

MAGICAL KENYA IS SAFE AND READY TO RECEIVE VISITORS

As part of the Kenya's response to the COVID-19 pandemic which has devastated Tourism in Kenya and globally, the ministry of Tourism and Wildlife in partnership with key stakeholders developed the Magical Kenya Tourism and Hospitality protocols. The protocols have played a key role in the safe reopening of tourism establishments in the country. They spell out comprehensive measures to be followed by all who work in the sector as well as by tourists guarantee the safety of visitors in the destination.

These protocols will be observed by every one along the tourism chain including the tourism destination. So far, hospitality establishments and tourism attractions around the country including hotels, bars, restaurants, museums, game parks and attractions have adhered to the guidelines and put in place all the required measures. Visitors and sector workers are required to also adhere to these protocols in order to protect themselves.

In recognition of the destination's adoption of the global health and hygiene standardised protocols dubbed "Safe Travels, Kenya was awarded the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) Safe Travel Stamp in July.

The transport sector is crucial for the revival and thriving of tourism and the economy. Therefore, apart from the hospitality protocols, the Ministry of Transport released protocols to guide the reopening of the transport and aviation sub-sectors. This has guided the resumption of international and domestic flights since air travel remains a key component in the revival of tourism in the country and globally.

These protocols have so far been instrumental in enabling the safe resumption of passenger travel. Adequate measures have already been put in place at all airports in the country and airport authorities work round the clock to ensure they are adhered to. For travellers to remain safe from COVID-19 in the destination, it is important that they adhere to the protocols, allowing tourism activities to continue safely for all.

All sectors related to the tourism industry are well equipped and prepared to receive tourists, guided by the guidelines developed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: COVID-19



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KARIBU NYUMBANI – WELCOME HOME



GETTING THERE

Getting to Lake Turkana on land is no small feat. While it is possible to fly to the Lake in a chartered or scheduled aircraft, it must be said that flying to destinations somewhat takes away from the adventure.

The journey is as stunning and the destination. The long road leads you further away from the noise and you can enjoy the quietness that comes along with it.

However, the flight across the wonder filled vistas of the Suguta Valley that provide a bird's eye view of the lake is just as breathtakingly beautiful.

KENYA THE CRADLE OF HUMANKIND



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WELCOME TO HUMANKIND'S ORIGIN

Kenya's North is desert country - hot, parched and broken by evidence of past volcanic activity, where ancient blackened lava flowed and endless thorn trees stretch from horizon to horizon with harsh and stunning beauty.

Commonly referred to by anthropologists as the 'Cradle of Mankind', Northern Kenya is endowed with a rich pre-historic fossil heritage dating over 100 million years, back into the dinosaur age. In addition to fossil records, the existence of a long record of technological evolution with tools as old as 2.3 million years old also exists. Along the route, expect to see minority communities such as the El Molo and the rich cultural heritage of the Samburu, Pokot, Rendile, Gabbra, Dassanach, Turkana and Watta, some of whom are distant cousins of the more popular Maasai community.



THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Make your pilgrim trip to the Cradle of Mankind and discover the land where our ancestors once trod. With its spectacular scenery, wildlife, remarkable cultures and archaeological treasures, Northern Kenya is a favorite destination with adventure travellers.

KOObI FORA

Koobi Fora, a paleoanthropological site and Museum situated in Sibiloi National Park on the Eastern shores of Lake Turkana, is popularly celebrated as the Cradle of Mankind. Koobi Fora is a very important site for Hominid Fossils, famous internationally since Richard Leakey's discovery of '1470' a 2 million year old skull of *Homo Habilis*.

PLACES TO SEE AND THINGS TO DO AT LAKE TURKANA - THE JADE SEA

Lake Turkana is the world's largest permanent desert lake and the world's largest alkaline lake. This single body of water is over 250 kilometers long and is widely known as the Jade Sea, because of the remarkable, almost incandescent colour of its waters.

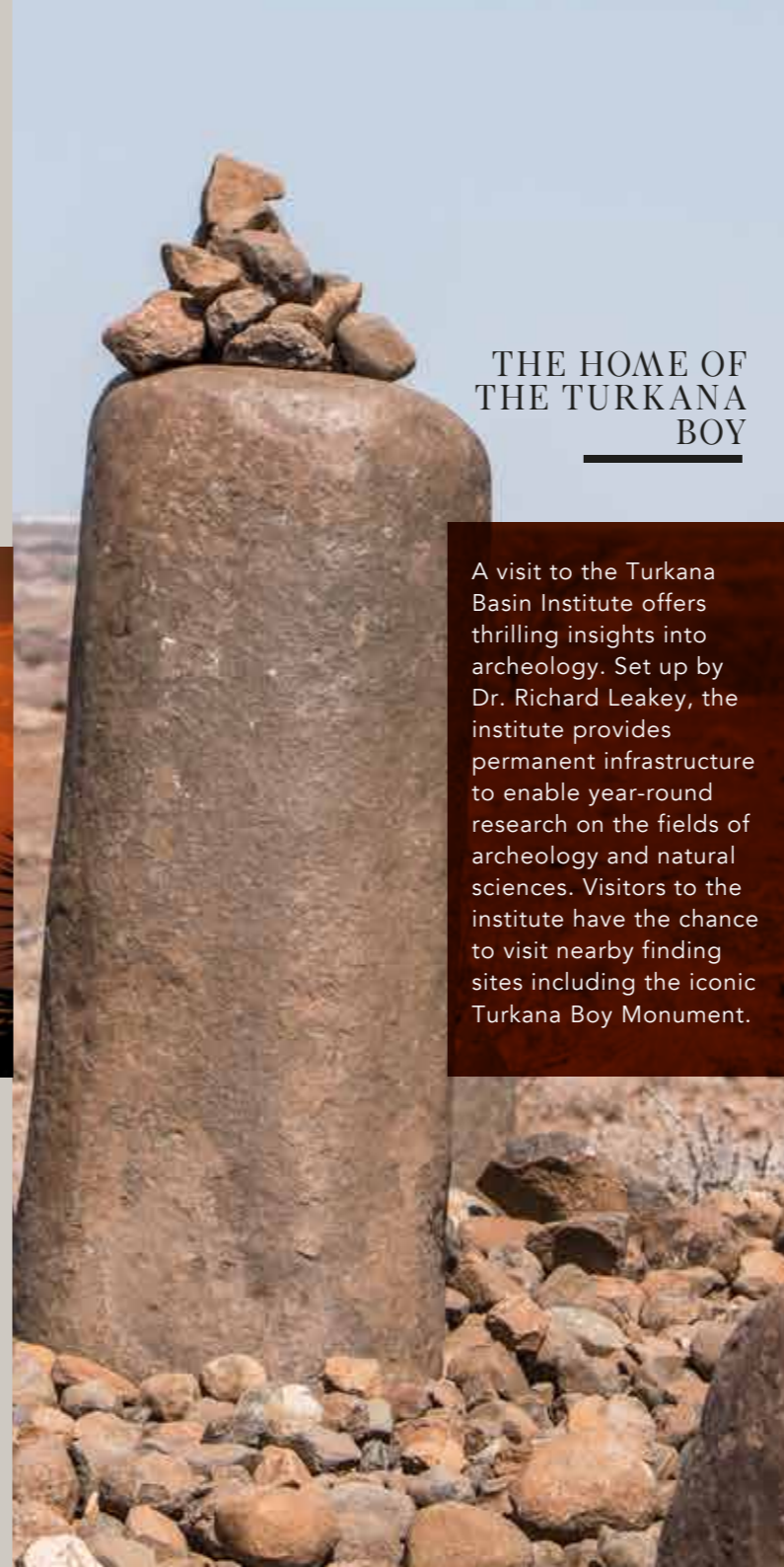
LAKE TURKANA NATIONAL PARK - A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Lake Turkana National Parks constituting of Sibiloi, South Island and Central Island National Parks are protected UNESCO World Heritage Sites, serving as a stopover for migrant waterfowl and are a major breeding ground for the Nile crocodile, hippopotamus and a variety of birds and insects.

CENTRAL ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Central Island National Park on Lake Turkana is a great place to spend a day exploring hills that neatly conceal three separate volcanic crater lakes. Each lake has its own unique ecology as well as flamingoes, crocodiles and plenty of water birds.



THE HOME OF THE TURKANA BOY

A visit to the Turkana Basin Institute offers thrilling insights into archeology. Set up by Dr. Richard Leakey, the institute provides permanent infrastructure to enable year-round research on the fields of archeology and natural sciences. Visitors to the institute have the chance to visit nearby finding sites including the iconic Turkana Boy Monument.

CAMP AT LOIYANGALANI

Both the Eastern and Western shores of the Lake each offer unique areas of interest. At the South East tip of the Lake reached via South Horr, the tiny oasis of Loiyangalani ("the place of the trees") attracts many travellers to its palm groves, where a constant wind offers relief from the searing heat.

The Lake Turkana Cultural Festival

The 3-day carnival is a celebration of the rich cultures of the communities who live around the Jade Sea. Loiyangalani comes alive during this festival as communities showcase their music, dance, food and lifestyles to hundreds of visitors, both local and international.



THE DESERT MUSEUM

Built on top of a hill, with a backdrop of the Jade Sea, the Desert Museum in Loiyangalani mirrors the cultures and lifestyles of the communities that live around Lake Turkana.

EL MOLO VILLAGE VISIT

El Molo Bay is home to Kenya's smallest tribe. The El Molo, whose numbers have dwindled through intermarriage, linguistic and cultural absorption into the Turkana and Samburu communities, are one of the last true hunter-gatherer communities.