



KENYA



- Kenya straddles the equator and covers an area of some 583,000 sq km
- Kenya borders Ethiopia and Sudan on the north, Somalia and Indian Ocean on the east, Uganda and Lake Victoria on the west, and Tanzania on the south.
- Kenya is slightly smaller than Texas yet larger than France.
- Kenya's population is around 35 million and is made up almost entirely of native Kenyans, with small (although influential) minorities of Asians, Arabs, and Europeans.
- English and Kiswahili are the official languages and are taught in schools throughout Kenya, but there are many other major tribal languages, including Kikuyu, Luo, Kikamba, Maasai, and Samburu.
- There are more than 40 tribal groups within Kenya.
- Religious makeup: 40 % Protestant, 30 % Roman Catholic, 6 % Muslim, 23% other religions.
- The capital city of Nairobi is a modern city with crowded markets, high unemployment, overcrowded slums, as well as middle class suburbs and mansions for the rich. The population within Nairobi is nearly 4 million.
- The climate is pleasant and favorable with plenty of sunshine all year round. Rainfall is sometimes heavy around April to May while some areas are more cloudy though without much rain around July/August.
- Kenya's Maasai Mara Reserve has been named one of the new Seventh Wonders of the World in a poll of experts conducted by ABC Television's Good Morning America.
- Kenya attained its independence from the British December 12, 1963, and in 1964 became a Republic with Mzee Jomo Kenyatta as the President.
- The current President, Hon. Mwai Kibaki, is the the third President of the Republic of Kenya and he has been in office since 30th December 2002.

