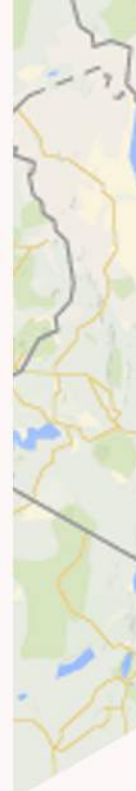




KENYA

COUNTRY PROFILE



With a coastline of 536 km bordering the Indian Ocean, and an exclusive economic zone of 221,778 square km, and navigable inland waterways, Kenya is endowed with a highly productive open sea with abundant and diverse maritime resources. Kenyan beaches are simply alluring and enticing, offering rich blue water, soft white sand, and plenty of palms to match. The coastal highway that stretches from Mombasa up the north coast is part of the reason why the northern Kenya beaches are most popular with tourists.

There are also many interesting historical and cultural pursuits to be enjoyed near north Kenya coast destinations like Lamu and Malindi.

Situated on the equator on Africa's east coast, Kenya has been described as "the cradle of humanity". It covers an area of 581,309km². Kenya is a diverse nation given the various ethnic tribes which have enabled it produce a vibrant culture.

It is a major attraction to tourists both at domestic level and internationally. The official languages are both Swahili and English as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.



Every year, there is a wild beast migration that makes Kenya a unique destination in the world. This has been voted to the list of the seven wonders of Africa. Tourists travel from the various parts of the world to see this migration that occurs in the Maasai Mara all through to Tanzania. Maasai Mara is home to the famous big five (lion, buffalo, leopard, rhinoceros and the elephant).



The rift valley (6000km²) stretches from the Middle East to Mozambique. It passes through Kenya and is surrounded by various physical features which include: hills, lakes and escarpments. The lakes are a major attraction site to tourists as they have a great view of flamingos hovering around the lakes.