

Visa Information

There are three (3) visa categories to Kenya:

- a) Countries whose Nations do not require visas to enter Kenya.
- b) Countries whose nationals may be issued with visas on application either on arrival at a port of entry or at any Kenya Mission Abroad.
- c) Nationals of Countries, Classes and Categories of persons who require referred Visas.

Category 1:

1. Countries whose Nations do not require visas to enter Kenya.

a) **Commonwealth Countries Namely:**

The Bahamas	Jamaica	Sierra Leone
Barbados	Lesotho	Swaziland
Botswana	Malawi	Tanzania
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius	Tonga
Cyprus	Maldives	Trinidad and Tobago
Dominica	Namibia	Tuvalu
Fiji Island	Nauru	Uganda
Gambia	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Grenada	St. Lucia	Zimbabwe
Grenadines	St. Vincent and The Samoa	Zambia
Ghana	Seychelles	
	Singapore	

With the **exception** of the following commonwealth countries who require visas

- i) Citizens of Nigeria
- ii) Citizens of Australia, other than holders of diplomatic, official or service passport traveling on official business for visits of not more than 30 days.
- iii) Citizens of Sri Lanka
- iv) Citizens of South Africa (for visits of more than 30days)
- v) Citizens of Malaysia (for visits of more than 30days)
- vi) Citizens of Guyana
- vii) Citizens of India
- viii) Citizens of Antigua and Barbuda
- ix) Citizens of St. Christopher and Nevis
- x) Citizens of New Zealand (for visits of more than 30 days)
- xi) Citizens of the UK (except serving members of the British military who are exempt from Immigration formalities)
- xii) Citizens of Canada
- xiii) Citizens of Ireland

Category 2:

2. Nationals of the following countries may be issued with visas on application either on arrival at a port of entry or at any Kenya Mission Abroad.

(a) Nationals of the following countries may be issued with visas on application, and without reference to the Principal Immigration Officer, Nairobi.

Albania	Dominican Rep	Luxembourg	Saudi Arabia
Angola	Egypt	Lithuania	Slovak
Algeria	Ecuador	Macedonia	Slovenia
Australia	Equatorial Guinea	Madagascar	Spain
Argentina	Estonia	Malagasy	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	France	Malta	St. Christopher Cape
Belarus	French Guyana	Mauritania	Sudan
Belgium	Gabon	Mexico	Surinam
Bhutan	Georgia	Moldava	Switzerland
Bolivia	Germany	Monaco	Sweden
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Greece	Mongolia	Thailand
Brazil	Greenland	Morocco	Togo
Bulgaria	Guinea	Mozambique	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Nepal	Turkey
Burma	Guinea Bissau	Netherlands	Turkmenistan
Benin	Guinea	Nicaragua	United Kingdom
Burundi	Haiti	Niger	United Arab Emirates
Bangladesh	Hungary	Norway	Ukraine
Cambodia	Iceland	Oman	U.S.A
Canada	Indonesia	Paluu Pacific Isles	Uzbekistan
Cape Verde	Ireland	Panama	Vatican City
Central African Republic.	Israel	Paraguay	Venezuela
Chad	Italy	Pakistan	Vietnam
Chile	Ivory Coast	Peru	Yemen
China	Japan	Philippines	Yugoslavia and also
Colombia	Kampuchea	Portugal	Former States of
Comoros	Kazakhstan	Poland	Yugoslavia
Congo (Brazzaville)	Kirghistan	Qatar	Holder of Hong
Costa Rica	Korea (South)	Reunion	Kong Special
Czech Republic	Kuwait	Romania	Administrative
Cuba	Laos	Russia	Region (HKSAR)
Denmark	Liberia	Rwanda (gratis)	
Djibouti	Libya	Salvador	
DRC	Liechtenstein	Sao Tome	

CATEGORY 3:

Nationals of Countries, Classes and Categories of persons who require referred Visas.

Afghanistan	Lebanon	Somali
Azerbaijan	Mali	Syria
Armenia	North Korea	Tadjikistan
Cameroon	Nigeria (residing outside	
Iraq	Nigeria)	
Jordan	Senegal	

Travel Information

Arrival & Departure

Your arrival and departure schedules shall be required not later than 1 September. Kindly fill out the attached form and send these directly to the SAM info desk at info@samtraining.org with the copy to the course administrator, Mutuo at mutuo@samtraining.org.

It would be advisable to arrive before Monday, September 11th, that you may have a fresh start at 8.30am on Monday, 11th September.

Course fee covers accommodation from the night of Sunday, September 10th to the night of Friday, September 22nd. If you are coming earlier you will need to make alternative arrangements or inform us in advance to book you at the Whitesands. The charges per day are \$75 of which you will be expected to cater for. If you are unsure about where to stay please get in touch with us and we can suggest a few places but you will need to book the hotel yourself. Please make any prior arrangements as early as possible as September is high season for tourists in Mombasa.

Immigration Office at the airport.

We would appreciate if you all have a copy of your admission letter with you to present to the immigration officer in case you have any problem at the airport. A single entry fee (as at the beginning of this month) is \$50 or the equivalent in local currency and can be obtained upon arrival at the airport. If you have not received an admission letter yet please contact Mutuo immediately. Please also visit our website for further details regarding visas as well as some useful tips.

Picking up

We shall organize for pick ups from Mombasa International Airport for Sunday, September 10th to all who submit their flight schedules on time. Should there be any unavoidable mishaps, please take a taxi from the airport to the Whitesands Beach Hotel (taxi price is approximately \$20). Each participant shall cater for the pick up charges. Upon agreement with our staff, arrangements can be made for participants arriving a few days before commencement of **sam**. Kindly make arrangements with Mutuo.

Airport Nairobi

Jomo Kenya International Airport is approximately half-an-hour's drive from Nairobi city center. Taxis are readily available but establish the fare before getting into the vehicle as there are many drivers who will approach you for business. The state-controlled Kenatco taxis work on a fixed rate using reliable and clean vehicles, as do the black London-style cabs which have, by law to charge per kilometer. Other taxis tend to vary; some appear to be old wrecks and as they do not come under the control of the municipal councils, you may find they are not insured. Always check first.

Most tourist hotels have their own minibus transport which can be arranged through reception.

Airport Mombasa

Moi International Airport on the Kenya coast is approximately 10 minutes from the city centre, although most of the tourist hotels are situated to the north and south coastal regions. Allow an extra half-an-hour for your journey to the south coast because of the Likoni ferry crossing.

Important

For international departures there is an airport tax to pay of \$20 or KShs.200 for domestic flights which is normally included in the price of your ticket.

Car Hire

Most international car hire companies are represented in Kenya in addition to some of the enterprising locals. Rates may vary on a daily or weekly basis depending on type of vehicle ranging from four-wheel drives to small saloons. Vehicles travel on the left-hand side of the road and most cars are right-hand drive. A current driving license with photograph is accepted for up to three months stays.

Public transport

City buses operate in Nairobi and Mombasa at reasonable low rates. However, avoid peak hours as most transport is crammed full. Fares are paid to the conductor.

Trains

There is a rail service from Nairobi to Mombasa and Kisumu where first and second class accommodation is available.

Postal Services

Post Offices are identified by the words Posta Kenya and mailing posting box are red. Usually you can buy stamps at Post Offices, stationers, souvenir shops and hotels.

Post Office hours are from 8.00 am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon on Saturday at main Post Offices.

Telephone services

Telkom Kenya provides advanced telecommunication services that include voice data, internet, and multimedia, whilst cellular mobile services are provided by Safaricom (0720/0721/0722/0723/0724/0725) and Kencell Communication (0733/0734/0735).

Faxes, telexes and email can be sent from your hotel via the operator. International calls can sometimes be dialed direct or operator assisted by dialing 0195 or 0196. Telkom Kenya also runs a few international public assisted call offices in selected areas in major towns.

Public payphones are fully automated. Simply pick up the handset and follow the digitized prompts on the screen to make your call. Card and coin phones are available. Phone cards of different denominations may be bought from Post Offices or international call offices in major towns.

You can also make use of hotel phones but the charges are usually 100% more. Local dialed calls cost a minimum of KShs.4 so it's advisable to have plenty of change.

Currency

Kenya's unit of currency is the Shilling (Shs) (Slang: Bob), written 1/-, 2/50 etc. Divided into 100 cents(c). There are copper coins of 50c and 1/- and silver-copper coins of 5/-, 10/-, 20/- and 40/-. Bank notes are available in denominations of 5/-, 10/-, 20/-, 50/-, 100/-, 200/-, 500/- and 1,000/-.

Currency restrictions

There are no restrictions on the movement of currency into or out of Kenya for currency into or out of Kenya for currency transactions.

Banking hours

Banks in Nairobi and other large towns open from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Monday to Friday and 9.00 am – 11.00 am on the first and last Saturday of each month. 24-hours access to your account can be facilitated by ATMs countrywide. Banks in Mombasa and the Coastal areas open and close half an hour earlier. Some banks at the international airports open around the clock everyday as do the foreign exchange bureaus.

Credit cards

All the major international credit cards are accepted in Kenya and most ATMs can accept any international VISA and MASTERCARD credit cards. Standard Chartered Bank's computer network allows access over 60 Moneylink ATMs situated at all its branches, major shopping malls, gas stations and other strategic locations countrywide. Holders of VISA cards can also link up to their home bank or credit card account through Moneylink ATMs around the clock.

KCB have 55 Visa and Visa Electron compliant ATMs available 24-hours nationwide accepting international credit cards. Travellers' cheques are also readily recognizable and accepted at most places.

Voltage

All regions in Kenya are supplied with 240 volts AC. Some lodges have independent power generators which may vary. The plug in use throughout Kenya is of the three square pin, 13 amp type.

Security

As in other countries, it is always advisable to hand in your passport, travellers' cheques, excess money and any other valuables at hotel reception desks for placing in their safe for security. Alternatively, where available, you will find a safety deposit box in your hotel room.

It is a sensible precaution not to walk alone in isolated towns or beach areas, particularly after dark. Ask for advice from your hotel manager or tour representative if you are with a package holiday company.

Public Holidays

Jan 1	New Year's Day
May 1	Labour Day
June 1	Madaraka (self rule) Day
Oct 10	Moi Day
Oct 20	Kenyatta Day
Dec 12	Uhuru/Jamuhuri Day (Independence/Republic)
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day

For public holidays falling on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed as the official holiday.

Moveable dates

Good Friday, Easter Monday, Idd-ul-Ftr

Hotel bill payment

This can be paid in Kenya Shillings or convertible foreign currency such as US dollars. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels.

Tipping

Tipping is not mandatory but not forbidden as in some other African countries. Tipping is entirely at your discretion and most hotels and restaurants include a 10% service charge to the bill.

Water

Nairobi and Mombasa Hotels are virtually 100% safe for drinking water. However, if in doubt, a variety of bottled water is available in most places.

Most isolated lodges keep filtered water in jars or flasks which is a direct warning that tap water is not safe, even for brushing teeth.

Water conservation

Shortage of water due to inadequate rainfall means that you should ensure that you try and conserve water as much as possible.

Visas

Most incoming visitors to Kenya, whether for business or pleasure, now require a visa irrespective of nationality. Multiple and single entry visas are available.

The single entry fee is US\$50 (correct at time of printing) or the equivalent in local currency and can be obtained upon arrival at the airport.

Visa applications can be made at any Kenya High Commission or Embassy prior to traveling. For more information contact your nearest Kenya High Commission or Embassy. Alternatively, visit the Kenya Airways web site: www.kenya-airways.com