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Kenya-Tanzania Migration Safari

FAQs



First time on safari in Africa?

We'll get you all set for an unforgettable journey. Here are answers to questions you may have.

How strenuous is this tour?

A moderate level of fitness is essential. Unless you enjoy unimpaired mobility and are reliably sure-footed, this safari may not be for you.

You must be able to walk comfortably and without assistance at a moderate pace for 15-20 min stretches. A moderate pace of walking is defined as 100 steps per minute. Visits to archeological sites and villages involves walking on uneven ground. Unruly traffic and the busy streets of urban areas require vigilance. This tour involves private transfers by Landcruiser on some urban roads and many dirt roads. The longest transfer can last 7 hours with 2-3 breaks.

The sun can be strong, even in the cooler seasons.



Please bear in mind our tours are group events. The presence of even one person who is not fit enough to cope can spoil the experience for everyone else, and stress group leaders and guides.

Please assess your fitness level as objectively as possible. Should you decide to join the safari and later develop immobility, please let us know immediately. We can best minimize your financial exposure the earlier we know.

What will the weather be like?

Temperatures in Nairobi range from 16 - 26 C. The parks in Kenya and Northern Tanzania range from 13 – 24 C (55-75 F). Zanzibar will be hot and humid with temperatures in the 32 C (90 F) range.

Do I need visas?

Visas for Kenya are available for Canadian and U.S. nationals online and at the airport upon arrival.. Single-entry visa is approximately USD50. Carry cash for faster processing. Pre-fill application form here: <http://kenyahighcommission.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/form-22-1.pdf>

Visas for Tanzania will be available at Sirari border crossing at USD50. Carry cash for faster processing.

What can I legally bring into Kenya/Tanzania?

Personal effects, including cameras, binoculars, may be brought in free of duty. A customs bond **may** be demanded for camcorders, radios, tape recorders, and musical instruments. Firearms and pocket knife require special permits. There is a duty free allowance of 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 250 grammes of tobacco, and one pint of spirits. Visitors buying local handicrafts must keep their sales receipts for presentation to customs officials on departure. Cannabis and products are not allowed.

What about the currency?

The unit of currency in Tanzania and Kenya is the shilling, available in notes and coins. One shilling is divided into 100 cents. There are no restrictions on the amount of foreign currency brought into Tanzania or Kenya, and no currency declaration is required. But import and export of Tanzanian and Kenyan currency is illegal. Foreign currency in cash may be exchanged at banks, authorized dealers and at the bureau de change at the international airports, major towns and border posts. Travellers' cheques are getting increasingly difficult to cash, and the rate is usually unfavourable. ATMs are available in major urban areas.

Additional cash requirement/Tipping

Kenya and Tanzania have separate non-interchangeable currency. Plan on changing money accordingly. Most meals are included. The odd one you will purchase on your own will cost an average of \$15-20 plus tax. Bottled water in the rooms and on safari is provided free of charge, but at meals will cost \$1-2



depending on size of bottle. Most restaurants and all lodging will accept credit cards for meals and incidentals.

We will run a USD \$150 pp kitty for tipping guides, and hotel and restaurant staff. Carry small denomination dollar bills for individual or top-up tipping in rooms.

Staying in touch and cellphones

Unlocked cellphones accept prepaid SIM cards for cellular use. Cellphone usage is inexpensive in both countries. During the safari, not all areas will have reception at all times.

Health and Immunization

Modern emergency medical services are available in big cities and towns. Yellow fever certificate is mandatory for entry into Tanzania. Please check with your local travel health clinic for additional precautions. Usually recommended: Anti-malarials and Twin-Rix.

Covid is relatively contained in both Kenya and Tanzania. Masks are worn in urban areas, but not on safari. Our drivers and guides are fully vaccinated.

Food and Drinks

Generally, meals in hotels and good quality restaurants are safe. For sensitive stomachs, eat as close to your normal diet as possible for the first couple of days. Eat only piping hot foods and fruit that can be peeled. Drink only bottled water, which is readily available everywhere. There are no restrictions on the sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks in East Africa. There are plenty of imported beers, wines and spirits in many places.

Shopping

Opportunities are limited while on safari. Some lodgings may have gift shops. For safety reasons, we will avoid markets in Nairobi. Zanzibar has good shopping of local handicrafts, beaded items, art, and traditional *kikoi* cloth.

Insurance

We recommend travel cancellation, interruption, medical, property, and other personal insurance. E.Y.H.O.'s business insurance does not cover the cost of your tour.

Language

The official languages of Kenya and Tanzania are Kiswahili and English.



Security

Tanzania is one of the safest countries in East Africa. Kenya has had its issues lately, but we will keep away from trouble spots. However, just as in any other country, please be cautious of your surroundings. Avoid wearing jewellery, walking in the dark, and in deserted lanes and streets. Keep an eye on your purses, wallets, handbags, and cameras. Never accept food or drinks from strangers.

Electricity

Tanzania and Kenya use the UK/European standard power supply of 220/240 voltages. The type of socket in Kenya/Tz is the three pin square type, like the ones found in the UK. Surge protectors are recommended for high amperage items like hair dryers. 110 Voltage U.S. will need a voltage converter as well as a plug converter.

Example of a universal plug converter: click [here](#).

Clothing

It never gets really cold in Tanzania and Kenya, so lightweight clothing is the norm. However Arusha and Nairobi experience colder weather in June/July which may linger on in September. While on safari, long sleeve shirts/blouses, and shorts or light weight cargo pants are ideal. Select neutral colours to avoid attracting insects. Pack a fleece jacket/sweater for early morning and evening game drives. On the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, it can get cold enough to require a toque, scarf and mitts. Sensible walking shoes, a hat to keep off the sun, and sunglasses are essential. No need to dress up for dinner; good casual clothing for evenings is fine. Some of the restaurants at the bigger hotels and lodges prefer that patrons not wear shorts and T shirts for the evening meals.

Closer to travel time, a comprehensive packing list will be sent.

Laundry facilities are available at all lodgings for a fee.

Other considerations

Stone Town Zanzibar has a Muslim majority, and pants/long dresses are recommended for women.

Photography

Traditionally, Africans believe that the click of a camera captures their soul. Although most indigenous people are happy to be photographed, it's extremely important to ask before doing so. In the Masai village paid excursion, you may take as many photos as you please. If in doubt, please ask your driver or me.

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Arrivals and Departures

The safari starts in Nairobi and ends in Arusha. Several reputable airlines including KLM, British Airways, and Lufthansa fly to Nairobi. Arusha has an international airport. Alternatively, you can transfer regionally to Dar es Salaam for better international connections.

Great! How do I sign up?

Please contact shila@eyhtours.com for registration details.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to reach out. shila@eyhotours.com