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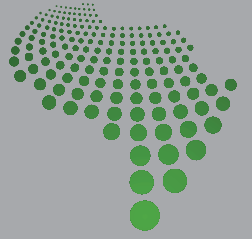
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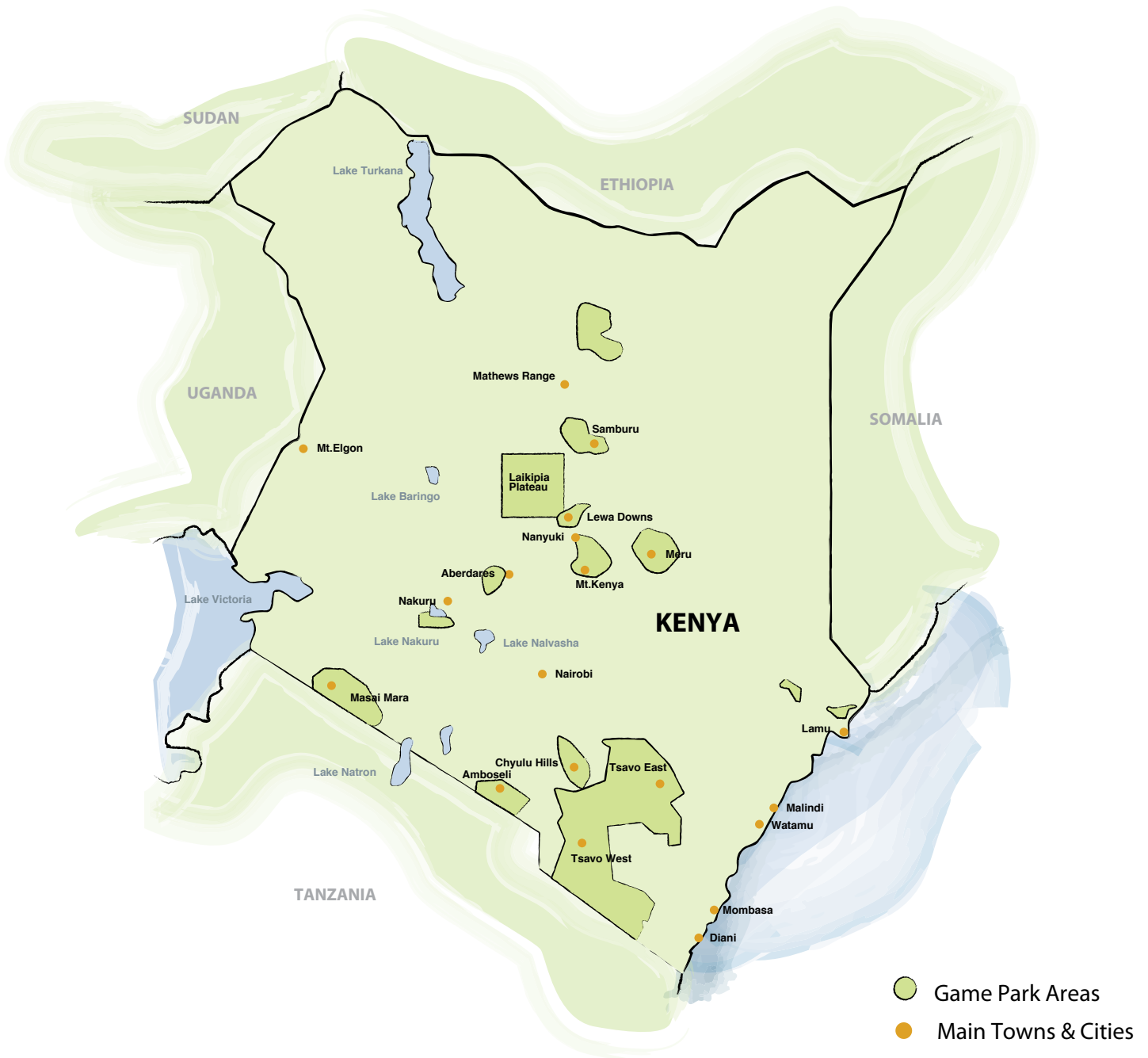
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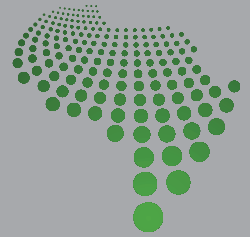


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Kenya is one of the world's greatest tourism destinations, known for its remarkable diversity of landscapes, wildlife and cultures. From sweeping savannahs to tropical beaches and coral reef, dense equatorial forests to mighty snow-capped mountains and more, Kenya is a world unto itself.

Key attractions include witnessing the magnitude of the Wildebeest migration, the diversity visible in the variety of national parks and the tropical coastline famous for white sand beaches lined with palms.

Nairobi is East Africa's main hub and the starting point for travel and safaris in this region. Situated at 5,500ft, the city was originally founded as a railway station in 1899. It marks the crossroads between the northern highlands, the low-lying Rift Valley and the eastern savannah.

There are a plethora of safari and wildlife destinations in Kenya to choose from, including the Masai Mara, the Rift Valley, Mount Kenya, Amboseli National Park, Tsavo East & West Parks and Samburu National Reserve.

The Kenyan south coast is a popular destination for a beach break and the Mombasa Marine National

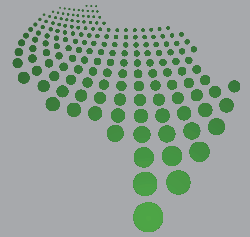
Park, Shanzu beach and Diani beach are firm favourites of this region. The north coast also has an allure with highlights such as Malindi and Watamu beaches and the Lamu archipelago.



access information

Nairobi is the most effective gateway for all international arrivals in the region. There are daily scheduled flights into Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA). There are also less frequent international flights into Mombasa. There are daily domestic flights operating from JKIA, Wilson Airport (also in Nairobi) and from other smaller Kenyan towns and cities, such as Mombasa.

A number of charter companies operate flight services to the various airstrips located in the national parks and on private game reserves. There are also direct charter flight services between Nairobi and the Kenyan coastal cities of Mombasa and Diani Beach.

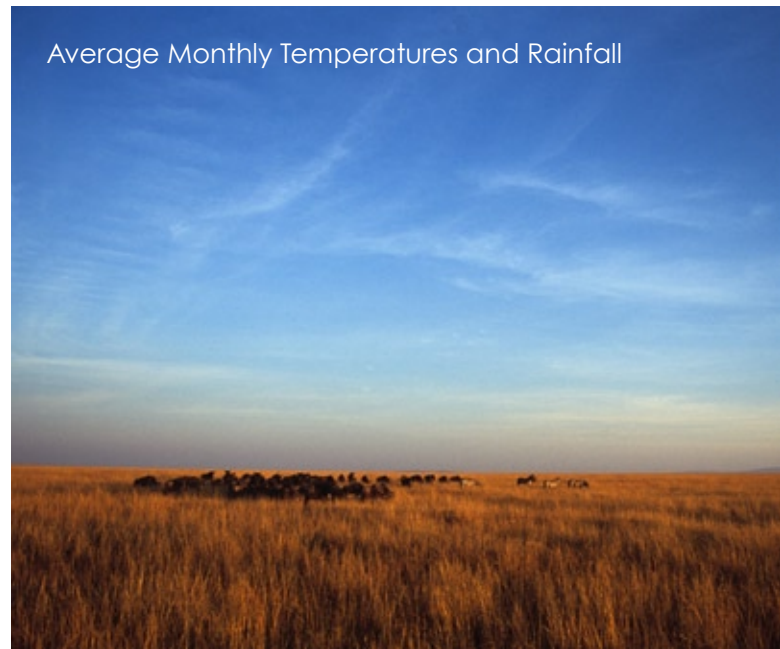


Kenya Climate

Given the variety of landscapes found in Kenya, from mountainous highlands to savannah woodland, tropical rain forests to desert scrubland, the climate can vary depending on the region.

At the coast the weather is hot and often humid, in the north and north-east region, the days are dry and hot and mornings in the central highlands can be cool. There are two rainy seasons which affect most of the country. The short rains usually occur from late October through to December. The long rains occur between March and June. Rainfall is seldom continuous over long periods and dry, sunny periods do occur during the rainy seasons.

Average Monthly Temperatures and Rainfall



The best time to view the Wildebeest migration in the Masai Mara is from mid July to early October.

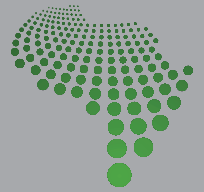
The best weather at the coast is from August through to April. The driest month is January and June, July and August are the coolest months.

NAIROBI - Kenya

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	25	26	25	24	22	21	21	21	24	24	23	23
Min Temp °C	12	13	14	14	13	12	11	11	11	13	13	13
Rainfall mm	32	64	125	211	158	46	15	23	31	53	109	86

MOMBASA - Kenya

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	31	31	31	30	28	28	27	27	28	29	29	30
Min Temp °C	24	24	25	24	23	23	22	22	22	23	24	24
Rainfall mm	25	18	64	196	320	119	89	64	64	86	97	61



Norfolk Hotel | 5* property – 165 rooms: www.fairmont.com

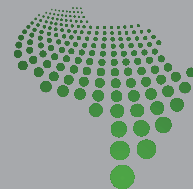
The Norfolk Hotel is Nairobi's most historic hotel and has been in operation for over 100 years as the town of Nairobi grew up around it. The hotel, which traditionally has been a starting point for Kenyan Safaris, boasts private tropical gardens, a health club and pool facilities, conferencing as well as the famous Lord Delamere Terrace, one of Kenya's most famous meeting places.



Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp | 5* property – 40 tents: www.andbeyond.com



On the western boundary of the Masai Mara National Reserve, you will find Kichwa Tembo, one of Kenya's best loved safari camps. Part of a private concession leased from the Masai, the camp is well situated for witnessing the annual Great Migration of wildebeest as well as viewing the diverse and abundant resident wildlife. The Masai Mara National Reserve is part of a vast conservation area incorporating the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area in neighbouring Tanzania. Combined with nearby Bataleur Camp which has 18 tents in total.



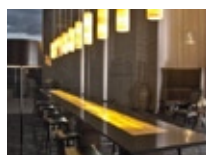
Tribes | 5* property – 137 rooms: www.tribe-hotel.com

Tribes is a luxury boutique hotel set in the heart of Nairobi. From the hotel's inspired architecture and interiors to the staff's singular focus on service, a common vision pervades: the unity of form and function celebrated within the diversity of cultures, styles and materials.

Tribes welcomes guests to a luxurious experience. The hotel maintains a benchmark of excellence in every aspect of its offerings.

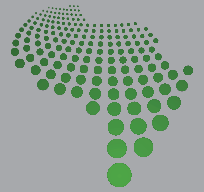
The 137 guestrooms and suites excite and soothe at the same time – rich deep colours mix with natural stone and wood, stainless steel and glass features blend with rustic metal and handmade wooden furniture, world-class amenities and new age technology seamlessly complement local fabrics and artifacts.

The feature "Sound Room" lets guests indulge in a private cinema experience and entertain business associates in an exclusive setting; executive boardrooms offer the highest level of technology of any in the city and specialize in banqueting for intimate events and conferences; a fully-operational business center is available to all guests. Epic, the hotel's restaurant, serves an eclectic mix of global flavours through the creations of Executive Chef Luca Molteni.



The restaurant is trendy, sophisticated and unpretentious; pairing the freshest ingredients with visually striking design – a decidedly 'fun-dining' experience.

Kaya, Tribes's exclusive spa combines traditional and new-world treatments from around the globe. The five treatment rooms and hair studio infuse a sense of tranquility through inspiring design – taming the body, mind and soul.



Governors' Camp | 5* property – 72 tents: www.governorscamp.com

The Governors' Camp Collection comprises of 8 Award Winning luxury safari camps and lodges. They are in the heart of the best wildlife viewing areas of Kenya, set in some of East Africa's most spectacular scenery, The Masai Mara. Benefit from the incredible location, the style of the properties, their commitment to service excellence, the exceptional training of the guides and the strong bonds they have created with their Community Neighbors over the 34 years they have been in operation. Meandering teak walkways lead to the main lodge, where traditional and international cuisine can be savoured. Choose to dine indoors in true ethnic elegance, or experience open-air dining in the Chiefs boma, where you will be treated to an authentic African barbeque and traditional song and dance. Additional services on offer include a curio shop, Spa treatments, a library, Internet and office facilities, full day bush drive and Authentic village tour.



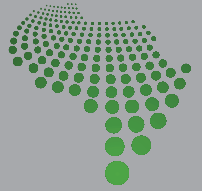
Accommodation comprises:

Governors' Camp – 37 tents line the riverbank, with uninterrupted views over the Mara River

Little Governors' Camp - 17 luxury en-suite tents tucked around a large watering hole

Il Moran Camp - The camp for those who want that extra bit of luxury. Hidden under ancient trees, deep in the forest, are just 10 tents.

Governors' Private Camp - For those who want an exclusive taste of the Governors' experience. Private Camp can only be booked by one family or group at a time, with up to 16 people in total.



Karen Blixen Camp | 5* property – 22 tents: www.karenblixencamp.com

Set on the bank of the Mara River, Karen Blixen Camp offers a step back in time combined with the luxury of the present. The location is spectacular, with the great Mara plains behind the camp and the impressive escarpment and Mara River in front. Throughout the day, zebras, elephants and hippos come to drink from the river. Enjoy a riverside breakfast while watching the hippo, or simply relax and enjoy the incredible views from the tents' private raised mahogany platform verandas.

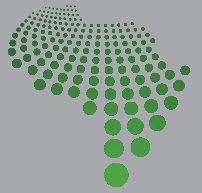
Afternoons can be spent relaxing by the swimming pool, taking safari game drives into the Mara, or enjoying a wellness treatment offered by the resident masseuse.



Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge | 4* property – 92 rooms: www.serenahotels.com



The Amboseli National Park is the safari destination of a lifetime, set in rolling savannah and presided over by the magnificent, snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro. Shaded by a lush acacia grove on the banks of a gently flowing river, the Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge is traditional in its Masai inspired decor but sumptuously luxurious in its aspect. Apart from wonderful game drives through the grasslands, the lodge's game viewing decks and water hole also provide opportunities to view vast herds of elephant, as well as numerous other beasts, birds and flora.



Lion Hill Game Lodge | 4* property – 67 chalets : www.sarovahotels.com

Set on a plateau in the Lake Nakuru National Park with rooms overlooking Lake Nakuru, the Lion Hill Game Lodge is the perfect place to experience some of the world's most amazing natural spectacles. See thousands of pink flamingos gathering on the lake, visit the famed Rhino Sanctuary, enjoy the antics of the black and white colobus monkeys or visit the legendary Menegei crater, all located nearby.

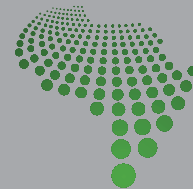


Mount Kenya Safari Club | 4* property – 120 rooms: www.fairmont.com



Originally the retreat of movie star and club founder, William Holden, the Mount Kenya Safari Club has hosted numerous illustrious members over the years. The club is set in over 100 acres of landscaped gardens and has an enormous range of activities on offer (both on- and off-site). Combining this with the personalised attention and superb cuisine, you will find that the Mount Kenya Safari Club is the ideal base for a holiday which combines comfort, relaxation and adventure.





Leopard Beach Resort & Spa | 5* property – 158 rooms: www.leopardbeachresort.com

The Leopard Beach resort enjoys a prime position on one of the world's most stunning beaches, Diani Beach, situated 34kms south of the bustling port town of Mombasa. With its calm waters, sandy shores and tropical gardens, the resort is a haven for pleasure seekers. Leopard Beach also features state of the art conferencing facilities, a wide range of high quality accommodation, a great selection of venues for dining and entertainment and an extensive offering of sporting & leisure facilities and activities.

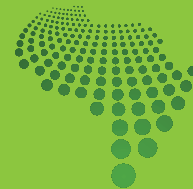


Serena Beach Hotel & Spa | 5* property – 166 rooms : www.serenahotels.com



Situated on the powdery shore of Shanzu Beach overlooking the Mombasa National Marine Park, the Serena Beach Hotel & Spa resembles a 13th century Swahili town, replete with winding lanes, courtyard fountains, a water garden, coconut palm trees, carved balconies and market squares. The Hotel will meet your every expectation – it is a haven of relaxation, a base from which to embark on action-packed activities and a superb venue from which to sample world-class cuisine and enjoy a vibrant nightlife.





Nairobi Highlights

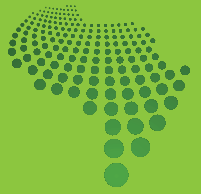
- Giraffe Centre – have an up-close encounter with tame giraffes
- Karen Blixen Museum – visit the beautiful farmhouse where the author of “Out of Africa” lived from 1914 to 1931
- Nairobi National Park – Kenya’s first national park is located on the city’s boundary
- Nairobi Animal Orphanage – home to 24 animal species, a unique facility in the heart of Nairobi with an important rehabilitation program for abandoned and injured wild animals



Safari Highlights: Note: the following activities are not available at all safari venues

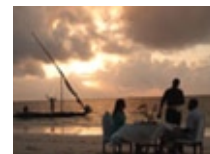


- The Great Migration – view this spectacular phenomenon
- Game Drives – count down the Big 5 and the multitude of other wildlife from your game vehicle during a trip across the savanna grasslands
- Mount Kilimanjaro – savour the pink tinged top of this magnificent mountain during sundowners on the deck of your game lodge
- Bush Walks – take a guided wilderness walk, protected by Masai warriors, to learn about the local ecology



Coastal highlights

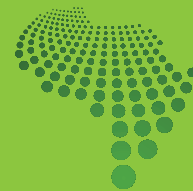
- Scuba Diving – get up close with spectacular Indian ocean marine life
- History & Culture – visit ancient Swahili settlements, investigate Arab and Portuguese forts and witness traditional music and dancing
- Mombasa Old Town – enjoy a glimpse of life that has continued unhurried and unchanged for more than 400 years.
- Traditional Boat Trips – sip sundowners in a local dhow



Unique Activities



- Hot Air Ballooning – for a magnificent 360 degree view of the Great Migration from above
- Adopt an Elephant – orphaned elephant are raised at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi before being reintroduced to the wild
- Beach Dinner Under The Stars – enjoy a delicious Swahili dinner under the broad African skies whilst local musicians serenade you
- Flamingo Spotting in the Rift Valley – the pulsing pink swathe of life on Lake Nakuru is a breathtaking sight
- Pet a cheetah – a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with a baby cheetah in Nairobi
- Interact with Masia people and learn their ancient customs



Eating out!

Kenya's multicultural heritage, with strong Arabic, Portuguese, Chinese, Indian and English influences, is reflected in the wide range of foods and specialities available in Kenya. Over time, the travellers who have touched Kenyan shores have left behind a legacy of spices and exotic recipe combinations that survive to this day.

Nairobi and Mombasa play host to a number of popular eateries. In particular, the Carnivore in Nairobi is famed for its large barbeque pit from which exotic meats such as zebra and warthog are served. Delicious vegetarian meals with an Indian influence are also widely available in the cities and beach resorts.

The lodges and beach resorts provide delicious and elaborate buffets comprising of an assortment of high quality beef and seafood dishes. These are supplemented by an array of fresh vegetables (such as okra, beans, cassava and potatoes) prepared in a myriad of interesting ways and delicious tropical fruits (such as papaya, banana and pineapples) which are served fresh or as part of more elaborate recipes. Western-styled meals to suit the most demanding palates are also readily available.



Typical Swahili cuisine along the Kenyan coast includes a variety of meals prepared using fish, tropical fruits, coconut milk and exotic spices. Tiny cups of coffee served with haluwa, a traditional sweet meat, exemplify the Arab influence and are particularly popular at the coast.