



# Nairobi

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Stare in the eye of a wild beast, visit an indigenous tribe village, discover the city's colonial landmarks, and let yourself be spoilt for endless entertainment by a modern metropolis: Nairobi, the safari capital of the world, is an incredibly diverse place where the vibrant city core lies a stunningly short distance away from untamed wildlife.

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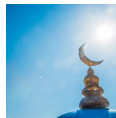
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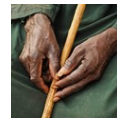
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## THE CITY



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Nairobi has a history just as diverse as the rich wildlife surrounding it. For its abundance of fertile lands, the country was colonised by the British East Africa Protectorate in the 19th century, and served as a significant hinterland for the mother country during the WWI era.

However, upon its foundation in 1899, Nairobi was far from being a deserted swamp deep hidden in the mighty ridges of Kenya: settlers were soon confronted with the persistence of the indigenous Maasai people, who eventually regained the country's independence in 1963. Today, what once caused large turbulence has since transformed into peaceful coexistence, giving Nairobi a charmingly eclectic feel.

This incredible diversity can be experienced all over the city. In the over 50 national parks and reserves Kenya has, flora and fauna have remained incredibly rich, and are only disturbed by goggling safari-goers. But Nairobi, once a humble depot used for the construction of the Uganda railway, has in no time developed into East Africa's major economic hub, with a steady influx of investments further adorning the city's skyscraper-rich horizon year by year.

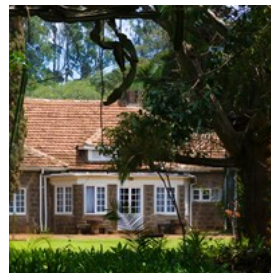
## DO & SEE



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Nairobi may be the safari capital of the world, but you'll find that there's so much more to it: learn about rich Kenyan history or the life and traditions of the bomas communities, and immerse yourself in the plenty of fun and creative activities this vibrant city has to offer.

### Karen Blixen Museum



The property of Baroness Karen Blixen between 1917 and 1931, who came to Africa to engage in dairy farming and whose autobiography inspired the Oscar-winning movie "Out of Africa", this museum is an homage to the famous Danish author's life and the history of British East Africa.

Photo: Vladimir Gall/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karen Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 9.30-18.00 daily

Phone: +254 736 919 321

Internet: [www.museums.or.ke/karen-blixen](http://www.museums.or.ke/karen-blixen)

### Bomas of Kenya



From dance performances and beauty contests to crafts and poetry, Bomas is an unmissable place where you'll get a truly

memorable insight into the lives of various tribes native to this area. Spectacular acrobatic shows are held daily.

Photo: Sopotnicki/Shutterstock.com

Address: Langata/Forest Edge Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: Traditional villages: 10.00-18.00 daily

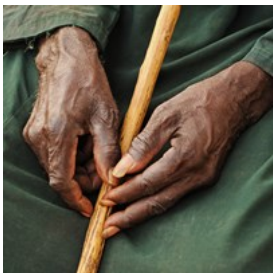
Phone: +254 208 068 400

Internet: [www.bomasofkenya.co.ke](http://www.bomasofkenya.co.ke)

Email: [bomas@africaonline.co.ke](mailto:bomas@africaonline.co.ke), [info@bomasofkenya.co.ke](mailto:info@bomasofkenya.co.ke)

More Info: For bookings: +254 202 022 426

### Nairobi National Museum



This museum is the place to visit for anyone who wants to get a comprehensive idea of the history of Kenya, as it hosts a wide range of

thematic exhibitions showcasing the county's rich historical, cultural, and natural heritage. The Snake Park and Botanical Garden are a must!

Photo: Quick Shot/Shutterstock.com

Address: Museum Hill, Ngara Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 8.30-17.30 daily

Phone: +254 208 164 134

Internet: [www.museums.or.ke](http://www.museums.or.ke)

Email: [publicrelations@museums.or.ke](mailto:publicrelations@museums.or.ke)

### KICC Helipad



The Kenyatta International Conference Centre has been home to various large-scale events and conferences since 1974. Today it is open to anyone who would like to simply admire Nairobi from this impressive 28-storey building, the tallest until it was dethroned by the Times Tower in the mid-2000s.

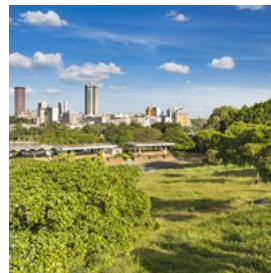
Photo: Shujaa\_777/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parliament Rd, Nairobi

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 7.00-18.00, Sat and Sun: 8.00-17.00

Internet: <http://kicc.co.ke/about/helipad>

### Uhuru Park



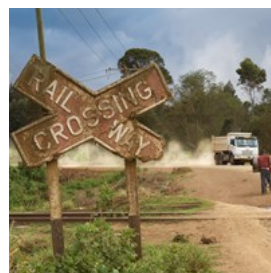
A 12-hectare oasis just outside the bustling Central Business District, Uhuru Park is a most beloved hangout spot for locals and tourists alike.

It has seen several important events in history, and has managed to preserve its significance thanks to Nobel Peace Prize-winner Wangari Maathai, the most important environmental activist to date in Kenya.

Photo: IndustryAndTravel/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport: Take buses 5 to GPO, or 4W to Serena

### Nairobi Railway Museum



The only museum of its kind in East and Central Africa, the Nairobi Railway Museum has an interesting collection showcasing the

continent's railway history, including locomotives of the highly controversial Uganda Railway.

Learn about the thrilling story of the man-eating lions!

Photo: Amaia Marcos Soto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Near the roundabout of the Uhuru Highway and Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 8.00-17.00 daily  
Phone: +254 728 603 581  
Internet: <http://nrm.co.ke>

### August 7th Memorial Park and Museum



Formerly housing the US embassy building, this memorial is an homage to the victims of the 1998 terrorist attack, also regarded as a generic

symbol for peace and coexistence.

Photo: Manop\_Phimsit/Shutterstock.com

Address: Junction of Moi Avenue, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 6.00-18.00 daily  
Phone: +254 20 341 062, +254 722 323 302  
Internet: <http://memorialparkkenya.org>  
Email: [events@memorialparkkenya.org](mailto:events@memorialparkkenya.org)

### Solar Ice Rink at Panari



Ice skating in the world's safari capital? Be careful: no one will believe where you got those injuries from. Africa's largest ice rink measures 32x12

metres, with skating lessons available, and 12°C guaranteed constantly.

Photo: Vit Kovalcik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Panari Sky Centre, Mombasa Road, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 11.00-22.00 daily  
Phone: +254 711 091 000  
Internet: [www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/ice-rink.html](http://www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/ice-rink.html)  
Email: [sales@panarihotels.com](mailto:sales@panarihotels.com)  
More Info: Registration required, skates are provided

### Kazuri Beads Factory



Here you'll not only get to admire some of the most beautiful locally produced bead jewellery, but also get the chance to visit the onsite workshop,

presenting guests with the history of the factory which has been employing Kenyan women in need since 1975.

Photo: Anton Watman/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mbagathi Ridge, Karen  
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8.30-18.0, Sun: 9.00-16.00  
Phone: +254 20 2437871  
Email: [info@africanspicesafaris.com](mailto:info@africanspicesafaris.com)

### Brown's Cheese Farm



Dairy might not be the first thing on your mind when visiting Kenya, but the Brown family's always fresh cheese, bread and chutney will make you

want to have your lunch there. Walk it all off with a hike among the tea plants, or go bird watching with the family: a nature lover's paradise just 30 km from Nairobi.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Phone: +254 728 999 654  
Internet: [www.brownscheese.com](http://www.brownscheese.com)  
Email: [info@brownscheese.com](mailto:info@brownscheese.com),  
[reservations@brownscheese.com](mailto:reservations@brownscheese.com)  
More Info: Take Kiambu Road towards the North

### The Dance Factory Kenya



Whether it's sport, therapy, profession, making friends, or mere entertainment, join this friendly and energetic team for some salsa,



kizomba, or belly dancing—you'll need those skills in Nairobi.

Photo: FOTOVALE/Shutterstock.com  
Phone: +254 726 148 780  
Internet: [www.thedancefactorykenya.com](http://www.thedancefactorykenya.com)  
Email: [info@thedancefactorykenya.com](mailto:info@thedancefactorykenya.com)

### All Saints Cathedral

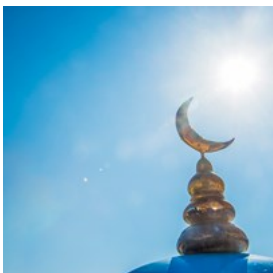


Founded by governor Sir Henry Conway Belfield in 1917, this Gothic-style cathedral is one of the most important buildings of the Anglican Church of

Kenya, and a prominent landmark of the British-Kenyan relations stemming from the 19th century.

Photo: K Woodgyer/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi  
Phone: +254 732 600 466  
Internet: [www.allsaintsnairobi.org](http://www.allsaintsnairobi.org)  
Email: [info@allsaintsnairobi.org](mailto:info@allsaintsnairobi.org)

### Jamia Mosque



Nairobi has a remarkable Muslim community, with mosques and landmarks ubiquitous in the city. Jamia Mosque is the largest of them all, and

boasts a one-of-a-kind view in the city's skyline with its two minarets and three silver domes. The place is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Islam and the Arabic culture in general.

Photo: maradon 333/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Banda Street, Nairobi  
Phone: +254 725 302 444  
Internet: [www.facebook.com/JamiaMosqueNairobi](http://www.facebook.com/JamiaMosqueNairobi)

### Banana Hill Art Gallery



Take that short drive and visit this one-of-a-kind gallery to get acquainted with Africa's most prominent contemporary artists, and browse the unique collection of sculptures and colourful paintings.

Photo: Nok Lek/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Banana Raini Road, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 10.00–18.00 daily  
Phone: +254 711 756 911  
Internet: <http://bananahillartgallery.com>  
More Info: (ca. 18 km from CBD)

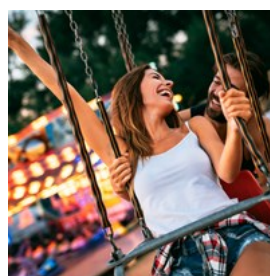
### Shri Swaminarayan Mandir



An important landmark as well as a gathering point for the East Africa Swaminarayan Satsang (EASS) community, this temple is also renowned for being the first such mandir outside the Indian subcontinent, built of stones transported straight from the country of Hinduism's origins.

Photo: Photo Spirit/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 01 Swaminarayan Road, Nairobi  
Phone: +254 203 742 142  
Internet: [www.easstemple.com](http://www.easstemple.com)

### New Lunar Amusement Park



entertainment.

Photo: Gutesa/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Sharks Palace, Kiambu Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 9.00–19.00 daily  
Phone: +254 714 967 449  
Internet: <https://nairobiinvlunarpark.com>  
Email: [info@nairobiinvlunarpark.com](mailto:info@nairobiinvlunarpark.com)

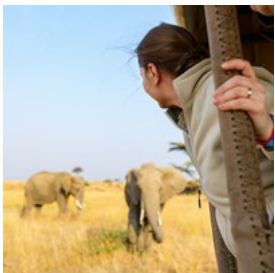
## WILDLIFE



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Although Nairobi is a perfect place to base yourself for any excursion in Kenya (Serengeti National Park in Tanzania takes no longer than a one-hour flight or a few hours' drive), fact is that you don't even have to set foot out of the city to find yourself in the midst of African wilderness.

### Nairobi National Park

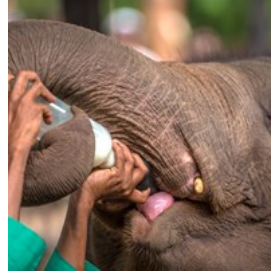


The world's only national park adjacent to a capital city, the Nairobi National Park is the place where you get to spot the beasts of the Big Five while a

metropolis' skyline is spreading across the horizon. Of all national parks, it is renowned for its diverse bird fauna, remarkable black rhino population, and a historic ivory burning site.

Photo: [BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Phone: +254 20 242 3423  
Internet: [www.kws.go.ke/parks/nairobi-national-park](http://www.kws.go.ke/parks/nairobi-national-park)  
Email: [nnp@kws.go.ke](mailto:nnp@kws.go.ke), [reservations@kws.go.ke](mailto:reservations@kws.go.ke)  
More Info: Six gates: KWS headquarters (main), East Gate, Cheetah Gate, Lang'ata Gate, Maasai Gate and Banda Gate

### David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust



David Sheldrick's conservation centre has been in the mission of wildlife protection since 1977, and is home to hundreds of elephant and rhino orphans, continuously growing in number. Here you'll not only get a unique insight into wildlife habitat of East Africa, but can also learn about the the moving story of each member of this big trunked family.

Photo: [krivinis/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: KWS Central Workshop Gate  
Phone: +254 202 301 396  
Internet: [www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org](http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org)  
Email: [info@sheldrickwildlifetrust.org](mailto:info@sheldrickwildlifetrust.org)

### Nairobi Arboretum



Originally founded in 1907 with the aim of planting exotic trees to meet the growing construction demand, the Nairobi Arboretum is now a pleasant hangout spot in the heart of the city, right next to the State House. Practice some yoga, or take a stroll and try to spot the vervet monkey or the three-horned chameleon!

Photo: [vladimirat/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: Arboretum Rd, off State House Road, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 6.00–18.15 daily  
Phone: +254 727 300 933  
Internet: <https://fonakenyadotorg.wordpress.com>

### Giraffe Centre



Founded in 1977 to protect and breed the Rothschild giraffe indigenous to East Africa, AFEW's (Africa Fund for Endangered Wildlife)

Giraffe Centre has become one of the most important wildlife sanctuaries in Kenya, with a lot to offer to its visitors, from giraffe feeding to a nature trail with a whopping number of birds along the way—and an on-site lodge if you feel you can't get enough.

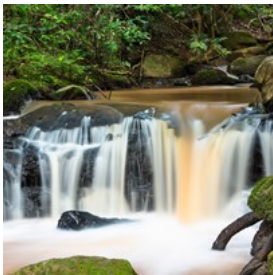
Photo: DongDongdog/Shutterstock.com

Address: Duma Road, Nairobi

Phone: +254 208 070 804

Internet: <https://giraffecenter.org>

### Karura Forest



Despite several attempts to curb its size for investments, Nairobi's largest gazetted forest has succeeded in remaining the preferred

retreat location of locals with its extensive hiking and biking trails, tennis court, and its spectacular orange waterfall.

Photo: IndustryAndTravel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Take Kiambu or Limuru Road

Internet: [www.friendsofkarura.org](http://www.friendsofkarura.org)

### Oloolua Nature trail



Nature is present all around in Nairobi, and Oloolua is the hidden gem among the many parks the city boasts. Take a stroll in the dense

indigenous forest; it's likely you will not meet a soul on this stretch!

Photo: Carlos Amarillo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karen Road

Phone: +254 716 256 771

Internet: [www.facebook.com/TheOlooluaNatureTrail](https://www.facebook.com/TheOlooluaNatureTrail)

### Ngong Hills Nature Reserve



Take a short trip out of Nairobi, and hike the hills that also appeared in the world-famous movie "Out of Africa"! Admire the rich flora and fauna

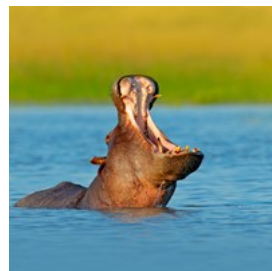
spread across 3000 hectares, enjoy a picnic with locals, or feel free to join the religious activities held here.

Photo: PhotocechCZ/Shutterstock.com

Address: Take Ngong Road out of Nairobi

Opening hours: 8.00–17.00 daily

### Lake Naivasha



If you are looking for a short getaway from ever-bustling Nairobi, the freshwater lake 1884 metres high in the Great Rift Valley awaits you

with a scenic lake view, but do expect crowds: hippos and flamingos too love to gather here! Once there, make sure you join a water safari.

Photo: Ondrej Prosicky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Take Uhuru Highway or Haile Selassie Avenue out of Nairobi



## DINING



David Clode/Unsplash

Abundant in local and international eateries, Nairobi is the city of fresh fish, nyama choma, and hearty barbecues.

### Carnivore Kenya



If you only have time for one restaurant in Nairobi, choose Carnivore. It is commonly considered the go-to place for traditional Kenyan nyama choma,

made of various types of meat including crocodile and ostrich.

Photo: lobster20/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lang'ata Road, near Wilson Airport

Opening hours: 11.00–22.00 daily

Phone: +254 733 611 608

Internet: [www.tamarind.co.ke/restaurant.php?carnivore](http://www.tamarind.co.ke/restaurant.php?carnivore)

Email: [reservations.carnivore@tamarind.co.ke](mailto:reservations.carnivore@tamarind.co.ke)

### Mama Oliech Restaurant



This is the place where Anthony Bourdain, Mark Zuckerberg, and Barack Obama tasted Kenyan cuisine, bringing into spotlight not only this

friendly venue, but also its signature Kenyan dishes such as the whole fried tilapia — not without a reason. All fish are caught from nearby

Lake Nakuru.

Photo: inlovepai/Shutterstock.com

Address: Marcus Garvey Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 10.30–23.30 daily

Phone: +254 723 925 604

### Nyama Mama



This laid-back, colourful restaurant chain features some of the best Kenyan staples in town. Try their nyama choma and Chapatti wraps, and enjoy the late-night jam sessions.

Photo: becauz gao/Shutterstock.com

Opening hours: Check location

Phone: +254 207 602 067

Internet: [www.thegoodearthgroup.com/nyama-mama](http://www.thegoodearthgroup.com/nyama-mama)

Email: [delta@nyamamama.com](mailto:delta@nyamamama.com)

More Info: Delta: Delta Tower, Westlands. Xpress: Yaya Centre, Argwings Kodhek Road. Village: Village Market, Limuru Road

### Talisman



With a menu inspired by European and African cuisine, Talisman offers a truly eclectic fine dining experience. Its samosas, pork belly, and

char-grilled filet steak are the most popular items on the menu, making that New York Times acclaim well-merited.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: 320 Ngong Rd, Nairobi

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 12.00–22.00, Weekends:

12.00–21.00



### About Thyme



Start your day with a brunch, drop in for a quick lunch menu, or enjoy the ample cocktail selection in the evenings. International cuisine with excellent chicken, rib, and pasta dishes.

Photo: Quality Stock Arts/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner of Eldama Ravine Rd and Peponi Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: Monday: Closed, Tuesday to Saturday: 12.00-22.00, Sunday: 10.00-15.00

Phone: +254 721 850 026

Internet: <http://about-thyme.com>

### Hashmi



Hashmi is considered to be one of the best chicken BBQ places in Nairobi, but their menu is far from being unpretentious. The same can be said of its beverages: its tangerine juice is just as sought after as its grilled wings. Home delivery is also available.

Photo: amenic181/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ukay Complex, Mwanzi Road, Nairobi

Phone: +254 722 487 000

### Mambo Italia



If you fancy something Italian, this place will provide you with the best of Mediterranean cuisine, whether that be a traditional Margherita or something Kenya-inspired like the Swahili beach pizza.

Photo: shutterdandan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Three locations: Westlands, Garden City, Lavington

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 10.30-22.00, Fri: 10.30-23.00, Sat: 9.30-23.00, Sun: 9.30-22.00. Please check location

Phone: +254 709 670 000

Internet: <https://mambo-italia.com>

Email: [info@mambo-italia.com](mailto:info@mambo-italia.com)

### Fogo Gaucho



With locations in Westlands and Kilimani, this Brazilian steakhouse is a place you can always count on for an all-you-can-eat lunch or dinner. Beef, pork, and fish are deliciously barbecued here.

Photo: rocharibeiro/Shutterstock.com

Address: Galana Plaza, Kilimani, or Groganville Estate, Westlands

Opening hours: Lunch: Mon to Thu: 12.00-15.00, Fri:

12.00-16.00, Dinner: Mon to Thu: 6.30-22.30, Fri:

6.30-23.00. Sat and Sun: 12.30-22.30

Phone: Westlands +254 712 123456, Kilimani +254 715 414 141

Internet: [www.fogogauchco.co.ke](http://www.fogogauchco.co.ke)

Email: [kilimani@fogogauchco.co.ke](mailto:kilimani@fogogauchco.co.ke),  
[westlands@fogogauchco.co.ke](mailto:westlands@fogogauchco.co.ke)

### Tamambo Karen Blixen



A branch of the immensely popular Tamarind group, Tamambo is an upscale restaurant with a remarkable soup, seafood, and meat selection; not only for the guests of the Karen Blixen Cottages.

Photo: Olesya Kuznetsova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karen Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 6.00-22.00 daily

Phone: +254 719 346 349

Internet: [www.tamarind.co.ke/index.php](http://www.tamarind.co.ke/index.php)

Email: [reservations.karenblixen@tamarind.co.ke](mailto:reservations.karenblixen@tamarind.co.ke)

## Malindi Dishes



If you're looking for something off the beaten track, this friendly Swahili canteen in the heart of the CBD is the place to go. A wide range of Halal food: biryani, pilau, naan, fresh seafood, and snacks to go, all at affordable prices.

Photo: vm2002/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Gaborone Road, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 6.00–22.00 daily  
Phone: +254 722 292 525  
Internet: <https://malindidishes.co.ke>  
Email: [info@malindidishes.co.ke](mailto:info@malindidishes.co.ke)

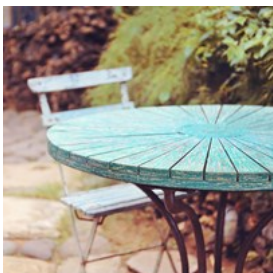
## CAFES



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Kenya is the largest tea producer in Africa, and coffee too is taken very seriously here: no visit to Nairobi is complete without taking a cupful at one of its many eclectic café gardens.

### Tin Roof Cafe Langata



Everyone's favourite cafe chain spoils with a delicious breakfast every day, and a vast selection of crepes, wraps, and sandwiches, in a leafy verdant garden. The carrot cake is always on demand!

Photo: Lucy Liu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Langata S Road, and 30 Dagoretti Road, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 08.00–17.30 daily  
Phone: +254 728 400 488  
Internet: [www.tinroof.cafe](http://www.tinroof.cafe)  
Email: [eat@tinroof.cafe](mailto:eat@tinroof.cafe)

### Artcaffe Coffee & Bakery



A multi-branch quality bakery where art is not only promoted, but also created when crafting each piece of pastry. Its delivery service and twelve lively locations throughout Nairobi will make sure you will get your premium treats and entertainment at any hour of the day.

Photo: ampersandphoto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Ground Floor Westgate Mall, Westlands, Nairobi  
Opening hours: 7.00 to midnight daily  
Phone: +254 709 202 020  
Internet: [www.artcaffe.co.ke](http://www.artcaffe.co.ke)

### Wasp and Sprout

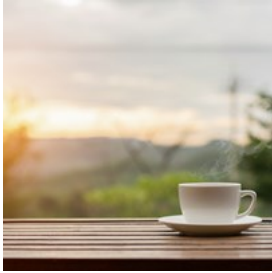


A hip, colourful garden café and unique furniture shop with Nairobi-wide famed brunch specialities like scrambled tofu and the honey-topped bircher muesli. Open mics and quiz nights are organised on a regular basis.

Photo: MariaKovaleva/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Old Loresho Shopping Centre, Loresho Ridge Road, Nairobi  
Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 8.00–17.00, Fri: 8.00–20.00, Sat, Sun, Public Holiday: 8.00–14.00  
Phone: +254 799 873 422  
Internet: [www.waspandsprout.com](http://www.waspandsprout.com)  
Email: [hello@waspandsprout.com](mailto:hello@waspandsprout.com)



### The River Café



If you are looking for a memorable dining experience, go to the River Café and enjoy a brunch—or simply grab a coffee on the terrace

overlooking the beautiful Karura forest: the view will be taken care of.

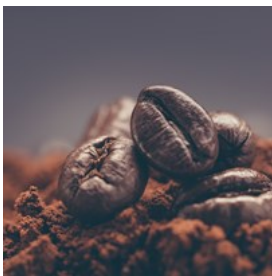
Photo: Seksun Guntanid/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karura Forest, Nairobi

Phone: +254 725 969 891

Internet: [www.facebook.com/therivercafekarura](http://www.facebook.com/therivercafekarura)

### Java House



It might be hard to believe but a good cup of coffee had for long been in short supply in East Africa, and it was Java who appeared with the

first quality beans on the market in 1999, serving the grateful locals ever since.

Photo: rzoze19/Shutterstock.com

Address: ABC Place, Waiyaki Way, Nairobi

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 6.30–21.30, Fri and Sat:

6.30–22.00, Sun: 7.00–21.00

Phone: +254 203 504 468

Internet: [www.javahouseafrica.com](http://www.javahouseafrica.com)

### News Cafe



News Cafe is an award-winning South African café and restaurant chain with four locations in Nairobi, serving mouthwatering

hamburgers, grilled dishes, and open sandwiches. Their cocktails are a delight to the eyes!

Photo: hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Four locations: Karen, Kilimari and Sarit Centre

Opening hours: 8.00–23.00 daily

Phone: +254 724 154 248

Internet:

[www.newscafe.co.za/news-cafe-stores/kenyan-stores](http://www.newscafe.co.za/news-cafe-stores/kenyan-stores)

Email: [louis@vibenairobi.co.ke](mailto:louis@vibenairobi.co.ke)

### Matbronze Café & Art Gallery



There's nothing more Kenyan than a café in Karen Blixen's coffee farm displaying the largest collection of wildlife bronzes in Africa.

Lunch specials are available daily.

Photo: sonchacha/Shutterstock.com

Address: No. 2 Kifaru Lane, Karen, Nairobi

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 08.00–17.00, Fri: 08.00–20.00,

Sat: 08.00–17.30, Sun: 09.30–17.00

Phone: +254 721 762 855

Internet: <http://matbronze.com>

### Le Grenier à Pain



A French-inspired bakery and snack bar where all meals are made with the greatest care, using 100% local ingredients. Grab a refreshing salad, or a

grilled chicken garnished with home-made honey-barbecue sauce.

Photo: Gita Kulinitch Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Riverside Drive, Nairobi

Opening hours: 7.00–19.00 daily

Phone: +254 799 848 118

Internet: [www.legrenierapain.co.ke](http://www.legrenierapain.co.ke)

Email: [eat@legrenierapain.co.ke](mailto:eat@legrenierapain.co.ke)

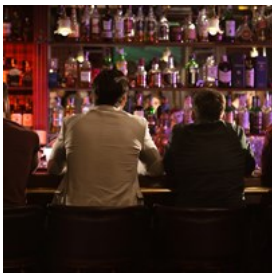
## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Matthew Spiteri/Unsplash

With several bars open 24 hours a day, Nairobi is a city that never sleeps — be prepared that you won't either. Let the African vibe entice you and learn some mwomboko dance moves, or have a chat with locals over a Tusker.

### Brew Bistro



A pioneer of craft breweries in Kenya, the Brew is not only the watering hole of beer lovers, but the place to go for themed events and

food. Three locations in town, plus your home—rent a keg for your next party!

Photo: Dean Drobot/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bistro: Ngong Road, Rooftop: Mpaka Road, Tap Room: Galleria Mall, Langata Road

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 17.00–0.00, Fri: 17.00–2:30, Sat: 11.00–2.30, Sun: 11.00–0.30

Phone: +254 719 648 138

Internet: [www.thebigfivebreweries.com](http://www.thebigfivebreweries.com)

### K1 Klub House



K1 is the ultimate locals' hangout spot in a town where music is always on: you'll just have to choose the room that best fits your taste. The place

hosts various other events, such as Movie Mondays, and the flea market on Sundays.

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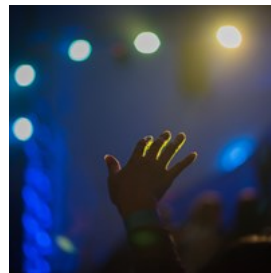
Address: 06 Chiromo Lane, Nairobi

Phone: +254 714 579 265

Internet: [www.klubhouse.co.ke](http://www.klubhouse.co.ke)

Email: [info@klubhouse.co.ke](mailto:info@klubhouse.co.ke)

### Choices Pub



A laid-back sports bar that pulls in the crowds with its 80s-90s and live soul music, and serves great grilled meals to fuel you up for an all-nighter.

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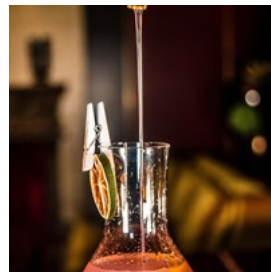
Address: Baricho Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 0.00–03.00

Phone: +254 720 234 234

Internet: <http://choices.co.ke>

### Mercury Lounge



and the best cocktails in Nairobi!

A busy and trendy venue with an ample food and drink selection, week-long entertainment (look up the freshly launched Quiz Nights),

Photo: kyryll ushakov/Unsplash

Address: ABC Place Westlands, Nairobi

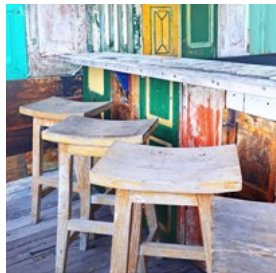
Opening hours: Opens at 4pm

Phone: +254 705 955 311

Internet: <http://mercurylounge.co.ke>



### The Alchemist Bar



A colorful artsy hangout place in Westlands with a wide range of events, parties, fashion markets, and dining spots such as the Nairobi-wide famed

Mama Rocks. Their gourmet burgers are unmissable!

Photo: Lucy Liu/Shutterstock.com

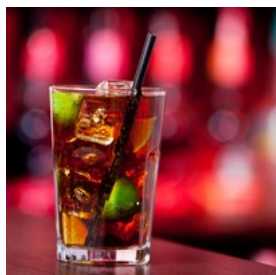
Address: Parklands Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Sun: opens at 12.00

Phone: +254 727 591 116

Internet: [www.alchemist254.com/event-directory](http://www.alchemist254.com/event-directory)

### Havana Bar & Restaurante



An authentic Cuban venue with a quiet candle-lit restaurant serving the best of Mexican cuisine, plus a vibrant cigar-smoky

cocktail bar which will set you on fire.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Woodvale Grove, Nairobi

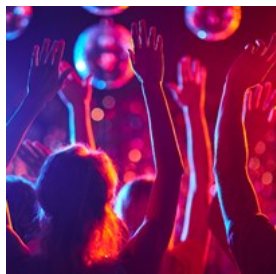
Opening hours: Mon to thu: 16.00–3.00, Fri and Sat:

14.00–5.00, Sun: 14.00–1.00

Phone: +254 204 450 653

Internet: [www.facebook.com/HavanaBarNairobi](http://www.facebook.com/HavanaBarNairobi)

### Black Diamond



Another Westland-based gem, Black Diamond has something for every day and mood: Live Wednesdays, Fired Up Fridays, Saturday Fever,

paired with a late-night nyama choma and plenty of happy hours!

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bishan Plaza, Mpaka Rd, Nairobi

Opening hours: 16.00–0.00 daily

Phone: +254 724 592 356

Internet: [www.facebook.com/BlackDiamondWestlands](http://www.facebook.com/BlackDiamondWestlands)

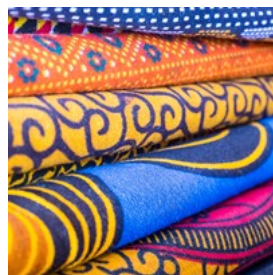
## SHOPPING



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Besides its main shopping arteries like the Moi and Kenyatta Avenues, Tom Mboya and Biashara, there are several hidden gems (and go-to places) scattered all across Nairobi, spoiling you with the best of African craftwork. Don't forget to haggle!

### Maasai Markets



With various locations throughout the week, Maasai Markets are the place to shop for souvenirs in Nairobi. Browse the colourful

jungle of artwork, jewellery, and garments, and immerse yourself in the African vibe.

Photo: Sopotnicki/Shutterstock.com

Opening hours: 8.00–18.00

Phone: +254 729 470 803

More Info: Tuesday: Westgate Shopping Mall, Wednesday: Capital Centre, Thursday: Nakumatt Junction Shopping Mall, Friday: Village Market in Gigiri, Saturday: The High Court parking lot, Sunday: Yaya Centre

### Utamaduni



From handwoven fabrics, beaded sandals and antique masks to wooden kitchen utensils and tea blends, here you'll find the best artisan works

from all over the black continent.

Photo: Jane Rix/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bogani East Road, Langata, Karen, Nairobi

Opening hours: 9.00–18.00 daily

Phone: +254 722 205 028

Internet: [www.utamadunishops.com](http://www.utamadunishops.com)

Email: [info@utamaduni.co.ke](mailto:info@utamaduni.co.ke)

### The Village Market



An Africa-inspired shopping mall with over 150 stores and services, where you will be spoilt with world-renowned brands, international cuisine, and authentic crafts. The popular Maasai market takes place here every Friday.

Photo: Bule Sky Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gigiri, Nairobi

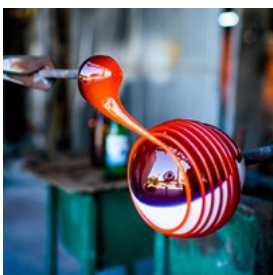
Opening hours: Most shops and restaurants are open 9.00–21.00

Phone: +254 712 248 890

Internet: <http://villagemarket-kenya.com>

Email: [admin@villagemarket-kenya.com](mailto:admin@villagemarket-kenya.com)

### Kitengela Glass Art



This art studio with an eye-catching selection of handmade murals, beads, vases, chandeliers is a heaven for souvenirs, and its daily glassblower's

show makes it a worthy sight in town.

Photo: kaca kaca/Shutterstock.com

Address: Magadi Rd, Nairobi

Opening hours: 8.00–16.45 daily

Phone: +254 720 330 887

Internet: [www.kitengelaglassart.com](http://www.kitengelaglassart.com)

Email: [office@kitengela.com](mailto:office@kitengela.com)

More Info: Further locations: Junction Mall, Village Market, Langata Link&Blue Rhino

### Westgate Shopping Mall



To avoid fighting through crowds at the Village Market, go to Westgate. With a plethora of things to shop and do, this multi-floor mall features a

kids corner, cinema and dining options, including Artcaffè where happy hours and music events are held regularly.

Photo: puhha/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Mwanzi Road, Nairobi

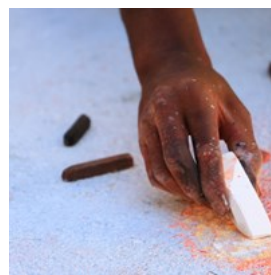
Opening hours: 8.00–20.00 daily

Phone: +254 20 374 6172

Internet: [www.westgate.co.ke](http://www.westgate.co.ke)

Email: [info@westgate.co.ke](mailto:info@westgate.co.ke)

### The Souk Karen



The Souk is not only a place to shop, but a place to be. Discover Linda Camm's fine leather and beadwork, admire contemporary African art

on display at the Polka Dot Gallery, visit the bookshop that has something for everyone, and finish your creative tour with the home-made treats of Tin Roof Cafe.

Photo: FapGraphicsandPhotography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dagoretti Road, Karen, Nairobi

Opening hours: 9.30–17.30

Phone: +254 724 636 990

Internet: [www.thesoukkenya.com](http://www.thesoukkenya.com)

Email: [lara@polkadotartgallery.com](mailto:lara@polkadotartgallery.com)



### Garden City Mall



Garden City Mall is an upscale mall in northeastern Nairobi with quality stores for footwear and accessories, fine dining on open-air

balconies, and a 3-acre central park, the biggest of its kind in Nairobi.

Photo: Andrii Kobryn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Thika Road, Nairobi

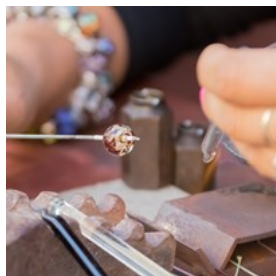
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 9.30-20.00, Sun: 10.00-16.00

Phone: +254 876 759 5245

Internet: [www.gardencity-nairobi.com/home.html](http://www.gardencity-nairobi.com/home.html)

Email: [info@gardencity-nairobi.com](mailto:info@gardencity-nairobi.com)

### Kazuri Beads Factory



Here you'll not only get to admire some of the most beautiful locally produced bead jewellery, but also visit the workshop and learn about the history of

the factory, which has been employing Kenyan women in need since 1975.

Photo: Anton Watman/Shutterstock.com

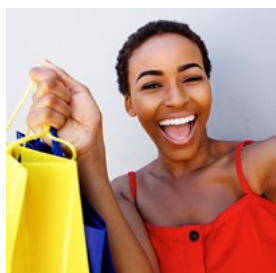
Address: Mbagathi Ridge, Karen, Nairobi

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8.30-18.0, Sun: 9.00-16.00

Phone: +254 202 437 871

Email: [info@africanspicesafaris.com](mailto:info@africanspicesafaris.com)

### The Junction Mall



The Junction Mall is not only southwest Nairobi's favourite shopping centre with over 100 stores (including Carrefour), but also one with ample

entertainment options such as eateries, a cinema, and an outdoor playground.

Photo: mimagephotography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ngong Road, Nairobi

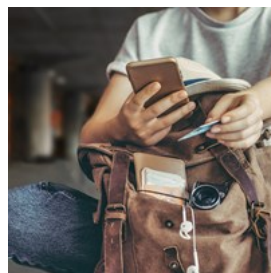
Opening hours: 9.30-20.30 daily

Phone: +254 71 048 3010

Internet: [www.thejunction.co.ke](http://www.thejunction.co.ke)

Email: [info@thejunction.co.ke](mailto:info@thejunction.co.ke)

### The Nextgen Mall



Located within an hour's drive from the National Park in eastern Nairobi, Nextgen Mall boasts an impressive selection of eateries offering free

accompaniments and other specials. Whether it's shopping, food, or booking a trip, it is a very handy place for safari-goers.

Photo: Rasulov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mombasa Road, Nairobi

Opening hours: 8.30-22.00 daily

Phone: +254 734 719 052

Internet: [www.nextgen.co.ke](http://www.nextgen.co.ke)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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## Passport / Visa



Citizens of the following countries can visit Kenya visa-free, for a stay of up to 90 days: Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei,

Burundi, Cyprus, Dominica, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia (30 days), Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda (ID), Samoa, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa (30 days), Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda (ID), Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Other citizens can apply for a visa electronically, or arrange it on arrival if their stay is not longer than 90 days.

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Phone: +254 709 480 000

Internet: <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

Email: [support@ecitizen.go.ke](mailto:support@ecitizen.go.ke)

## Best Time to Visit



With relatively stable temperatures throughout the year, it's the amount of rainfall that will determine your stay in Kenya. The two dry

seasons last from January to February, and from June through October. You might want to observe the spectacular Great Migration, which takes place in August.

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## Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO)



The Jomo Kenyatta International Airport is located 15 km southeast of Nairobi, and has well-established connections with the

city's Central Business District. When using taxi services, it is highly recommended to turn to official providers. Most (but not all) licensed taxis are painted yellow.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Embakasi, Nairobi

Phone: +254 722 205 061

Internet: [www.kaa.go.ke/airports/our-airports/jomo-kenyatta-international](http://www.kaa.go.ke/airports/our-airports/jomo-kenyatta-international)

Email: [talk2us@kaa.go.ke](mailto:talk2us@kaa.go.ke)

More Info: [www.nairobiairporttransfers.com](http://www.nairobiairporttransfers.com)

## Public Transport



Public transportation in Kenya is dominated by private companies. The most common way to get around is by matatus (minibuses and pickup

cabs of various types). Buses are mainly operated by Kenya Bus Service (KBS). If you have a car, a permit (Ksh200) is necessary to park in the city.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +254 202 223 235

Internet:

[http://kenyabus.net/downloads/NAIROBI\\_BUS\\_GUIDE.pdf](http://kenyabus.net/downloads/NAIROBI_BUS_GUIDE.pdf)

More Info: Click here for a fare chart:

<http://kenyabus.net/passenger.html#>



## Taxi



Here's a list of recommended transfer companies. Try to avoid unofficial providers. Depending on your travel plans, renting a car is

highly reasonable here.

Mondo Ride  
+254 747 840 990

Kenatco Taxis Ltd  
+254 720 108 222

Pewin Cabs Ltd  
+254 709 801 000

Photo: Taxi

## Post Office



Postal services are provided by the Postal Corporation of Kenya; there are several offices throughout the city, with the main office located

next to Uhuru Park.

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: Kenyatta Ave, Nairobi  
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 8.00-17.00, Sat: 9.00-13.00, Sun: closed  
Phone: +254 719 072 600  
Internet: [www.posta.co.ke](http://www.posta.co.ke)  
Email: [info@posta.co.ke](mailto:info@posta.co.ke)

## Pharmacy



Major companies include KAM, Malibu, Haltons, and Goodlife. 24-hour Doveypharma The Mall, Westlands +254 709 747 549

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: IPS Building, Kimathi Street (CBD); Mpaka House, Mpaka Road (Westlands)  
Opening hours: Please check location  
Phone: +254 202 221 825 (CBD), +254 713 717 777 (Westlands)

## Telephone



Country code: +254 Area codes: Nairobi (20) Mombasa (41)

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



The Standard voltage in Kenya is 220V. Power sockets: type G

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

3.5 million (2017 estimate)

## Currency

Kenyan Shilling (KES), 1 Ksh = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Business hours are usually from 8.00 to 17.00. Many shops are open as late as 21.00, with several 24-hour stores in town. Popular supermarket chains include Naivas, Chandarana, Tuminini, Tuskys.

## Newspapers

The Daily Nation

[www.nation.co.ke](http://www.nation.co.ke)

Kenya Satellite Network  
<https://ksnmedia.com>

The Standard  
[www.standardmedia.co.ke](http://www.standardmedia.co.ke)

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999, 112, 911

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Magical Kenya  
Kenya Tourism Board Head Office  
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[www.magicalkenya.com](http://www.magicalkenya.com)  
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