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Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Kenya which can be applied for online at www.evisa.go.ke. Once on this site applicants should select "Register" to create a visitor account, then follow the prompts to apply for a visa. Passports are recommended to be valid for at least six months beyond intended stay and have at least one unused page. Travellers are required to upload a passport sized photograph, a copy of their passport data page and other supporting documents such as their itinerary and evidence of onward/return tickets. Single entry visas cost USD\$52 and allow entry for up to 90 days. Alternatively, visas may be applied for from the High Commission, but this is not recommended. Those also visiting Uganda or Rwanda after first entering Kenya may prefer to apply for an East Africa Tourist Visa (EATV) from the High Commission which allows entry into all three countries for up to 90 days and costs AUD\$110.

Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to view the eCitizen website listed above or contact the Kenyan High Commission listed below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to apply for an online visa.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise a high degree of caution in Kenya due to the high threat of terrorist attack and high level of crime. Do not travel to border regions with Ethiopia, South Sudan and Somalia. Reconsider your need to travel to Mombasa, coastal parts of Kilifi and Tana River counties, and Lamu County south of Pate Island, due to high threats of violence and terrorist attack. Reconsider your need to travel along the A2 highway from Isiolo to Moyale, due to sporadic violent clashes that have resulted in a number of deaths and injuries.

Somali terror group Al-Shabaab continues to threaten to attack Kenya and neighbouring countries. Many people have been killed or injured in terror attacks in Kenya in recent years. Upgraded security measures are in place, including at all airports. See Safety and security. An overnight curfew from 6.30pm to 6.30am is in force in Mandera, Garissa, Lamu and Tana River counties, following a series of attacks since May 2017. The curfew excludes the Islands of Lamu, Manda and Pate. See Safety and security. Kidnapping is a threat, particularly for westerners including residents, tourists, journalists and humanitarian workers. The threat is highest in the regions bordering Somalia. See Safety and security.

Political tensions can lead to civil unrest. Avoid all demonstrations, protests and large public gatherings – they could turn violent. Following extensive drought, incursions and associated violence by herders onto private ranches and wildlife conservancies in central and northern Kenya has increased. See <u>Safety and security</u>. Serious security incidents are rare in Kenya's national parks but in June 2017, tourists were robbed at gunpoint in the Samburu National Reserve. Stay alert to possible security threats throughout Kenya. See <u>Safety and security</u>.

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Kenya at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Kenya. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against rabies (particularly if working with animals), typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) and meningitis should be considered by travellers to Kenya. Cholera is reported in Kenya but vaccination is usually not recommended, however care with food and beverage selection is advised. There is a high risk of malaria in Kenya and dengue fever also occurs, thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Yellow fever vaccination is usually recommended. Travellers returning to Australia (or entering many countries) within six days of visiting Kenya will be required to present a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Kenya should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Kenyan Representation in Australia

High Commission of Kenya, Australia

43 Culgoa Circuit Tel: (02) 6290 7100 O'MALLEY ACT 2606 Fax: (02) 6257 6613

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Time Differences between Kenya and Australia

Kenya is Greenwich Mean Time +3 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Kenya is called Eastern Africa Time (EAT).

Kenya, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 5pm; Darwin 6:30pm; Brisbane 7pm; Adelaide 7:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Kenya, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 5pm; Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

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Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Kenya: +254

To Dial Australia Call: 000 61 < City> < Number>

Travelex Card Services:

Call the US on 000 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:

Call the US on 000 1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:

Call the US on 000 1 636 722 7111

American Express Card Services: Call Australia on 000 61 2 9271 8664

The Visa, MasterCard and American Express assistance numbers can be called reverse charges by contacting the International Operator.

Operator Assistance: 900

Emergency Services: 999

The emergency services may not always have English speaking staff. In this case, you should have a local call on your behalf or contact the Australian High Commission.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

rassports	
Name:	Passport #:
Name:	
Credit Cards	
Name:	Institution:
Card Number:	
	Institution:
Card Number:	
Travel Insurance	
Name:	Institution:
Policy #:	
Name:	Institution:
Policy #:	Emergency #:

Australian Representation in Kenya

Australian High Commission, Kenya

Riverside Drive (400 meters off Chiromo Road) NAIROBI

Tel: (+254 20) 4277 100 Fax: (+254 20) 4277 160

Web: www.kenya.embassy.gov.au

Australians may also obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians in Kenya are encouraged to register their presence with the High Commission in Nairobi, or directly with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade via the Internet at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.

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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Kenya from outside East Africa:

Alcohol: Up to 1 litre of spirits or 2 litres of wine.

Tobacco: 250g of cigarettes, tobacco or similar products.
Perfume: 500ml of eau de toilette (including up to 125ml of

perfume).

Further restrictions apply to these and other goods. Travellers are encouraged to visit the website of the Kenya Revenue Authority (Customs Section) for further details at www.revenue.go.ke.

Electrical Sockets and Voltage

Electrical Socket: British Voltage: 220-240 volts

(same as Australia)

Source: Korjo Travel Products.

Please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au for further information on this matter.



Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.

Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.

Other Tax Free Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

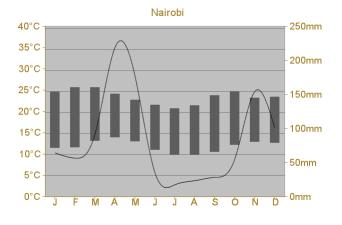
For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to www.border.gov.au.

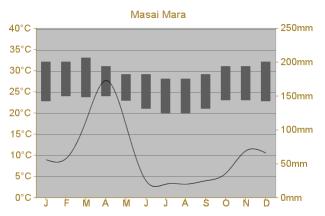
Kenyan Public Holidays 2018

New Years Day	22 Aug:	Feast of Sacrifice
Good Friday	10 Oct:	Moi Day
Easter Monday	20 Oct:	Mashujaa Day
Labour Day	12 Dec:	Jamhuri Day
Madaraka Day	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
End of Ramadan	26 Dec:	Boxing Day
	Good Friday Easter Monday Labour Day Madaraka Day	Good Friday 10 Oct: Easter Monday 20 Oct: Labour Day 12 Dec: Madaraka Day 25 Dec:

Other regional holidays and festivals are celebrated by different groups throughout the year in Kenya.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Kenya





Source: Kenya Meteorological Department. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.meteo.go.ke or www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Exchange Rate with Kenya

Interbank Rate 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 73 Kenyan Shillings 100 Kenyan Shillings (KES) = 1.37 Australian Dollars With 4% Margin 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 70 Kenyan Shillings 100 Kenyan Shillings (KES) will cost 1.43 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

KSh 50	=	\$0.71 AUD		This c	heat sheet uses the "With	4% Margin" rate	e of e	xchange listed above.
KSh 100		\$1.43 AUD	KSh 1,000		\$14.27 AUD	KSh 10,000		\$142.68 AUD
KSh 200	=	\$2.85 AUD	KSh 2,000	=	\$28.54 AUD	KSh 20,000	=	\$285.37 AUD
KSh 300		\$4.28 AUD	KSh 3,000		\$42.81 AUD	KSh 30,000		\$428.05 AUD
KSh 400	=	\$5.71 AUD	KSh 4,000	=	\$57.07 AUD	KSh 40,000	=	\$570.74 AUD
KSh 500	=	\$7.13 AUD	KSh 5,000	=	\$71.34 AUD	KSh 50,000	=	\$713.42 AUD
KSh 600	=	\$8.56 AUD	KSh 6,000	=	\$85.61 AUD	KSh 60,000	=	\$856.10 AUD
KSh 700		\$9.99 AUD	KSh 7,000		\$99.88 AUD	KSh 70,000		\$998.79 AUD
KSh 800	=	\$11.41 AUD	KSh 8,000	=	\$114.15 AUD	KSh 80,000	=	\$1,141.47 AUD
KSh 900	=	\$12.84 AUD	KSh 9,000	=	\$128.42 AUD	KSh 90,000	=	\$1,284.15 AUD
						KSh 100.000	=	\$1.426.84 AUD

Notes and Coins of Kenya

The legal currency of Kenya is the Shilling, which is abbreviated using either the symbol "KSh" or "/=" (for example 500/=). A shilling is divided into 100 cents, however a cent is of such small value that it is rarely used. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised not to take the below images with them when travelling.





























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About Kenya

Full Name: Republic of Kenya.

Independence: 12 Dec 1963 (from the UK).

Size: 580 000 sq km (70% the size of NSW).

Population: 43 million (2 times larger than

Australia).

Ethnicity: Kikuyu 22%, Luhya 14%, Luo 13%, Kalenjin 12%, Kamba 11%, Kisii 6%, Meru 6%,

other Africans 15%.

Language: Officially English and Swahili (Kiswahili), but many other languages are spoken by various indigenous groups.

Religion: Protestant 45%, Catholic 33%,

Muslim 10%, Indigenous 10%.

Demonym: Kenyan. Significant Dates:

600 AD - Arab coastal settlement. 1498 - Vasco da Gama visits

Mombasa on his way to India.

1505 - Portuguese bases disrupt Arab dominance of coastal Kenya.

1895-1920 - British Settlement.

1895-1903 - Railway from Mombasa to

Lake Victoria built.

1920 - British colony established.

1952-1956 - Mau Mau Uprising

- Kenya African National Union 1960

(Kanu) Party formed.

- Kenya gains independence. 1963 1963-1978 - Jomo Kenyatta regime (Kanu).

1978-2002 - Daniel Moi regime (Kanu).

1982-1992 - Kenya ruled as a one party

state under the Kanu party.

Dec 2007 - Disputed elections lead to a

crisis that kills 1,300 Kenyans.

Largest Cities:

Nairobi pop - 3.1 million Mombasa pop - 920,000 pop - 290,000 Nakuru Kisumu pop - 260,000 Eldoret pop - 255,000 Thika pop - 140,000

