

## Travel Requirements for Kenya

### PASSPORT

A valid passport for at least six (6) months after your planned date of arrival into Kenya, with at least one blank page, is required.

Before you travel, check with your transportation company about passport requirements. Its rules on passport validity may be more stringent than the country's entry rules.

### VISA

**Official Website to apply for your eTA for Kenya:** <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

Before leaving their home country, **participants should complete all formalities regarding entry and transit visas**, which they may require for the journey to Kenya. **Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) applications for Kenya should be submitted at least 3 days prior to travel** to ensure adequate time for authorisation.

Travellers can submit their applications up to 3 months prior to travel. It is mandatory to use the Government's [official website to submit your application](#). Applications submitted via third-party websites will be automatically denied. For children under the age of 18, the legal guardian, parent, or accompanying adult is responsible for filling out the application.

***Participants are responsible for their own visa to enter Kenya, including transit visas (if applicable).***  
*The invitation letter issued upon acceptance into the course can be used for visa application purposes. Participants requiring a visa are advised to apply as early as possible to allow adequate processing time.*

Passport holders from the following EAC countries are **exempted** from applying to an eTA: **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.**

#### How to Apply

All visitors including infants and children who intend to travel to the Republic of Kenya must have an **approved Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)** before the start of their journey.

Persons who are exempt from obtaining the Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)

- Holders of valid Kenya Passports or one-way Emergency Certificate issued by Kenya Missions abroad.
- Holders of Kenya Permanent Residence, valid Work Permits and Passes.
- Holders of valid United Nations Conventional Travel Document issued by the Government of Kenya.

- Members of the Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations Accredited to Kenya.
- Citizens of the East African Partner States; These countries include Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. (Exempted for Six (6) months)
- All passengers in transit through Kenya arriving and leaving by the same aircraft or transferring to another aircraft and who do not leave the precincts of Airports in Kenya.

Please have the following documents ready before starting your application.

**For all travellers**

- Valid passport for at least six (6) months after your planned date of arrival into Kenya, with at least one blank page
- Selfie or passport-type photo
- Contact information, email address and phone number.
- Details of your arrival and departure itinerary
- Accommodation booking confirmation(s)
- Credit card, debit card or other means of payment.
- Based on your country of residence and citizenship, the following may also be required:
- Financial assets / banks letter(s)

**Based on your purpose of visit, the following may also be required:**

- Letter and/or appointment letter from the referring doctor/hospital
- Conference invitation/participation letter
- Employment contract
- Supporting documents for resettlement
- Vaccination(s) or test results certificates

**For travellers arriving for business**

- Invitation letter from company
- Copy of registration of the company

**For Diplomatic travel**

- A Diplomatic, Official and Service passport
- An official letter from the Country of Origin/Organisation/ Foreign Affairs.

Processing time is **three (3) working days**, but in some cases it may take longer. To apply for an e-Visa follow this link to create an account: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

For more information, visit:

**Website:** <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

**Telephone:** +254 202 222 022

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

## VACCINATION

Be prepared to **show proof of a yellow fever immunization card** before boarding any aircraft into Kenya. Yellow fever is a viral disease caused by the yellow fever virus, which is transmitted to humans primarily through the bite of infected mosquitoes, particularly the *Aedes aegypti* species.

The virus belongs to the Flaviviridae family, and it is prevalent in certain tropical and subtropical areas of Africa. Symptoms of yellow fever can range from mild to severe and may include fever, headache, muscle pain, nausea, and fatigue. Travellers to regions where yellow fever is endemic are often recommended to get vaccinated. Additionally, efforts to control mosquito populations and reduce exposure to mosquito bites are crucial in preventing the spread of the disease. Ensure that you receive the yellow fever vaccine **at least 10 days before your departure**.

Be sure that your routine vaccinations are up-to-date before travelling, regardless of your destination.