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**Trip Duration:** 8 days

**Trip Difficulty:** 

**Destination:** Kenya

**Begins in:** Nairobi

**Activities:** 

### INCLUDED

- Airport transfers to/from Nairobi
- Accommodations in Nairobi
- Accommodations at Rhino Watch Lodge or similar
- Ground 4x4 transportation
- Mount Kenya Park permits
- Hut accommodations
- Expert guides, assistant guides, cook and porters
- Fresh, nutritious meals on the mountain
- Sleeping bag, trekking poles, down jacket, rain jacket rental

### EXCLUDED

- Airfare
- Personal gear & equipment
- Beverages
- Tips

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### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 Arrival in Nairobi

Our representative will meet you at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and drive you to the Royal Orchid Hotel in bustling Nairobi.

#### DAY 2 Nairobi (5,889 ft) to Rhino Watch Lodge (5,750 ft)

We leave Nairobi and travel north through diverse agricultural lands to the central highlands until reaching the Rhino Watch Lodge. Our guide will meet and discuss your climb. Overnight at Rhino Watch Lodge. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

#### DAY 3 Sirimon Gate (8,727 ft) to Old Moses Hut (10,826 ft)

We leave Nairobi and travel north through diverse agricultural lands to the central highlands and finally to the slopes of Mount Kenya. Sirimon Gate sits at 8,727 feet above elevation and is the starting point of our trek. Today's hike is short, taking no more than 3-hours to reach the first hut. The winding trail passes through dense forest, bamboo and giant heather before opening up to a high moorland. The thick vegetation provides shelter to buffalo, elephants and is packed with a variety of birdlife. Overnight at Old Moses Hut (10,826 ft). (Lunch and Dinner)

#### DAY 4 Old Moses Camp (10,826 ft) Shiptons Camp (13,779 ft)

Today we hike up the sprawling moorland, crossing the Ontulili and Liki rivers and into the Mackinder Valley. Shiptons Camp offers a surreal setting nestled below towering peaks and glaciers with panoramic views up the valley. Overnight at Shiptons Camp (13,779 ft). (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

#### DAY 5 Acclimation Day – Hike to Hausberg Col (15,091 ft) - Shiptons Camp (13,779 ft)

Today is a dedicated rest day where we will spend one last night at Shiptons Camp before our summit push. Extra days on the trail are invaluable for acclimatization and will make the summit day more enjoyable. It is recommended to hike to Hausberg Col (15,091 ft) or if you are feeling strong you can pass Oblong and Hausberg Tarns to Nanyuki. Overnight at Shiptons Camp (13,779 ft). (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

#### DAY 6 Shiptons Camp (13,779 ft) to Summit (16,354 ft) to Mackinder's Camp (14,107 ft)

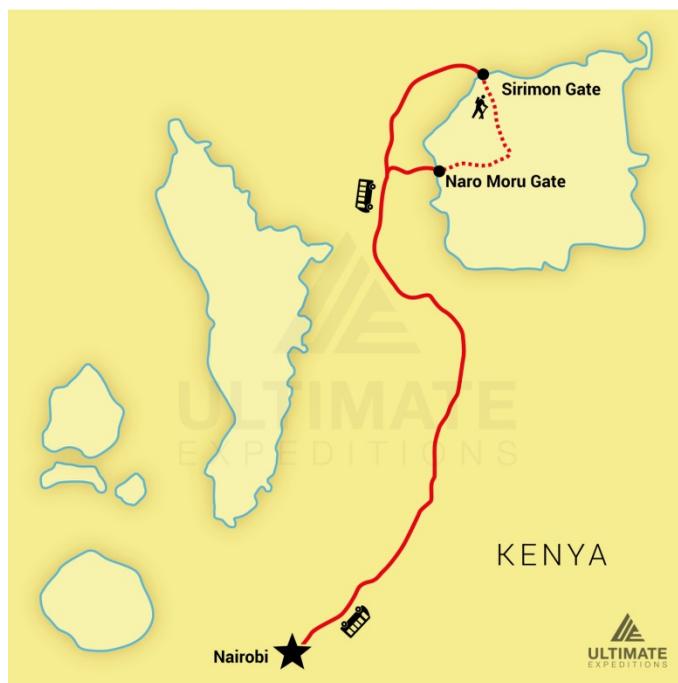
Leaving very early in the morning (around 3am), we continue our way to the summit to catch the sunrise. The trail is a steady ascent up scree and rock with a scramble up the last 100 feet. Once at the top we will have time to take photos from Point Lenana and enjoy the plains of Africa, on a clear day it is possible to see Mount Kilimanjaro. We will then descend to Mackinder's Camp for a hearty breakfast and if you are feeling up to it, you can head down the mountain another 5 miles to Met Station. Overnight at Mackinder's Camp or Met Station. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

#### DAY 7 Mackinder's Camp (14,107 ft) to Naro Moru Gate (8,530 ft) - Transfer to Nairobi Our

With boosted spirits from the previous day's accomplishments we descend through beautiful vegetation on the windward side of the mountain, passing through the infamous vertical bog, dense bamboo and virgin rainforest. Once at Naro Moru Gate we head back to Nairobi about a 4-5 hour drive. Overnight at Nairobi. (Breakfast and lunch)

#### DAY 8

After breakfast transfer to Jomo Kenyatta airport for return flight home.



## KENYA

### Best Time to Visit

Kenya sits on the equator and enjoys a temperate climate, making it a year-round destination. However, the best time to view wildlife in Kenya is during the dry season from late June to October. In July the great migration reaches the Masai Mara and then in October the animals migrate back to the Serengeti in Tanzania.

#### Temperature

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Average High (F)	77	80	80	76	74	73
Average Low (F)	58	58	60	61	59	56

Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average High (F)	71	72	76	72	78	75
Average Low (F)	54	54	55	58	60	59

### Entry Requirements

A visa is required for entry into Kenya. Travelers are strongly encouraged to apply online through the e-visa process. The fees are \$50 for a single-entry visa. A passport valid for six months after date of entry and a minimum of two blank (unstamped) pages in the passport are required to enter. Proof of yellow fever immunization is also required.

### Vaccinations

Yellow Fever vaccination is required for all travelers. Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid immunizations are recommended. You should also make sure your polio and tetanus vaccinations and boosters are up to date. Speak with your medical caregiver about Malaria, and you may also consider Meningitis and Rabies vaccinations.

Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the CDC's website.

### Travel Advisories

Make two photocopies of valuables such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers' cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

Be sure to inform your credit card company as well as your bank you will travel internationally into Africa. This will eliminate any credit card holds for fraudulent activity..



### Currency

Carrying cash, an ATM or traveler's check card and also a credit card that can be used for cash advances in case of emergency is advisable. To obtain local currency it is best to use your debit card and withdraw from the ATM, alternatively you can also exchange money at the banks. Local currency is Kenyan shilling (KES), and it is advised to carry some hard notes of USD. Most establishments accept credit cards; however it is advised to withdraw cash when visiting remote areas and villages.

### Government

Kenya's government is structured as a republic. There are no hereditary political positions and representatives are chosen by the people.

### Religion

The people of Kenya identify themselves as Protestant 45%, Roman Catholic 33%, indigenous beliefs 10%, Muslim 11%, other 1%.