mombasa Air Safari ([www.mombasaairsafari.com](http://www.mombasaairsafari.com)) and Safarilink ([www.flysafarilink.com](http://www.flysafarilink.com)) serve the most popular safari destinations, plus many others such as Lake Victoria.

On smaller, domestic planes the baggage allowance is restricted to 10-15 kg (22-33 lbs). Arrangements can be made to leave excess luggage with hotels or airlines.

Main roads between the major cities and towns are generally in good condition, and easily navigable in a normal saloon car. Most highways in the south are paved, but that's not the case in the north. Vehicles are driven on the left side of the road.

While major roads are generally in a good condition, most minor gravel roads have deep potholes which deteriorate further in the rainy season. Dirt roads, including those in the parks and reserves, are extremely rough, and some are only passable with a 4-wheel drive.

You can hire self-drive and chauffeur-driven cars from travel agents and international hire companies. Drivers must be at least 23 years of age. Budget ([www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com)) and Europcar ([www.europcar.com](http://www.europcar.com)) have outlets at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Budget also has a desk at Moi International Airport in Mombasa, while Europcar has an office in town. Car hire can be expensive and rates vary significantly.

A driving licence from a home country (and a translation if this is not in English) or an International Driving Permit is required. Third-party insurance is mandatory when hiring a car and it's recommended to take out the additional collision damage waiver. A valid credit card is also needed.

*Matatus* (shared minibus taxis) hop from town to town, starting and finishing at bus stations. Fares are paid to the conductor. Private taxis can also be hired for long-distance journeys.

It is not possible to rent motorbikes or mopeds but some of the beach resorts hire out bicycles.

Numerous private bus companies operate in Kenya. Most vehicles are old and tend to depart when full, which means there are no set timetables. Petty theft on the vehicles and at bus stations can be a problem. Nevertheless, buses are cheap and link all long-distance destinations. Plus, seatbelts are now mandatory, so buses are relatively safe.

Nairobi and Mombasa have efficient local bus systems and there are also frequent *matatus*, but reckless driving and petty theft makes them a dodgy option for tourists. Three-wheeled auto rickshaws are popular in town centres and carry up to three passengers.

The newer fleets of taxis (usually painted white with a yellow band) are reliable and have meters. The older yellow taxis do not have meters, so fares should be agreed in advance. In Nairobi, there is a fleet of London-style black cabs. A 10% tip is expected. Cabs cannot be hailed in the street, but can be found parked in taxi ranks.

### ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

Bottled water is. When buying bottled water, check the seal of the bottle is intact. Never drink tap water unless it has been boiled, filtered or chemically disinfected (such as with iodine tablets). Never drink from streams, rivers and lakes. It's also best to avoid drinking from pumps and wells – some do bring pure water to the surface, but the presence of animals can still contaminate supplies. Avoid ice and washed salads and fruit except in upmarket hotels and restaurants. Milk is pasteurised and dairy products are safe for consumption. Food prepared by unlicensed vendors should be avoided at all times.

Nairobi has some of the finest eating establishments in Africa. Many different cuisines and types of restaurants are available, from fast food to fancy. Many five-star hotels have excellent restaurants. Restaurants are called "hotels" and there are many in Nairobi. The local cuisine is also worth trying out, particularly Pilau-a chicken and rice dish, cabbage and rice; and the staple food in Kenya-Ugali, made from maize flour.

Many restaurants can be found downtown and in the areas of Westlands and Hurlingham but these areas are filled with tourists and places like Ayani, Olympic, Kibera, and other places have more authentic food. Among the many cuisines available are Indian, Brazilian, Chinese, Thai, Japanese, German and French restaurants. Fast food restaurants, mostly by South African chains (Steers, Nandos), are common in the larger urban areas.

### **Climate and Weather**

Kenya lies on the equator and has a pleasant tropical climate, but there are large regional climatic variations influenced by several factors, including altitude. Temperatures drop by about 6°C for every 1000m you climb (or 3.5°F per 1000ft). Kenya's daytime temperatures average between 20°C/68°F and 28°C/82°F, but it is warmer on the coast. The coast is hot and humid all year round, but the heat is pleasant and tempered by the monsoon winds. Kenya is too close to the equator to experience a real winter and summer. There is, however, both a dry and wet season. The wet season is from November to May and the Dry season is from June to December.

### **Clothing / Dress Recommendations**

Comfortable, casual clothing that is lightweight is the best bet while on safari. It can be quite cool in the early mornings, so you'll want to dress warmly in layers, until the sun has a chance to warm up the air. "Kenya Convertibles", khaki pants with zip-off legs, are perfect for cool early morning game drives that turn warm before you're back in camp. Walking shorts, long pants, cotton shirts and tees are just right. A cotton bush jacket or wind-breaker will be useful along with a warm sweater or fleece jacket for the cool nights. And, a hat that ties on is a must. There is not a good deal of long walking or hiking on most safaris, so a comfortable pair of walking shoes or tennis shoes and a pair of sandals should be adequate. You will need thorn-proof soles.

In Kenya's major cities the dress code is conservative but not overly formal – jeans and decent tops for women are fine. Swimsuits are acceptable on the beach but you'll need to cover up in public places.

### **Electricity and Plug Standards**

Electric Power is 220V - 240V running at 50Hz. The Plug type used in Kenya is the 3 large flat prong (UK). If your appliances are compatible with 220V-240V electrical output, an adapter is all that you will need, if not a voltage converter will be necessary.

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