



**Population:** approx 52.57 million. A rich variety of cultural influences from 44 tribes.



**Languages:** Official: English  
National: Kiswahili



**Size:** 580,367km<sup>2</sup>. The world's 48th largest country



**Time Zone:** 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +3



**Currency:** Kenyan Shilling | USD



**National Bird:** Lilac-breasted roller



**Inbound Airlines:** Kenya Airways | British Airways | Brussels Airlines | South African Airways | Swiss | Turkish | Emirates | China Southern | Precision Air | Air Mauritius | Rwanda Air | Qatar Airways | Ethiopian Airlines | Lufthansa | Egypt Air | Etihad Airways

## CLIMATE

The climate is warm and dry for most of the year, with plenty of sunshine, cool nights and mornings. Being equatorial the annual temperature variation is not as marked as those on greater latitudes, however there is still a variation of weather throughout the year to be prepared for. Turkana is one of the hottest regions and Aberdare's, the coolest. Average daily temperature in Nairobi is 20.5°C (69°F). **Did you know?** Before the wildebeest migration became a New Wonder of the World and heavily marketed, January was the most popular month for travellers to visit?

**HOT & DRY:** mid Dec - February. Water clarity on coast at it's best.

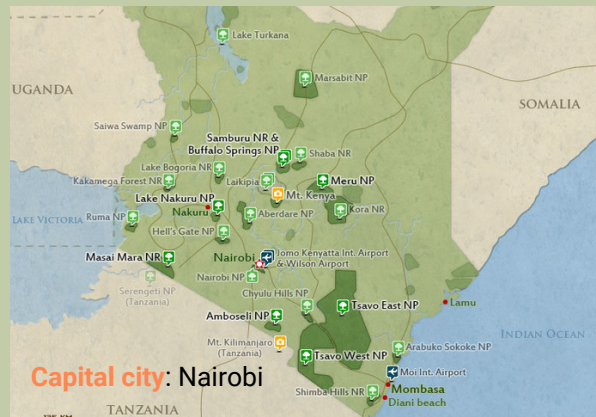
**COOLER & DRY:** June - October.

Temperatures in early mornings around 10°C up to 28°C at midday



**"LONG RAINS"** March, April & May. Cooler with longer grasses by May. Excellent photographic light.

**"SHORT RAINS"** November - Mid December. Unpredictable, celebrated heavy bursts.



**Capital city:** Nairobi

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Lake Turkana Cultural Festivals

June | Annual | Lake Turkana

During the celebrations, locals exhibit a variety of their cultural heritage varying from songs to food, dance costumes, rituals and artifacts.

### Twin Migration Season

July - October | Annual | Masai Mara & Coast

Wildebeest Migration in the world famous Masai Mara Game Reserve and Whale migration along the Kenyan coast

### International Camel Derby

August | Annual | Maralal

One of the more unique travel experiences in Kenya held just outside of Maralal, home to the vibrant Samburu people.

### Humpback Whale Migration Season

September & October | Annual | Kenyan Coast

Bringing more than 1500 global delegates together with more than 4000 Rwandans. KIPM is the only accredited marathon organized in the World under the theme of Peace.

### Lamu Cultural Festival

November | Annual | Lamu

One of the best attended community-based cultural festivals in Kenya. Promoting the rich Swahili culture and giving visitors a taste of Swahili life.

### Sacred Maulid Festival

November | Annual | Lamu

A 3 day festival on Rabi al-Awwal where participants from all over East Africa to celebrate the birth of the Beloved of God, the Prophet Muhammad. Singing, poetry, dance competitions, dhow boat races, football games & even a blood drive.

### Rusinga Festival

December | Annual | Rusinga

Rusinga Island – one of Kenya's hidden gems on Lake Victoria. The festival hosts 2 days of music, fashion, film, food, artistry, literature, sports & conversations taking you back in time into the Suba Culture.

### Best time to see flamingos

November - May | Annual | Lake Nakuru  
Flamingos boom in the rainy season (November - May), when food in the lake is aplenty. In drier months, especially during droughts, pink flocks move north to another famous feeding ground—Lake Bogoria, where these birds are observed year-round..