



Country Profile: Kenya

Kenya is a developing East African country known for its wildlife and national parks. The capital city is Nairobi. The second largest city is Mombasa, located on the southeast coast. Tourist facilities are widely available in Nairobi, the game parks, the reserves, and on the coast. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Kenya for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Kenya
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Nairobi
Boundary Countries:	Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Mombasa: Aga Khan Hospital- Mombasa Nairobi: Aga Khan University Hospital- Nairobi, Gertrude's Garden Children's Hospital, Karen Hospital Menelik Medical Centre, Nairobi Hospital, The Mater Hospital Diani Beach: Diani Beach Hospital Kisumu: Aga Khan Hospital- Kisumu Nairobi: Laser Medical Services, Ltd.
Main Cities:	Nairobi
Country Size:	582,650 sq km
Population:	34,707,817

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English (official), Kiswahili (official), numerous indigenous languages
Currency:	Kenyan Shilling (KES)
Predominant Religions:	Protestant 45%, Roman Catholic 33%, indigenous beliefs 10%, Muslim 10%, other 2%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 12 December (1963)
Economic Status:	Kenya is a developing East African country known for its wildlife and national parks. The regional hub for trade and finance in East Africa, Kenya has been hampered by corruption and by reliance upon several primary goods whose prices have remained low.
Security:	Kenyan Army, Kenyan Navy, Kenyan Air Force
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Nairobi United Nations Avenue Nairobi P. O. Box 606 Village Market 00621 Nairobi, Kenya Phone: 254 20 363-6000

Major Airports:	<p>Airports: 225, Airports w/paved runways: 15</p> <p>Mombasa Moi International Airport (MBA/HKMO) Mombasa Airport, Kenya, PO Box 93904, Mombasa, KENYA Tel: +254 (0)41 433211 Fax: +254 (0)41 434434 Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +254 (0)41 433855</p> <p>Nairobi – Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO/HKJK) Nairobi, Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya, PO Box 19087, Nairobi, 00501, KENYA Tel: +254 (0)20 822111 Fax: +254 (0)20 822078 Website: www.kenyaairports.co.ke Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +254 (0)20 822111 Fax: +254 (0)20 822930</p>
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