

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.

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Kenya.

There are currently two options available as outlined below. Buongiorno Travel recommends an electronic visa.

Electronic Visa (eVisa): To apply for an eVisa, visit evisa.go.ke/evisa.html. The current fee for a single-entry* visa is USD \$51 (subject to change without notice). A tourist visa is only valid for 90 days from the date of issuance, so do not apply for your Kenya visa more than 90 days prior to departure. If the visa application asks you to provide an email address for your host tour operator in Kenya, please use a.sule@buongiornotravel.com. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Kenya. You may be required to upload documents (e.g. passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process. If you experience technical problems with the eVisa website, try again a few hours later or the following day.

Visa on Arrival: The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$50 (subject to change without notice) and must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars. Kenya is presently offering visas on arrival as they transition towards the eVisa program; however, this option can be suspended at any time without notice.

*A single-entry eVisa for Kenya allows you to enter, exit and re-enter the country after visiting either Tanzania or Uganda, without having to purchase a multiple-entry visa.

Note: Kenya is currently waiving visa requirements for children age 15 or younger. Children in this age group need only present a valid passport upon arrival.

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

VACCINATIONS

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.

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 KENYA

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, Buongiorno Travel provides each safari guest with a complimentary, custom-designed Buongiorno Travel Duffel. This bag is specifically crafted to meet airline standards.

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

PACKING LIST

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.

Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- A pair of rubber beach sandals to use as slippers.
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- Walking shorts
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- 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
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Sports bra for women for bumpy roads
- Socks

Other Recommended Items

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

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can make bumpy roads more comfortable
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack
- 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 KENYA

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

	All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions	Tailor Made and Signature Journeys
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.