

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION KENYA

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

**An Electronic Travel Authority (eTA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Kenya and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an eTA, visit [www.etakenya.go.ke](http://www.etakenya.go.ke).

Note: Guests who currently have a valid Kenya e-visa issued for travel in 2024 (including children under 18 travelling with e-Visa holders) may use the e-visa to enter Kenya and do not have to apply for an eTA.

The current fee is US \$30 plus a \$2.50 service charge (subject to change without notice) and is valid for one journey/single entry and expires upon exiting Kenya. Guests travelling on a journey that enters Kenya multiple times (after visiting either Tanzania, Uganda or Rwanda) only need to secure the initial eTA. On arrival in Kenya, they will receive a Visitor's Pass that will allow them re-entry into Kenya after visiting other countries.

Kenya eTA applications should be submitted at least 3 days prior to travel to ensure adequate time for authorization. Travellers can submit their applications up to 3 months prior to travel. It is highly recommended that travellers apply as soon as possible after they have booked their Kenya travel arrangements. Children under the age of 18 must travel with an eTA, and the legal guardian, parent or accompanying adult is responsible for filling out their application.

You will need the following information prior to applying for Kenya eTA:

**Passport:** Valid for at least six (6) months after your arrival date in Kenya with at least one blank page.

**Photo:** A selfie or passport-type photo.

**Contact information:** Home address, email address and phone number.

**Details of arrival and departure:** Arrival flight number, date of departure of initial flight in case of connecting flights.

**Accommodation:** Hotel booking confirmations (travel itinerary).

**Payment:** Credit/debit card, Apple Pay, etc.

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use:

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Once you submit the application, you will receive a confirmation email that your application and payment has been received. This email will contain the reference number assigned to your application. You will receive another email once your application has been approved. You can check the status of your application at any time by visiting: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke>. Use your reference number to check your application status.

If approved, save the eTA (sent as a PDF) on your mobile device and also print it out. Your electronic travel authorization needs to be shown at all departure and arrival points. For travelers who have an Android phone there is the option to store your approved eTA in the "Kenya Travel

Authorization” mobile app. You can download the app for free [Google Play Store](#). The app is currently not available in the Apple Store.

Our partner Visa Central offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](http://visacentral.com/abercrombiekent) or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K’s account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Kenya currently has no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. Visit the U.S. Department of State at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for up-to-date information and travel advisories. All requirements are subject to change.

- Travellers displaying flu-like symptoms on arrival at any point of entry will be required to complete a passenger locator form: [https://ears.health.go.ke/airline\\_registration/](https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/) and take a COVID-19 antigen test. Should the antigen test prove positive, travellers will also need to take a COVID-19 PCR test. Depending on the severity of symptoms, travellers who test positive will be required to isolate per the Ministry of Health guidance on isolation. All related costs are the responsibility of the traveller.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION & MALARIA PREVENTION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Kenya if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa—including East African countries such as Tanzania and Uganda. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

You will be travelling to an area of malaria transmission. We strongly advise that you speak with your doctor or travel clinic regarding your itinerary, individual risk assessment and options for mosquito bite prevention and antimalarial drugs. We recommend filling any prescriptions before you depart.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Kenya has a cash-based economy. Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted on a very limited basis, mainly in the largest shops, hotels and lodges. Access to ATM machines is available in Nairobi but limited in rural areas.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE: PLASTIC BAGS IN KENYA

The government of Kenya has implemented a ban on plastic bags. The ban applies to “carrier and flat bags,” primarily targeting bags from shops and grocery stores, but also extending to Ziploc bags, duty-free bags and bubble wrap. If tourists have those types of bags visible while in the airport, they are likely to be confiscated. Bags designed for multiple use, such as zippered cosmetic bags, are not included in the ban.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within East Africa, each passenger is limited to a maximum baggage weight of 33 pounds (15 kilograms). This includes the weight of purses and camera equipment in addition to regular luggage. Luggage restrictions are adhered to very strictly and passengers should pack

their bags accordingly. Soft-sided luggage or duffels are preferable to hard luggage for storage on safari vehicles and also on aircraft used throughout East Africa. Dimensions should not exceed 23 inches (58 centimeters) long x 13 inches (33 centimeters) high x 10 inches (25 centimeters) wide. As a convenience, A&K provides each safari guest with a complimentary, custom-designed A&K Duffel. This bag is specifically crafted to meet airline standards.

Flights aboard light aircraft within East Africa may not be direct. Multiple stops may be made to offload passengers at safari camp landing strips. A change of aircraft may be required.

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

### Clothing

Choose comfortable and casual clothing in natural, "breathable" fabrics and versatile styles that can be layered, as temperatures may vary considerably in the course of the day. For game viewing, wear neutral colors (though not camouflage, which is illegal in most national parks and reserves). Black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- If you are travelling during Africa's winter months of mid-May through early September, bring warm clothing — heavy sweater, hat, gloves, lined jacket — to protect against chilly early morning and evening temperatures
- A pair of rubber beach sandals to use as slippers.
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Personal garments
- Sports bra for women for bumpy roads
- Sleepwear
- Socks

### Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos and tsetse flies\*
- Sunglasses / Sun block
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Smartphone
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Global travel adapter
- Charging cables for electronics

### Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Lightweight binoculars
- Small daypack or fanny pack
- Inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can make bumpy roads more comfortable
- Low-suds detergent for washing small items of personal laundry

\*Note: many properties provide insect repellent in rooms/tents. However you may wish to bring your own preferred brand.

Laundry Service is available at most hotels, lodges and camps. Because some laundries in Africa do not accept any underclothing, be prepared to wash your own smalls. Laundry techniques may not be suitable for delicate and/or synthetic fabrics. Check costs and return times before using these services.

### TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Safari Driver-Guides	\$10 per person, per day	\$15 per person, per day
Local Safari or City Guides	Not applicable	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Hot Air Balloon Pilots (if applicable)	\$10 per person	\$10 per person
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Bush Lodges and Permanent Tented Camps	Included	\$10 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted at each property and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.