

WiNN Global Networking Event 2023: A visit to Nairobi, Kenya

A. Travel Advisory

1. Entry to Kenya

You will need a tourist visa. For a Kenya Tourist visa application, the applicant must upload the following documents and subsequently pay the visa fee:

- Recent color passport size photo
- Passport from cover
- Passport biodata page
- Hotel reservations
- Any other additional documents available, e.g. a flight ticket if available

Go to <https://www.kenyagovisa.com/requirements> for more information.

E-visa for single entry <https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>; it will take approx. 1-3 days, in rare cases one month, until you get the e-visa; you will have to log in again and download it.

Ban of Plastic Bags: The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Kenya, through Gazette Notice No.2334 & 2356, banned the use, manufacture and importation of plastic bags used for commercial and household packaging. Visitors are required to adhere to this regulation. The ban is subject to fines and jail imprisonment.

Customs restrictions:

- Drones: Do not bring in a drone unless you have a permit from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA).
- As with any other country, declare any biological material in the declaration form.
- Currency limitations, currency and monetary instruments exceeding 10,000 USD or its equivalent MUST be declared at Customs at arrival and before departure.
- Please consult the following list for custom's restrictions:

<https://www.kenyagovisa.com/news/kenya-customs-regulations>

2. Health and safety tips

Vaccinations: You will be required to show your COVID-19 vaccination certificate at the Health Check before immigration, on your arrival at the airport. Take your COVID-19 vaccination certificate with you (e.g., electronically) or a negative COVID-19 PCR test conducted not more than 72 hours before departure. NB: Vaccination means having received the prescribed doses of specific vaccine latest shot at least fourteen (14) days before arrival (not including the day of vaccination). Please see link for further details: https://www.health.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/COVID-19_TRAVEL_REQUIREMENTS_9.9.2022.pdf

A negative COVID-19 PCR test conducted not more than 72 hours before departure will be required of those not vaccinated. Refer to <https://www.health.go.ke/>

A self-report of your COVID vaccination using Global Haven globalhaven.org will be required. Log in and then upload information on your vaccination.

Traveler's Health Surveillance QR code registration is required. Use this link to register, https://ears.health.go.ke/international_registration/.

Yellow Fever: Kenya requires a valid yellow fever certificate from all foreign visitors and citizens over 1 year of age, travelling from an infected area, or having been in transit through infected areas (>12 hours). Find the International travel, health, and vaccination requirements here, <https://www.kenyagovisa.com/news/yellow-fever-certificate>.

Other vaccinations. Carry your international vaccination card. Ask your medical doctor for advice. Get your vaccinations in time.

NB: It is advisable to get a medical check-up before traveling to different climatic zones and inform your personal doctor for advice. Remember, if you are bringing medications with you, carry them in their original packaging, clearly labeled. A signed and dated letter from your physician describing all medical conditions and medications, including generic names, is also a good idea. If carrying syringes or needles be sure to have a physician's letter documenting their medical necessity.

During your stay we recommend the following safety measures:

- Insect repellent (against mosquitoes)
- Sun lotion (high protection factor)
- Sunglasses
- Hat or scarf
- Umbrella and/or impermeable jacket
- Personal pharmaceuticals (if needed)
- Swimming suit
- Trekking or sport shoes (for field trip),
- Both light and warm clothes, preferably also some long arm shirts and pants (mosquitoes), but not too tight ones (else mosquitoes will bite through them),
- Light and warm jacket or sweater for evenings and early mornings
- Small bag or backpack for day trips
- Health and accident insurance

3. Weather updates

Kenya's diverse geography means that temperature, rainfall and humidity vary widely. Nairobi weather at the time is expected with an average temperature in August of 21°C. Please use Accuweather for verification before travel e.g. month of May: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/ke/nairobi/224758/may-weather/224758?year=2023>
Visit www.meteo.go.ke for latest weather updates.

4. Money/Credit Cards:

Cash is easy and quick to exchange at banks and forex bureaus. Travellers' cheques are replaceable, but are increasingly less widely accepted, and often carry high commission charges. The unit of currency is the Kenyan shilling (KSh). Notes in circulation are for 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50, while coins are of 40, 20, 10 and 5. US dollar, British pound and Swiss Francs can be exchanged at the airport on your arrival.

Virtually all banks in Kenya now have ATMs at most branches. Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted, but it would be prudent to stick to up-market hotels, restaurants and shopping centres to use them.

5. Useful security tips:

Beware of pickpocketing especially when walking around the cities and towns. Avoid carrying anything valuable with you e.g. jewellery, expensive watches, cameras, etc. Most hotels provide a safe or secure place for valuables. It is generally recommended to always walk in groups of 3-4 persons.

Your baggage will be checked at the airport, specifically for souvenirs: ensure you don't buy anything made from endangered species. Note that it is illegal to export products that contain any elements of elephant, rhino or sea turtle.

Do not take pictures of military/security buildings, airports, bridges or uniformed persons. Please ask for permission before taking pictures.

B. Travel Logistics

1. Airport Transfers

Our visitors from outside Kenya, you will be picked up at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and bus stands. Details on airport transfers for arrival and departures from Nairobi will be circulated. Uber is the recommended means of local transportation if you plan to come earlier.

2. Accommodation

You will stay at the Elysian resort (<https://elysian-resort.com/>) from July 31, 2023. Set in Nairobi, 10 km from Nairobi National Museum, Elysian Resort offers accommodation with an outdoor swimming pool, free private parking, a fitness centre and a garden. Each accommodation at the 4-star hotel has garden views, and guests can enjoy access to a terrace and to a bar. The accommodation provides a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers, a shared lounge and free Wi-Fi throughout the property.

Internet

Internet access will be available in your accommodation area.

3. Power Supply

Please note that voltage throughout East Africa is 220-240 AC. If your electrical device is rated for 110 volts you will need to use an electrical converter.

Primary socket type G is popular. The image below depicts.



Useful links:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/kenya/practical-information/visas>

Disclaimer

Medical Insurance:

Participants are responsible for obtaining comprehensive International insurance for the duration of their stay. The meeting organisers disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel or the period of participation.

Please bring your personal necessities such as an adequate supply of specially prescribed medicines, which may be difficult to access in Kenya.

Please consult online information provided by your federal foreign office on Kenya and Nairobi for additional and up-to-date information on safety, immigration, and customs specific to your country of origin.