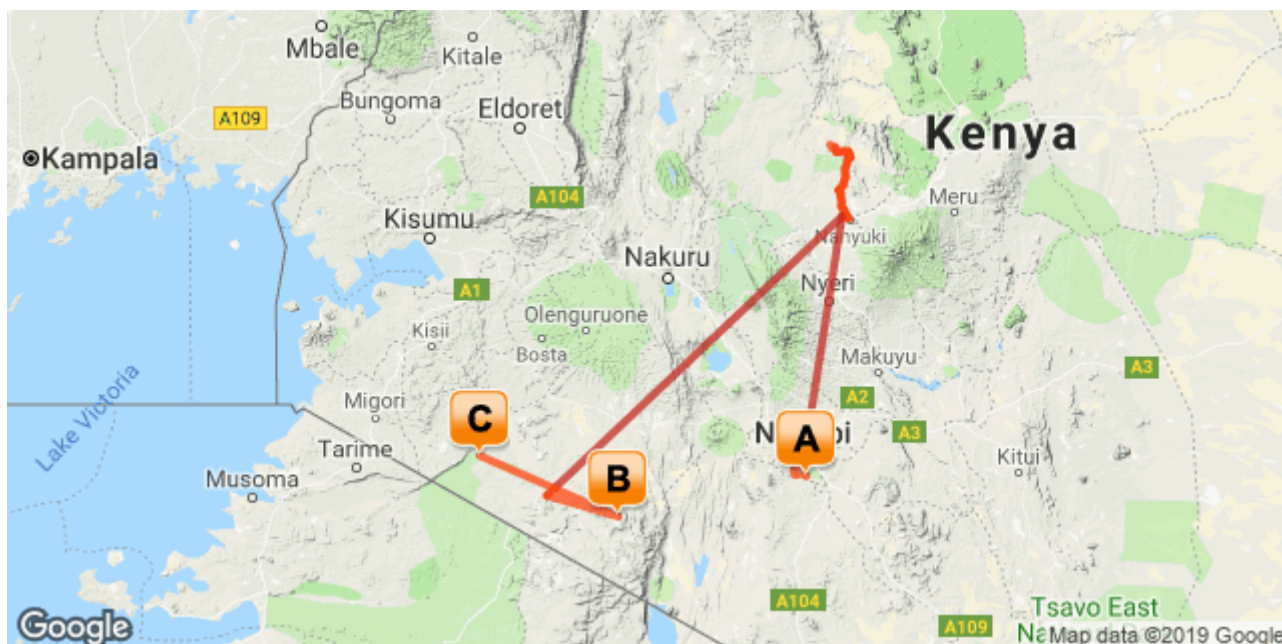


KL 8 – A Walk in the Wild

Nairobi National Park - Laikipia - Loita Hills - Masai Mara
11 Days / 10 Nights

Date of Issue: 13 March 2019



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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Ololo Safari Lodge	Nairobi National Park	FB+	1 Night
Karisia 3 Night Walking Safari		FB+	3 Nights
Maasai Trails	Loita Hills	FB+	3 Nights
Sentinel Mara Camp	Masai Mara	FB+	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities Daily

Price

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From USD ADULT per person

01-Jun-19 -14-Jul-19 \$9006.00

15-Jul-19 -15-Oct-19 \$9425.00

16-Oct-19- 31-Oct-19 \$9006.00

01-Nov-19 15-Dec-19 \$9050.00

Child below 14 yrs will pay 70% of the above rate

Included

- Full board accommodation while on safari, shared Game Package accommodation at Sentinel Mara.
- All inclusive in Nairobi
- Scheduled flights Wilson/Nanyuki/Mara/Wilson
- Transfers to and from the airport
- A safari briefing at the start
- Park Entrance fees throughout
- Flying doctors medical evacuation cover
- Current Government taxes and levies
- **Oltiyani Trail includes:** all meals, soft drinks, house wines, non luxury spirits with meals, fully staffed and equipped camps, donkey for pottering , guided walks, cultural visits to Masai Enkangs

Excluded

- International Airfares
- International and domestic departure tax
- Laundry services
- Beverages
- Meals and excursions not described in the itinerary above
- Entry Visas to the country
- Travel and health insurance
- Balloon flight in the Masai Mara (additional charge USD450 per person)
- Any optional tours or excursions not mentioned in the itinerary above
- Gratuities (tips) to your guide, hotel staff and porters
- Any other items of a personal nature, such as drinks, laundry, telephone and postage.

Day 1: Ololo Safari Lodge, Nairobi National Park

Day Itinerary

On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport you will be met by our representative who will give you a short safari briefing before you are transferred to Ololo Lodge, located within Nairobi National Park.



Bordering the capital city of Nairobi, in beautiful Kenya, Nairobi National Park is one of Africa's smallest parks and one of the only parks on earth to be in such close proximity to a city centre. It boasts a large and varied wildlife population, amid wide open grass plains against a backdrop of city scrapers. It is home to one of Kenya's most successful rhinoceros sanctuaries with the world's highest concentration of black rhinoceros. Its wetland areas are abundant with birdlife boasting over 400 bird species. Visitors can enjoy the many facilities the park has to offer such as scenic picnic sites, well-positioned campsites and hiking trails. Commonly spotted species include: lion, hyena, warthog, zebra, giraffe, ostrich, gazelle, buffalo, and sometimes if you're lucky, leopard and cheetah.

Activities

Game Drives

Game Drives

Ololo offers guests personalised or group game drives into the only national park in the world on the edge of a capital city. Nairobi National Park is a surprise package: 117 square kilometers in size with a diverse wildlife population which includes lion, giraffe, leopard, rhino, hippo, zebra, buffalo, gazelle, antelope and over 400 recorded

bird species. Many of these birds and animals are visible from our terrace and restaurant as they move around the bush.

Sundowners and bush breakfast's can be arranged whilst on game drives.



Overnight: Ololo Safari Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

'Ololo' is an Australian family owned safari lodge, which combines the atmosphere and style of bush living while offering all the convenience and amenities of a city hotel. Ololo is picturesquely positioned on the banks of the Mbagathe River on the southern border of the Nairobi National Park, Set on twenty acres with beautiful established old gardens.

Ololo's partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service allows full park access. Guests can be transferred to both international and local airports, avoiding the notorious city traffic and at the same time can experience the delights of one of the worlds more unique national parks. Ololo Lodge is built around a traditional colonial farmhouse that has been carefully restored and extended by the owners. The lodge has become an iconic blend of classic old Africa with a slightly more modern eclectic twist.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 2: Karisia 3 Night Walking Safari

Day Itinerary

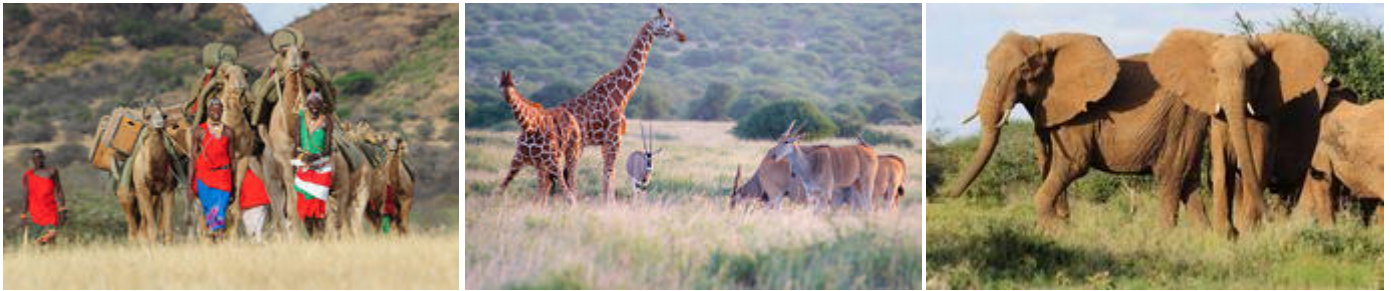
This morning you will have an early breakfast and after checking out and transfer to Wilson for a flight to Nanyuki. The Karisia team will be at the Nanyuki airstrip to welcome you as you start the 3 night Walking Safari.

Overnight: Karisia 3 Night Walking Safari

It's called Nyasura and it is certainly sacred ground, used for millennia by hunters and others seeking shelter. Ancient graves, flints and pounding stones called boluses are all in evidence around the rocks and particularly the caves. We

will be camped beside Nyasura and in the evening after a jaunt about we will scale its slopes for a view and a sundowner. The remainder of the safari traverses a rich Acacia bush country that thrives with plains game as well as the predators that like to eat them. It is not uncommon to run into a Lion, Leopard, Hyena or Wilddog along the course of this safari. With our riding camels carrying our heavier cameras, water and snacks we will venture forth each morning while the bulk of the remaining camels bear the tents, fly sheets and kitchen straight onto the next camp. This safari finishes on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, the second largest river in Kenya.

Hugely popular with our Elephants who love to wallow in its muddy stretches, the river offers a great opportunity to approach, study and photograph these riveting animals. From the river camp, you will be picked up and transferred to your next destination after a hearty goodbye from the entire team.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 3: Karisia 3 Night Walking Safari

Day Itinerary

Today we will go for a morning walk and an evening walk. An early start maybe arranged to take advantage of every opportunity at finding game and particularly some predators. You will cover a wide variety of scenery ranging from a rocky outcrop to rich green bush, where it is not uncommon to come across lions, hyenas, wild dogs and leopards. Along the way, learn a lot about the bush with your guides pointing out plants and their various medical uses, the different animal tracks and droppings you come across and the many species of birds you will see. Spend the afternoon relaxing, swimming and fishing by the river before taking an evening walk to a sundowner spot with wonderful views of Mount Kenya. Continue to camp which has been set up and will be waiting for your arrival

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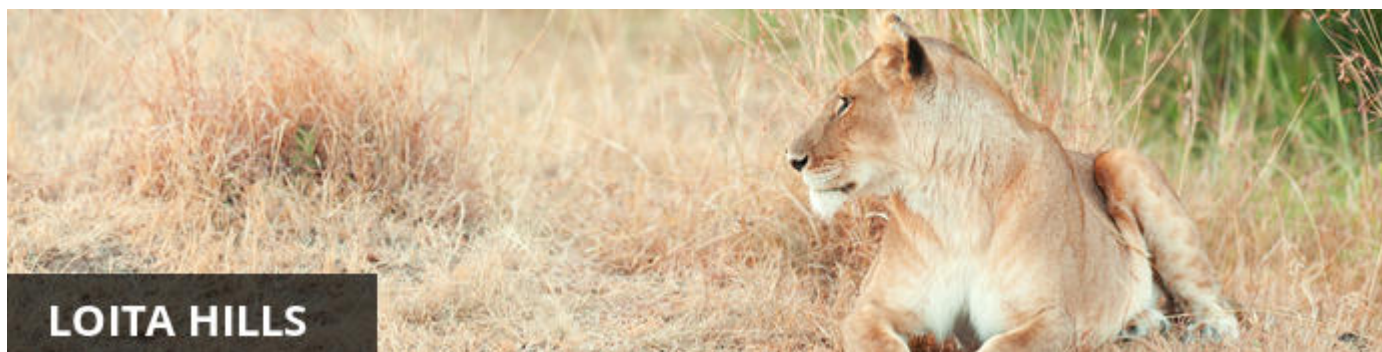
Full Board and Activities

Day 5: Maasai Trails, Loita Hills

Day Itinerary

This morning you will be driven to the Nanyuki airstrip for a flight to the western edge of the Great Rift Valley, just north of the Tanzanian border, in the Loita hills. It is here that Maasai guides from Jan's Camp will come for a meet and greet and transfer you to the camp in time for lunch. After lunch, you can relax or take a short walk in the surrounding area before dinner is served after which you will be briefed on the following days' trail.

Overnight Oltyiani trail camp (Full Board).



The Loita Hills area in Kenya's Southern Rift Valley is one of the nation's last frontiers of pristine, untouched wilderness. The hills rise to over 2000 metres, cover an area of some 200 square kilometres and form an important part of the Maasai Mara Ecosystem. There are patches of remote forest alongside wide open plains surrounded by picturesque hillsides dotted with abundant wildlife. Visitors can hike this remote area with local Maasai guides and explore the magnificent forest filled with cedar, podo, strangler figs, as well as waterfalls, and an impressive variety of birdlife. The area is inaccessible to vehicles, and the wilderness is relatively untouched. Visitors can look forward to viewing an array of wildlife including buffalo, elephant, baboon, bushbuck, hyena, leopard and over 2000 colobus monkeys.

Overnight: Maasai Trails [View iBrochure](#)

How the trails work?

1. Chose a trail,
2. Meet your guides,
3. Set off into the forest,
4. Spend your days exploring,
5. Back to base for the rest of your safari!

Your Maasai guides will meet you with the pack donkeys. Once all the provisions and camp equipment has been packed, the donkey caravan will set off into the forest to set up the next camp.

The mobile camps consist of comfortable 4x4 African Bell Tents with bedrolls, towels, linen and a wash basin outside. One shower tent and one short drop loo tent is set up for the camp. There is also a mess tent with bar area and a camp-fire situated near by.

Due to the altitude of the Loita area and the terrain that we traverse, we do not plan to walk for longer than 6 hours a day. Within very short distances you can walk through very different ecosystems and habitats.

Normally the walks are three hours in the morning, stop for a leisurely lunch then a further three hours in the afternoon.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 6: Maasai Trails, Loita Hills

Day Itinerary

Today after breakfast, the pack donkeys will be brought from nearby enkangs on your first day's walk; the equipment will be weighed, measured and packed in preparation for your foot safari to Oltyiani, the highest point in the Loita overlooking the Rift Valley. Once all the provisions and camp equipment have been packed, the donkey caravan will set off into the forest to set up the next camp. Your guides, local Maasai from the Loita area, are eager to share their customs and culture, whilst teaching you the lore of the bush. They are reputed to be the most conservative of this tribe, dedicated to their traditions, ceremonies and rites of passage.

Overnight Oltyiani trail camp(Full Board).

Activities

What the Trails are all about...

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The Maasai Trails is all about enhancing ones understanding of a different culture, exploration, and escaping into a world of breath-taking beauty.

Walking along ancient trails left by the Maasai over hundreds of years, guests get to experience the African bush in a different and more fulfilling way than any other safari.

Your guides, local Maasai from the Loita area, are eager to share their customs and culture, whilst teaching you the lore of the bush. The Loita Maasai who lead you on these trails are reputed to be the most conservative of this tribe, dedicated to their traditions, ceremonies and rites of passage. As a people, the Maasai have struggled over the years

to maintain their culture and have shied away from large scale developments and lodges that comprise other parts of Eastern Africa... thus is the beauty of Maasai Trails and Jan's Camp.

This small low impact camp, the soft landing for the first night before the trail starts, and the mobile camp are a sustainable method to bring income to the local people whilst protecting the natural surroundings of the Loita Hills and sacred Forest, as well as their culture!

The Trails can vary in number of days and any number of people can join from one up to 14, but the trails stay the same and all begin from Jan's Camp where the donkeys who carry the camp are weighed and packed. Whether one wants to walk into the sacred Loita forest to a hidden waterfall, to the edge of the Great Rift Valley, or find a way of combining all the trails ... the beauty of Maasai Trails is the flexibility, and they are happy to accommodate any experience in this beautiful wilderness.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 7: Maasai Trails, Loita Hills

Day Itinerary

Today you will walk to **Oi Lasur Waterfall**. Leave at 9:00am from camp and climb up to the edge of the Rift Valley, followed by a descent to the waterfall around noon. After a refreshing swim below the waterfall, climb back up to have lunch at about 2:00pm overlooking the Rift. Arrive back in camp at 5:00 pm, drinks and dinner by the river.

Overnight Oltyan River Camp (Full Board)

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Day 8: Sentinel Mara Camp, Masai Mara

Day Itinerary

Today you will be transferred to the Sentinel Eco Camp in time for lunch. After Lunch there will be time for an afternoon siesta and an evening game drive, followed by a drink as you watch the Mara's spectacular sunset, rounding off a fabulous day on safari.



The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park, the Masai Mara National Reserve. The image of acacia trees dotting endless grass plains epitomises Africa for many, then add a Maasai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further. The undeniable highlight of the Masai Mara National Reserve is undoubtedly the annual wildebeest migration traversing the vast plains of the Serengeti and the Masai Mara. It is known as the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. Large prides of lions, elephants, giraffes, gazelles and eland can also be spotted in the reserve. Aside from horse riding safaris and traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Mara plains has become almost essential.

Activities

Game Drive

Overnight: Sentinel Mara Camp

Sentinel Mara Camp is an owner run luxury seasonal camp along the banks of the Mara River within the Masai Mara National Reserve. It is well hidden within the riverine forest so that you don't know that you are approaching until you are actually in this gorgeous little camp.

Accommodation

The feel is deliciously old fashioned with only 7 en suite tents together with the lounge and dining tents along the river in the forest offering excellent privacy. Specially designed campaign furniture adorns the camp creating the atmosphere of the traditional East African safari while at the same time affording a significant measure of luxury to guests

Cuisine is always in keeping with Sentinel's very high standards, attention to detail and warm hospitality. The all inclusive rate means you can simply relax and enjoy all that is on offer in terms of snacks, drinks, guided nature walks, game drives, starlit dinners and champagne bush breakfasts during your stay.

The excellent standard of guiding will have guests gripped and entertained whether on a game drive or a 1 hour walk in the region of the camp. Our bespoke approach ensures the daily agenda of each group of visitors is tailor made and flexible taking their personal preferences into account

The seasonal aspect of the camp with no permanent structures offers guests an experience of being authentically close to nature and its location in the less visited Musiara Marsh area of the Reserve ensures excellent game viewing. We are fortunate to have 4 different ecozones on our doorstep, with both the BBC's Big Cat Dairies and Disney's African Cats being filmed here. In keeping with our environmental values the camp has minimum impact on the environment.

A warm welcome and unforgettable stay at Sentinel Mara Camp awaits you, so that you have memories of your safari that last for a lifetime!

We will gladly arrange a balloon safari or visit to a Masai village as well as a half or full day walk along the escarpment overlooking the Reserve.

Food

The dining and lounge tents are at the center of the camp with its amazing view well appointed with an area where you can sit around the camp fire in the evenings.

Whether in the dining tent watching hippo and crocodile in the river below, soaking up the untamed vistas during a bush breakfast or enjoying the romance of a starlit four course dinner you will have a fine dining experience.

Delicious and varied meals from fresh food are prepared daily by our chefs.



Basis

Full Board and Activities

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 9: Sentinel Mara Camp, Masai Mara

Day Itinerary

Full day in Mara with game drives.

Activities

Game Drives

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 10: Sentinel Mara Camp, Masai Mara

Day Itinerary

Full day in Mara with game drives.

Activities

Game Drives

Basis

Full Board and Activities

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 11: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast and check out, you will be driven to the nearest airstrip to catch your scheduled flight to Nairobi. You will find our representative and a driver waiting for you at the Wilson airport, ready for your transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) for your outbound travel. End of **our** services

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Transport

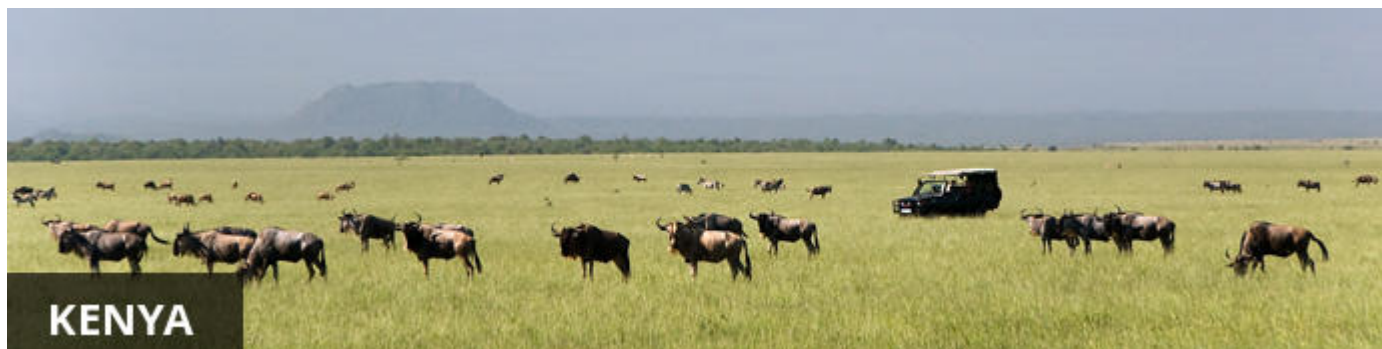
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Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Wilson Airport [WIL]		Nanyuki Airport [NYK]			
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	Scheduled		Musiara Airstrip (Governor's)		Wilson Airport [WIL]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	Ololo Safari Lodge		Transfer
		Ololo Safari Lodge	Wilson Airport [WIL]		Transfer
		Nanyuki Airport [NYK]	Camp Nayasura		Transfer
		Camp Nyarara	Nanyuki Airport [NYK]		Transfer
		Siana Airstrip	Maasai Trails		Transfer
		Maasai Trails	Sentinel Mara Camp		Transfer
		Sentinel Mara Camp	Musiara Airstrip (Governor's)		Transfer
		Wilson Airport [WIL]	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]		Transfer

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). 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), Air Kenya (www.airkenya.com), Fly 540 (www.fly540.com), Mombasa Air Safari (www.mombasaairsafari.com) and Safarilink (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) and Europcar (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 advisable for the first few weeks of your stay. 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 and 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.
