

KENYA ENTRY & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

For US Citizens a valid passport with at least six months before expiration is required to enter Kenya.

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is required for entry to Kenya. T

Kenya. The New Digital portal has been launched January 5th, 2024 to facilitate seamless identification of travelers to Kenya in advance and replaces the previous e-Visa platform.

IMPORTANT: All travelers will be required to apply for and pay the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) before their journey to Kenya.

Go to the website – or scan the barcode -

<https://www.etakenya.go.ke>

Start your trip to Kenya: Tourists & Visitors

How to Apply:

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



Trip Information required –

Please have the following documents ready before starting your application.

1. Passport – upload the picture page of your passport
2. Selfie or Photo – upload a photo
3. Contact Information
4. Trip Information
 - a) Reason for Travel: Tourism
 - b) Arrival & Departure details: Airline/flight # / Airports
 - c) Address in Kenya – See Home from Home provided
 - d) Traveler Information: Country of birth/nationality / convictions, etc.
5. Upload your flight & Accommodation confirmations (see portal to select file) Complete – Credit card, debit card or other means of payment

Processing time is three (3) working days but in some cases it may take longer.

Routine Vaccines recommended for travel:

- Chickenpox
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis
- Flu (influenza)
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)
- Polio

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Vaccines recommended for travel – check with your health professional:

MALARIA

Malaria is endemic in Kenya. Malaria prophylactics are highly recommended. CDC recommends that travelers going to certain areas of Kenya take prescription medicine to prevent malaria. Depending on the medicine you take, you will need to start taking this medicine multiple days before your trip, as well as during and after your trip. Talk to your doctor about which malaria medication you should take.

YELLOW FEVER

All travelers arriving in Kenya from countries where yellow fever is endemic must present a valid yellow fever certificate. This is required for travelers ≥ 1 year old arriving from countries with risk for YF virus transmission.¹

Recommended for all travelers ≥ 9 months old except as follows. **Generally not recommended** for travel limited to: the city of Nairobi (the capital); the counties of the former North Eastern Province (Mandera, Wajir, and Garissa); or the counties (except Taita-Taveta) of the former Coast Province (Kilifi, including the city of Malindi; Kwale; Lamu; Mombasa, including the city of Mombasa; Tana River)

Medical Waivers: A YF vaccine provider issuing a medical waiver for YF vaccine should complete and sign the Medical Contraindications to Vaccination section of the ICVP ([Figure 5-03](#)). Reasons other than medical contraindications are not acceptable for exemption from vaccination. The YF vaccine provider should also provide the traveler with a signed and dated exemption letter on letterhead stationery, clearly stating the contraindications to vaccination and bearing the imprint of the uniform stamp used by the YF vaccination center to validate the ICVP. Risks associated with not being vaccinated should be discussed, and the importance of strict adherence to mosquito bite prevention measures emphasized.

Medical waivers might not be accepted by the destination country. To improve the likelihood that a border official will grant a waiver holder entry to their intended destination, recommend that travelers contact the local embassy or consulate of the country or countries well in advance of travel to obtain specific and authoritative advice regarding waiver documentation requirements. All information provided should be kept with the completed Medical Contraindications to Vaccination and waiver letter.

CHOLERA

Active cholera transmission is [widespread](#) in Kenya. **Cholera is rare in travelers.** [Certain factors](#) may increase the risk of getting cholera or having severe disease ([more information](#)). Avoiding unsafe food and water and washing your hands can also help prevent cholera. Vaccination may be considered for children and adults who are traveling to areas of active cholera transmission.

HEPATITS A & B

Recommended for unvaccinated travelers

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TYPHOID

Recommended especially if staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas.

The following other diseases are prevalent ~ See the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [website](#) for more information

Dengue, Schistosomiasis, Travelers Diarrhea, Tuberculosis, Measles, Rabies, Hepatitis A & B, IV.

TRAVELING WITH MEDICATION:

Always carry your prescription medication in original packaging, along with your doctor's prescription. Check with the Government of Kenya to ensure the medication is legal in Kenya.

COVID – entry & exit

As of August 1st, 2023, all travelers arriving in the country through any point of entry shall no longer be required to show proof of either COVID-19 vaccination; or a pre-departure COVID-19 test.

Additional information can be found on the [Kenya Ministry of Health Website](#) and the CDC website (www.cdc.gov)

Due to the constantly evolving situation, please check with your airlines, transit countries, and final destination on the most updated travel requirements (such as mandatory COVID-19 tests).

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