

General Facts about Kenya



Location

Kenya lies across the equator on the East Coast of Africa. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan to the North, Uganda to the west, Tanzania to the South and the Indian Ocean to the East.

In Kenya the modern and the traditional live side by side, and at times the lines blur. For many visitors to Kenya, this is evident within minutes of arrival. Among the busy urban traffic, the median strips of fresh grass along the airport road are a popular place for Maasai herdsman to graze their cattle.

Area

Covers an area of 225, 000 sq miles (582, 646 sq km)
Approximately the size of the state of Texas, U.S.A.

Administrative Divisions

Eight Provinces including the Nairobi area. Provinces are: Central, Coast, Eastern, North, Rift Valley, Western and North Eastern. These provinces are divided into administrative areas known as districts. Kenya's capital city has risen in a single century from a brackish uninhabited swampland to a thriving modern capital.



Climate

Weather in Kenya is pleasant and favorable, with plenty of sunshine all year round. Rainfall is sometimes heavy around April to May while some areas are more cloud, though without much rain around July/August.

Population

32,021,856 (2004 est.)
Life expectancy is 44 years
1.2 million people are infected with AIDS in 2003
100,000 deaths due to AIDS in 2003



Religion

40 % protestant,
30 % Roman Catholic,
6 % Muslim,
23% other religions. -

- almost 250,000 Orthodox believers,
- over 250 Orthodox communities,
- over 140 Orthodox priests.



Trade

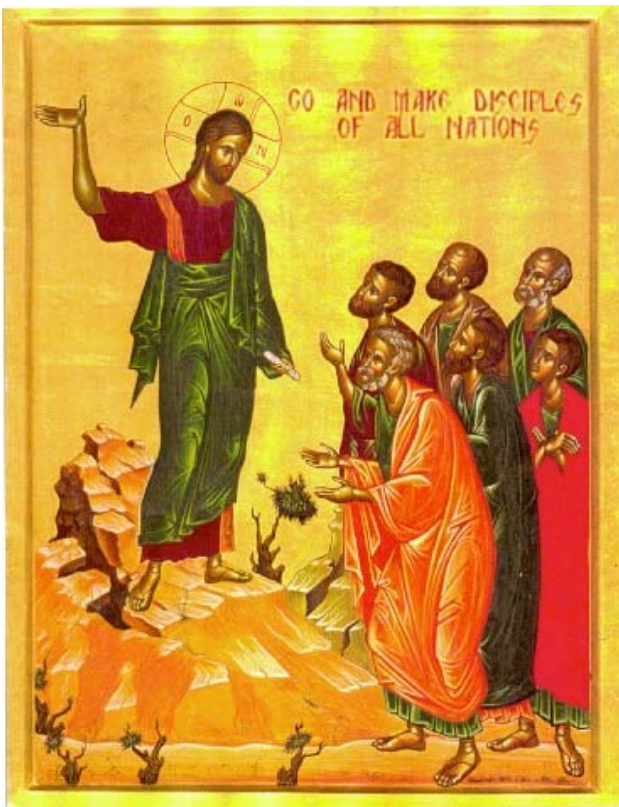
Exports coffee and tea.

Tourism

Native elephants, rhinoceros, lions, leopards, and buffalo draw in hunters and photographers.

Kenya has a good network of domestic flights, with carriers including Kenya Airways, Air Kenya, Mombasa Air Safari and Regional Air. These airlines service the coast, major game parks and Western Kenya.

Modern Nairobi is still the safari capital of the Africa, but the modern world has quickly caught up with the city. A frontier town no more, Nairobi has become one of Africa's largest, and most interesting cities.



Prayer for Missions

God of truth and love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear our prayer for those who do not know You, that they may come to a saving knowledge of the truth and that Your Name may be praised among all peoples of the world. Sustain, inspire, and enlighten Your servants who bring them the Gospel. Bring fresh vigor to wavering faith; sustain our faith when it is still fragile. Continually renew missionary zeal in us and in the Church, and raise up new missionaries who will follow You to the ends of the world. Make us witnesses to your goodness, full of love, strength, and faith for Your glory and the salvation of the entire world. Through the prayers of St. Paul, St. Fotini, Sts. Cyril and Methodios, Kosmas, Innocent, Nicholas of Japan and all the missionary saints, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.